

## **Annual Report 2024**

### **ESIL Interest Group on International Criminal Justice**

During the past twelve months, the ESIL Interest Group on International Criminal Justice hosted one stand-alone event and held a pre-session workshop in conjunction with the ESIL annual conference in Vilnius. The Interest Group's organizing committee, comprised of Julia Emtseva, Claudio Pala, Alexandre Skander Galand and Caleb Wheeler (the chair), also worked with the Journal of International Criminal Justice to publish a symposium of the papers presented during the workshop held last year in Aix-en-Provence. The contributions for the symposium are currently out for peer-review, with an expectation that the Symposium will be published by the end of 2024.

On March 25, 2024, the Interest Group on International Criminal Justice held an online roundtable event examining the interplay between international criminal tribunals and courts and domestic accountability. The invited discussants included Sarah Nouwen, Geoffrey Lugano, Elies van Sliedregt and Patryk Labuda, and was moderated by Julia Emtseva and Caleb Wheeler. The event was particularly timely as domestic courts are growing ever more prominent as the fora for trials involving international crimes. The conversation was lively and insightful with a number of different topics being touched on during the course of the two-hour discussion. The Interest Group thanks all of the speakers and everyone who joined online to watch and ask questions. Particular thanks also go to Alexandre Skander Galand, who made a herculean effort in organizing the roundtable.

The IG on International Criminal Justice also planned a pre-session workshop held before the start of the ESIL 2024 annual conference. The call for papers was issued in mid-March 2024, and asked for abstracts reflecting on the topic of 'Technology and the Changing Landscape of International Criminal Justice'. Numerous submissions were received, from which six were chosen for inclusion in the workshop. Two distinct themes were explored during the workshop. The first looked at how new technologies can be used to improve the ways in which the ICC's Office of the Prosecutor identifies situations for investigation and the gathering of information to support those investigations. The second theme contended with how criminal responsibility can, and should be apportioned, when technology is used in ways that inhibit the ICC from using existing modes of liability and/or concepts of *mens rea*. The workshop was held in a hybrid format and was, on the whole, fairly well attended. It attracted approximately 15-20 in-person attendees and 15-20 online participants. The co-conveners were

pleased to have greater online participation than in past years, and will continue to make the efforts to facilitate remote access to its events.

The IG intends to remain active in its efforts to plan in-person and online events during the coming year. As this is an election year, we will be welcoming two new members onto the organizing committee and would be pleased to answer any questions from prospective candidates about what the work of the organizing committee entails. We also welcome suggestions from the members about the type/subject of events they would like to see the Interest Group host.