



17th Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law

Interest Group on Peace and Security Pre-conference Workshop Call for Papers

Peace and Security for whom? Inclusion and exclusion in international peace and security law

The 17th Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law will convene in Utrecht, NL from Thursday 1 September to Saturday 3 September 2022. The theme of this year's conference is 'In/ex-clusiveness of international law.' The main conference will be preceded by interest group workshops. The pre-conference workshop of the Society's Interest Group on Peace and Security is scheduled to run on 31 August.

The question of the in / ex-clusiveness of international law has become more prominent of late, with greater focus on postcolonial decision-making and the consequent impact of inclusion and exclusion of certain actors on the making and function of international law. The narratives of inclusion and exclusion require a decision to be taken on which actors, processes and rules are included or excluded, which may be a conscious decision or an unintended consequence. The narratives raise many questions on the rules and functioning of international law: where or by whom this decision is taken? The neutrality of inclusiveness and exclusiveness is at issue: is the exclusion of certain actors, particularly in the context of international peace and security law, sometimes necessary or desirable? Do certain aspects of international law mandate inclusion or exclusion? And what human costs exist when an inclusive or exclusive approach is taken to international peace and security law?

We invite papers which address the above themes and questions, in the context of international peace and security law, and welcome those which focus particularly on:

1. The legal relationship between in-/ex-clusiveness and peace and security
2. The consequences of inclusiveness or exclusiveness for peace and security, and particular situations relating thereto
3. Postcolonial approaches to peace and security

Papers on connected themes are welcome, and those addressing these issues from a theoretical perspective are encouraged. One panel within the workshop will focus on the war in Ukraine and papers which address questions relating to it are welcomed, particularly those from scholars and perspectives rooted in Central and Eastern Europe.

Application Process

Please submit an abstract in PDF (in English) of no more than 500 words by 30 April 2022 to all of the IGPS Convenors: c.moran[at]napier.ac.uk, e.pobjie[at]essex.ac.uk nicholas.tsagourias[at]sheffield.ac.uk, iljarichard.pavone[at]cnr.it and p.labuda[at]uva.nl.

The following information must be provided with each abstract:

- Author's name and affiliation;
- Author's brief CV, including a list of relevant publications;
- Author's contact details, including email address and phone number

Only one abstract per author will be considered.

Applicants will be informed of the selection committee's decision no later than 15 May 2022. Depending on the number and quality of abstracts, up to 6 abstracts may be selected. Full papers (between 5000-6000 words inclusive of footnotes) should be submitted by 1 August 2022. Selected papers may be published in an edited collection or a special edition of a journal.

Evaluation criteria

Abstracts will be selected on the basis of the following criteria: 1) their alignment with the objectives of the event; 2) the overall coherence of the panel, and 3) the general criteria according to the ESIL Conference Call for Papers.

Travel and accommodation

Unfortunately, the Interest Group is unable to provide funding for travel and accommodation. Speakers will be expected to bear the costs of their own travel and accommodation.

Some ESIL travel grants and ESIL careers 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 details.

ESIL Annual Conference 2022

Please see the ESIL website for all relevant information about the Annual conference. The Interest Group workshop is open to ESIL members and all participants are required to register for the ESIL Conference.

Speakers selected for this workshop 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.

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