



Call for Papers
Workshop of the ESIL International Economic Law Interest Group
International Economic Law and New Frontiers of Global Security

Abstract submission deadline: midnight 28 January 2022 (CET)

The ESIL Interest Group on International Economic Law organises a Workshop on **International Economic Law and New Frontiers of Global Security** as a **side-event** to the **2022 ESIL Research Forum** to be hosted by the Glasgow Centre for International Law and Security (GCILS) at the University of Glasgow. The Workshop will take place on **March 30, 2022** and is specifically aimed at **early-career scholars (i.e. those who have not earned yet a permanent position as Associate Professor)**.

The event is foreseen to be in person. Further details will follow in due course.

The workshop will address the following topics:

- 1) International trade law and global (including cyber-)security challenges
- 2) Foreign investment and (new) (including cyber-)security concerns

The workshop will be introduced by a keynote and discussion on the most recent report requested by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade (INTA Committee) and authored by P.T. Stoll, S. Blockmans, J. Hagemeyer, C.A. Hartwell, H. Gött, K. Karunska and A. Maurer, on “Extraterritorial sanctions on trade and investments and European responses”.

1) International trade law and global (including cyber-)security challenges

International trade law is facing global security challenges, ranging from the (mis)use of security exceptions as geo-political tool, to the emergence in early 2020 of the COVID-19 pandemic – which has had a significant impact on international trade, export restrictions, access to new technologies, drugs and vaccines, etc – and the emergence of new technologies and the expansion of digital trade – which in turn has exposed international trade to the new risks of cyberattacks. Accordingly, questions arise whether the current international legal framework is well-suited for such new challenges and/or whether new solutions are needed.

Proposals are welcome on any one of the above indicated (or related) issues.

2) Foreign investment and (new) (including cyber-)security concerns

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on international investment law – with foreign investor facing new national measures adopted by host states as part of national responses to the global health crisis, including new or amended national investment screening.

During the pandemic, the European Union's Regulation 2019/452 *establishing a framework for the screening of foreign direct investments* came into force; on 23 November 2021, the European Commission issued the *First Annual Report on the screening of foreign direct investments into the Union*, highlighting how “all 27 Member States and the Commission [should] keep[...] in mind the collective security of the Member States and Union as well as the security of single market”. But then the question arises on how to define such “security” and how to best address the relevant concerns.

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Paper submission procedure

Abstracts may be submitted in English or French in accordance to the timeline as set out below. Submissions must not exceed 800 words, and have to be submitted to the following mail addresses: elisa.baroncini@unibo.it; pstoll@gwdg.de; mfedorova@law.uni-kiel.de; Gustavo.Prieto@UGent.be; cristani@iir.cz

In addition to the abstract, each submission should contain a separate file containing information on:

- The topic of the call for papers for which the abstract is submitted;
- The author's name and affiliation;
- A short (one page) author's CV, including a list of relevant publications;
- The author's contact details, including email address and phone number;
- Whether the author is an ESIL member and the date of affiliation
- Whether the author is an early-career scholar (i.e. those who have not earned yet a permanent position as Associate Professor)

Timeline

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **midnight 28 January 2022 (CET)**.

We expect to be able to inform successful applicants by 5 February 2022

All selected speakers who are ESIL members can apply for travel grants and carers' grants by 20 February 2022.

The Interest Group is unable to provide funding for travel and accommodation. Selected speakers will be expected to bear the costs of their own travel and accommodation. Some ESIL travel grants (<https://esil-sedi.eu/travel-grants/>) and ESIL carers grants (<https://esil-sedi.eu/carers-grants-copy/>) will be available to offer partial financial support to speakers who have exhausted other potential sources of funding.

Please see the ESIL website (<https://esil-sedi.eu/>) for all relevant information about the Research Forum. The Interest Group workshop is open to ESIL members and all participants are required to register for the Research Forum.

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