

Interest Group of the History of International Law (IGHIL) Annual Report (2024)

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The IG's [founding goals and purposes](#) remain accessible on the IG's blog, as well as a [revised mission statement](#). The IG continues to operate on the basis of the recently updated mission statement.

The next elections to the Coordinating Committee are due in October 2025.

EVENTS

On the occasion of the ESIL Annual Conference “Technological Change and International Law?” (Vilnius, Sept. 5-6, 2024), the IG held a Pre-conference Hybrid Workshop, “Historical Perspectives on Technological Change and International Law,” on Sept. 4, 2024. The Workshop had five speakers selected following an open call for papers and a double-blind peer review process. Link to the Workshop's Programme:

- https://esil-sedi.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/IGHIL_IG-workshop-programme_ESIL-2024-Vilnius.pdf

The IG History of International Law has placed a call for an agora proposal on the topic “(De-/re-)constructions of International Law over Time and Space” for the ESIL conference on “Reconstructing International Law” in September 2025:

- <https://esil-sedi.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/IGHIL-ESIL-2025-Berlin-agora-CFP.pdf>

Since we have noticed a considerable post-COVID drop in the desire to participate in online-only gatherings, our activities last year were limited to the in-person pre-conference workshop leading up to the Annual Conference. Next year, we hope to acquire an agora slot on the conference's main stage. The Coordinating Committee has explored the idea of an online workshop concerning the recent Noble Prize Award in Economics and sent out inquiries to potential speakers, but it has been difficult to find enthusiastic participants for an online-only workshop. We are furthermore hoping to set up a more general collaboration with the American Society of Legal History in the future. Lastly, the Coordinating Committee is working on a proposal related to an interest group book or article prize in the field of the history of international law, following initial consultations with the ESIL IG Coordinators.

Jaanika Erne and Florenz Volkaert participated in the ESIL Early-Career Mentoring Programme 2023/2024.

ESIL IG HIL BLOG <http://esilhil.blogspot.com> – continues with providing coverage of academic publications and events in the field of the history of international law to the public. In total, the blog received approximately 100.000 visits over the past twelve months (approx. 10.000 per month). The visits come from various European countries (primarily France, the UK, and Germany), the United States, and several Asian countries (primarily Hong Kong and Singapore).

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