
**European Society of International Law
Interest Group on International Courts and Tribunals
Annual Report 2023-2024**

25 September 2024

1. *Coordinating Committee*

In the last year, the following individuals served as members of the Coordinating Committee:

- Michael Becker
- Cecily Rose
- Yusra Suedi
- Stephan Wittich

2. *Events*

Workshop: Parallelism before International Courts and Tribunals

On 4 September 2024, the IG organized a hybrid workshop as part of the pre-conference workshops in Vilnius, Lithuania. The workshop was entitled ‘Parallelism before International Courts and Tribunals. In April 2024, we released the call for papers, following which the IG convenors selected six papers. One selected participant withdrew, leaving us with five participants. The workshop was convened in-person.

The workshop programme and information about the theme of the workshop is attached.

Webinar: ASIL/ESIL IGs on International Courts and Tribunals Joint Webinar on “Developments in Interstate Dispute Settlement before Regional Human Rights Courts”

On 13 December 2023, the Interest Groups on International Courts and Tribunals of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) and the European Society of International Law (ESIL) organised a joint webinar on “Developments in Interstate Dispute Settlement before Regional Human Rights Courts”.

The webinar programme is attached.



ESIL Interest Group on International Courts and Tribunals
Workshop on "Parallelism before International Courts and Tribunals"

Wednesday, 4 September 2024, 9:00-12:00

Part I: Presentations

9:00-10:15

Towards a Doctrine of Consistent Interpretation for International Courts?

Nina Mileva, Assistant Professor of Public International Law, University of Groningen

Authority and Commit: Judicial Participation and Complementarity in the Climate Advisory Opinions

Matilde Masetti Placci, PhD Candidate, University of Edinburgh

Parallel Proceedings under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as the Playground for Novel Legal Imaginaries

Lan Ngoc Nguyen, Assistant Professor, Utrecht University School of Law, Senior Research Associate of the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea

Danae Georgoula, PhD Candidate, Utrecht University, affiliated to the Utrecht Center for Water, Oceans, and Sustainability Law and the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea

Increasing Overlapping Jurisdictions in the Inter-American Region

Claudia Martin, Professorial Lecturer in Residence and Co-Director Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, American University Washington College of Law

Against 'Recharacterisation' of International Disputes - A Prismatic Approach to International Adjudication

Matina Papadaki, International Law Researcher at the Academy of Athens and Research Coordinator of the Athens Public International Law Centre

James Gerard Devaney, Senior Lecturer, University of Glasgow

Break

10:15-10:30

Part II: Q&A, Discussion

10:30-12:00

- Developments in Interstate Dispute Settlement before Regional Human Rights Courts



American Society
of International Law

Joint Webinar

American Society of International Law
International Courts and Tribunals Interest Group
&
European Society of International Law
Interest Group on International Courts and Tribunals

***13 December 2023, 10:00-11:00 EST/16:00-17:00
CET***

Registration for this webinar is free and open to the public at
www.asil.org/event/developments-interstate-dispute-settlement-regional-human-rights-courts

Regional human rights courts provide an important forum for interstate dispute settlement. The European Court of Human Rights has experienced an extraordinary rise in the number of interstate cases over the past decade. These include high-profile disputes relating to Russia's use of armed force in Georgia and Ukraine, as well as the conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh. At the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, states have instead used that court's advisory function to address a range of interstate disputes. For its part, the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights has not experienced similar levels of interstate activity, notwithstanding the possibility for states to do so. Taken together, this record highlights the opportunities and challenges of interstate adjudication by judicial bodies at the regional level.

This joint ASIL/ESIL webinar will examine the phenomenon of interstate dispute settlement before regional human rights courts, including whether more states could begin turning to such courts to adjudicate interstate claims. Speakers will address topics including the rise in interstate cases arising out of armed conflict, the challenges posed by parallel proceedings or multi-forum litigation, and issues of procedure and fact-finding. When it comes to adjudicating international disputes, what do the regional human rights courts offer that other dispute settlement bodies do not?

Moderators:

- Michael A. Becker, Assistant Professor of International Human Rights Law, Trinity College Dublin; Co-convener, ESIL Interest Group on International Courts and Tribunals
- Cecily Rose, Associate Professor, Leiden University; Co-convener, ESIL Interest Group on International Courts and Tribunals

Speakers:

- Jorge Contesse, Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School
- Philip Leach, Professor of Human Rights Law, Middlesex University
- Isabella Risini, Senior Research Associate, Ruhr-University Bochum
- Manisuli Ssenyonjo, Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Brunel Law School