

ESIL IG Feminism and International Law

In 2022-2023, the IG Conveners co-organized a workshop in memoriam of Professor Karen Knop together with the Theory Talks Group at Max Planck Institute on International and Comparative Law. The event was in hybrid format and well attended. Further, the IG conveners conducted a workshop for the 2023 ESIL Annual Conference on “Is International Law Fair?”. The workshop focused on the following theme “Diversity as Fairness: Narratives, Relationships, and the Path Forward”. It was conducted in online format.

The following papers were presented

- Can transdisciplinary offer a fair addition in the modern protection of women’s rights? By Cristina Elena Popa Tache, Professor of international law Researcher member of Center International de Recherches et Études Transdisciplinaires (CIRET), Paris
- Envisioning and Recommending a Model for Future Repatriations of Human Remains and Cultural Items by Charlotte Perez, L.L.M in Advanced Public International Law at Leiden University.
- A case for (de)constructing 'Soft law' by Swati Singh Parmar, Assistant Professor in International Law, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur, India.
- A feminist approach to the interpretation of the WTO Agreements: systemic integration as a gender issue by Anna Ventouratou, Lecturer in International Trade Law at the University of Sheffield, School of Law
- Gender bias and the regulation of Artificial Intelligence: Applying international feminist principles to reduce AI’s gendered harms by Ramona Vijayarasa, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney
- Sustainable for whom? An ecofeminist reading of sustainability in international law by Giorgia Pane, PhD Student at the University of Palermo, and Member of ESIL & Ludovica Bargellini, PhD Student at the University of Palermo and Member of ESIL
- Fairness, Women, and the Climate Crisis by Julie Fraser, Assistant Professor, Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM) and Montaigne Centre for the Rule of Law and Administration of Justice.
- ‘How much diversity can procedure handle? Fairness in the International Court of Justice’s rules of procedure’ by Nikiforos Panagis, Associate Legal Officer, International Court of Justice; DPhil candidate, University of Oxford
- Where are the boundaries in International Law? The case of female circumcision by Phyllis Livaha, Erasmus University College, Rotterdam
- Woman, Mother, Other? A study of fairness on the arguments used to rationalize differentiating between trans and cis people based on physical aspects, by Laura-Theresa Godau, Ph.D. student and research associate at the University of Hamburg

Dr. Maria Panezi moderated the discussions and provided comments.

The Conveners envisage more engagements in the future. At the moment, we are discussing a possibility of running feminist theory talks with the focus on international law. In addition, we consider an option of running a roundtable on the future of feminist scholarship in international law. Dr. Ksenia Polonskaya is looking for opportunities to organize a podcast on most recent works that focus on feminism and international law.

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