



Call for Papers and Invitation to the IBHR IG Workshop
Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law
Utrecht University
1-3 September 2022

**IN/EX-clusiveness through the lens of International Business
and Human Rights**

Over time, many techniques have developed in international law to in/ex-clude *who* and *what* belongs to its regulatory domain. The creation of various concepts such as legal personality, standing, rights-holders, soft law, hard law, are all pertinent examples. Aligned with the 17th ESIL Conference theme, the discussion in the International Business and Human Rights Interest Group will revolve around the question of in/ex-clusiveness in this field, addressing questions such as:

- To what extent corporations have an international legal personality?
- Do soft law instruments in international business and human rights (IBHR) impact on the in/exclusiveness of international law?
- Does the due diligence obligation reflect the inclusiveness and/or exclusiveness of international law?
- What are the emerging trends in terms of sustainability and IBHR?
- How do the in/ex-clusiveness approaches in the interpretation of IBHR's instruments impact on the protection of human rights?
- Are the available international dispute settlement mechanisms appropriate/suitable to deal with IBHR disputes? Are the proposed alternatives suitable to address the remaining challenges in this area?

Please find more information about the 17th ESIL Conference [here](#).

Time and location

Date: 30 August or 1 September 2022 (TBC)

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Place: Utrecht University

Programme

We aim to organise the presentation and discussion of the selected papers into different thematic blocks. At the end of the workshop we will have a networking meeting with IG members. The detailed programme will be announced in May 2022.

Call for papers

The aim of the Workshop is to foster an interdisciplinary exchange with leading experts from diverse academic disciplines and communities of practice. The IG co-conveners will take the decision of acceptance and the applicants will be informed at the end of May 2022. After the conference, ESIL provides the opportunity to publish papers in the ESIL SSRN Series.

Guidelines

ESIL selection criteria:

- Originality;
- Relevance to the theme; and
- Geographical and gender balance.

How to submit:

- CV and abstract (max 300 words) in PDF
- Submission date deadline: 15th April 2022;
- Decision announced: 15th May 2022;

Please email papers to: Belen.Olmos-Giupponi@port.ac.uk.

We wish everyone a successful academic year and are looking forward to meeting you at our annual workshop! For any questions, please email us at: Belen.Olmos-Giupponi@port.ac.uk;

Your conveners:

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Important Information

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 and ESIL carers' grants will be available to offer partial financial support to speakers who have exhausted other potential sources of funding. Please see the ESIL website for all relevant information about the conference. All participants at ESIL Interest Group workshops are required to register for the Annual Conference. There will be an option to register just for one day to attend the workshop; however, all participants are warmly invited to attend the entire event. Selected speakers can indicate their interest in being considered for the ESIL Young Scholar Prize, if they meet the eligibility conditions as stated on the ESIL website. The ESIL Secretariat must be informed of all speakers who wish to be considered for the Prize before 2022.