



# European Society of International Law Interest Group on *International Law and Technology*

## **Annual Report 2020-2021**

For the year 2020-2021, the Organising Committee of the ESIL Interest Group on International Law and Technology consisted of Abhivardhan, Rebecca Mignot-Mahdavi, Gavin Sullivan, Dimitri Van Den Meerssche, and Roxana Vatanparast.

The Interest Group was formed in 2020. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, many ESIL events were postponed. The Interest Group postponed its first workshop due to the postponement of the ESIL Annual Conference in Stockholm to 2021.

- The Interest Group planned its first Workshop in a hybrid 2-day pre-conference workshop on September 7-8, 2021 held online via Zoom on the first day and in a hybrid format at Stockholm University and online via Zoom on the second day. The Workshop, organized after an open Call for Papers, brought together over 24 scholars to present on the topic of “*International Law in the Age of the Algorithm.*” Abhivardhan, Daniela Gandorfer, Geoffrey Gordon, Fleur Johns, Rebecca Mignot-Mahdavi, Gregor Noll, Dimitri Van Den Meerssche, and Roxana Vatanparast served as chairs and

commentators. The full programme is available online: <https://esil-sedi.eu/interest-group-on-international-law-and-technology-programme-pre-annual-conference-workshop/>.

Our Interest Group aims to enhance discourses as well as spaces of understanding when it comes to the role of technology in various domains of public and private international law. We look forward to discussions on upcoming and essential publications and policy reports on international law and technology, in Europe and beyond.

We also look forward to planning new activities in the coming months and are open to collaborations with other groups working on issues that intersect with our Interest Group's focus. Possible IG activities going forward include:

- Online reading groups of key law and technology texts
- Online seminars with junior and established scholars on law and technology themes
- Presentations by policy practitioners working on law and technology issues of interest
- IG Research Workshop in Summer 2022

We encourage our members to reach out with any ideas and initiatives they may have for the Interest Group moving forward. We continue to update our Twitter account (@ESIL\_Tech), sharing papers and upcoming events of interest with our followers.

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