

ESIL Interest Group on Peace and Security – Annual Report 2022

1. Annual Conference – Utrecht 2022

We ran a pre-conference workshop prior to the ESIL Annual Conference 2022, which was held in Utrecht. Our event was hybrid and allowed speakers to attend in person and online. Papers were presented by:

- Ka Lok Yip (Hamad bin Khalifa University) Military Alliances under International Law
- Danielle Reeder (University of Liverpool) Civility, Morality, and Power: Deontological tensions in the contemporary construction of collective security
- Tsvetelina van Benthem (University of Oxford) Beyond the 'physical': armed conflict and psychological

van Benthem received the Honourable Mention from the ESIL Young Scholar Prize Committee. Congratulations, Ms van Benthem!

An innovative round table event on the invasion of Ukraine also took place, with contributions from:

- Natalia Hendel (National University, Odessa Law Academy)
- Elisenda Calvet Martinez (University of Barcelona)
- Sergii Masol (University of Cologne)
- Monika Prusinowska (University of Barcelona)
- Cristina Teleki (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies)
- Caleb Wheeler (Cardiff University)

The speakers were extremely interesting and their ideas were received well by our membership.

2. Publication plans

Following the pre-conference workshop, plans are in place to arrange publications in a special issue of the contributions made by our speakers.

3. Book discussion on 'The Legality and Accountability of Autonomous Weapon Systems'

On Thursday 22nd September, we ran a book discussion, led by Dr Antonio Coco, on the recent monograph by Dr Afonso Seixas-Nunes entitled 'The Legality and Accountability of Autonomous Weapon Systems.' The event was well-attended by our membership, with nearly 50 online participants, and the discussion was thoroughly engaging. We are planning a further two online book events this year.

4. Outlook

Two more book discussion events are planned for this academic session, and we look forward to our pre-conference event during the annual conference in Aix in 2023.