



Call for Papers
Workshop of the ESIL Interest Group on the Law of the Sea at the 2022 ESIL Annual Conference
Utrecht, 1 September 2022
“Law of the sea and its in/ex-clusiveness”

On occasion of the [2022 ESIL Annual Conference](#), to be held in Utrecht from 1 to 3 September 2022, the ESIL Interest Group on the Law of the Sea will convene a workshop on “Law of the sea and its in/ex-clusiveness”, which will take place on Thursday, 1 September 2022.

The topic

In line with the general theme of the ESIL Annual Conference, the workshop will inquire into the capacity of the law of the sea to broaden its scope, content, actors and institutions to take into account the desire for greater inclusiveness of international law and its sub-fields. The making of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) was very much influenced by the process of decolonisation and a variety of legal doctrines which were developing at the time. At the same time, the UNCLOS is premised on fundamental rules of customary law that date back to past centuries, when exclusiveness and domination were paramount concepts.

In recent times, a number of instances have called into question the capacity of the substantial provisions of the law of the sea to be inclusive, from migration by sea to the effects of climate change, from pollution of the marine environment to access to and benefit from the resources of the sea. Law of the sea institutions have been criticised for not being inclusive in their composition and focus. Law of the sea scholarship, itself, has eventually started to undergo critical analysis, in light of theoretical approaches alternative to the main ones.

Paper submission procedure

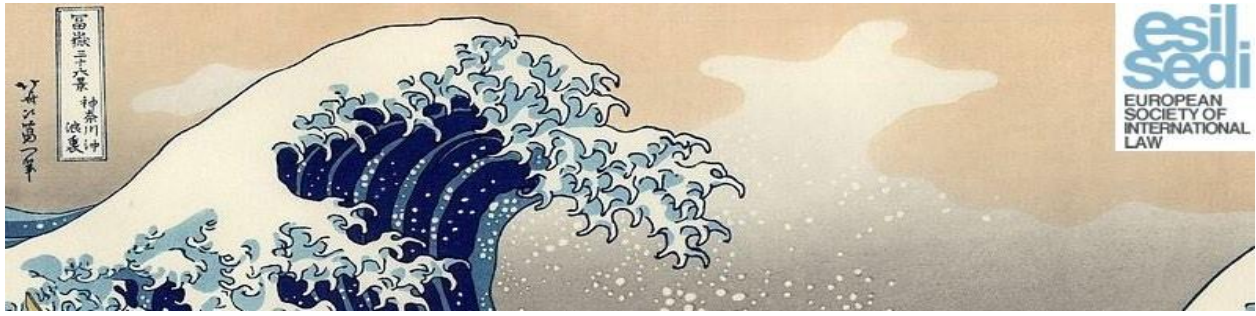
Paper abstracts may be submitted in English or French in accordance with the timeline as set out below. Co-authored paper proposals are accepted. Submissions must not exceed 500 words, and have to be submitted to the following email addresses: akoskina@law.uoa.gr, gabriela.oanta@udc.es, irini.papanicolopulu@unimib.it and j.schechinger.1@research.gla.ac.uk

In addition to the abstract, each submission should contain a separate file with the following information: the author’s name and affiliation; a short CV; a list of publications; author’s contact details, including email address and phone number; and whether the author is an ESIL member.

The final papers should be unpublished, in an advanced stage of completion, and could be included in the ESIL SSRN Conference Paper Series and in the ESIL Conference Proceedings according to the ESIL rules.

Timeline

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **midnight 20 April 2022, Brussels time**. Successful applicants will be informed by **30 April 2022**. The deadline for the submission of the papers of accepted abstracts is **15 August 2022**. The deadline for the submission of final papers for potential publication is **30 October 2022**.



Funding

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 Annual Conference and the IG Workshops. The Interest Group workshop is open to ESIL members and all participants are required to register for the Annual Conference.

ESIL Young Scholar Prize (YSP)

Papers accepted for this interest group workshop will be eligible for the ESIL YSP. Candidates must be ESIL members at the time of the submission of the abstract. More details about the prize, eligibility, and procedure can be found [here](#).

The Coordinating Committee of the ESIL IG on the Law of the Sea