



## *Civil Society and International Economic Law*

*Side-event to the ESIL 2022 Annual Conference in Utrecht*

31 August 2022  
09h00-18h00 - Utrecht University

### *Convenors*



**Elisa Baroncini**  
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**Federica Cristani**  
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**Anna Marhold**  
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**Gustavo Prieto**  
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**Peter-Tobias Stoll**  
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**Marina  
Trunk-Fedorova**  
Kiel University

### *Keynote*



**Makane Moïse Mbengue**  
University of Geneva

### *1. Panel: In/Ex-cluding civil society in international trade law*



**Claudia Manrique Carpio**  
Barcelona University



**Matteo Vaccaro-Incisa**  
Carnelutti Law Firm



**Geraldo Vidigal**  
University of Amsterdam



**Charles Ho Wang Mak**  
University of Glasgow

## *2. In/Ex-cluding civil society in investment law-making and arbitration*



**Filip Batselé**  
Ghent University &  
Université Libre de Bruxelles



**Sondra Fraccio**  
University of Trento



**Ksenia Polonskaya**  
Carleton University



**Kilian Wagner**  
University of Vienna



**Tim R Samples**  
University of Georgia



**Sebastian Puerta**  
University of California

## *3. General issues of economic sanctions in international (economic) law*



**Daria Klimova El Moukaha**  
Nizhny Novgorod State University



**Xiuyan Fei**  
East China University of  
Political Science and Law



**Michal Jakub Swarabowicz**  
University of Amsterdam & University of  
New South Wales



**Manuel Sánchez Miranda**  
Graduate Institute in Geneva



**Daniel Franchini**  
University of Sheffield

## *4. Specific issues of economic sanctions in international (economic) Law*



**Yilin Wang**  
Oxford University & Graduate Insti-  
tute in Geneva



**Anton Moiseienko**  
Australian National University



**Nikola Kurková Klímová**  
Charles University & Peace Research  
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**Omid Majidi-Ahi**  
University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne



**Qiang Yu**  
National Research University HSE & Shandong  
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**ESIL International Economic Law Interest Group**

**Workshop of the ESIL IEL IG**

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**Wednesday 31 August 2022 (09.00-13.00 & 14.00-18.00)**

## **Civil Society and International Economic Law**

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*Programme*

**h. 9:00 – 9:45**

***Opening remarks:* Professor Peter-Tobias Stoll, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen**

***Keynote:* Professor Makane Moïse Mbengue, University of Geneva**

**h. 9:45 – 11:15**

**PANEL ONE – THE INCLUSION (OR EXCLUSION) OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW AGREEMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

**SESSION ONE: IN/EX-CLUDING CIVIL SOCIETY IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW**

**Chair: Dr. Anna-Alexandra Marhold (Leiden University)**

*Direct and Indirect participation of the Private Economic Actors in the WTO* – Claudia Manrique Carpio (Barcelona University)

*Participation in IEL agreements by the ‘civil society’ of the ‘principal legal systems of the world’: actors, agendas, and inner biases* - Matteo Vaccaro-Incisa (Carnelutti Law Firm)

*Including Non-Producer Interests in International Economic Law? Civil Society, Competing Industries, and the Enforcement of Sustainability Provisions in Regional Trade Agreements* – Geraldo Vidigal (University of Amsterdam)

*Sustainable Sovereign Debt Restructurings- Reform of the Paris Club through The Inclusion of Civil Society?* - Charles Ho Wang Mak (University of Glasgow, University of Oxford, University of Hong Kong, Tufts University & City University of Hong Kong)

**Discussion**

**h. 11:15 – 13:00**

**SESSION TWO - IN/EX-CLUDING CIVIL SOCIETY IN INVESTMENT LAW-MAKING AND ARBITRATION**

**Chair: Dr. Federica Cristani (Institute of International Relations, Prague)**

*The Inclusion of Private Business Interests in Investment Treaty Negotiations: Evidence from Western-European Investment Treaty Practice during the Cold War Era (1959-1989)* - Filip Batselé (Ghent University & Université Libre de Bruxelles)

*The Role of Civil Society in Investment Agreement Negotiations – A step towards democratic legitimization for international economic law?* - Kilian Wagner (University of Vienna)

*Local communities in investment contracts: towards a more inclusive investment law and arbitration regime?* - Sonda Faccio (University of Trento)

*Indigenous Communities in International Investment Law: Narratives of Exclusion* - Ksenia Polonskaya (Carleton University)

*Investment Law’s Transparency Gap* - Sebastian Puerta (University of California & Harvard University) & Tim R Samples (University of Georgia)

**Discussion**

**h. 13:00 – 14:00: lunch break**

**h. 14:00 – 15:45**

**PANEL TWO - ECONOMIC SANCTIONS & INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW**

**SESSION ONE: GENERAL ISSUES OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL (ECONOMIC) LAW**

**Chair: Dr Marina Trunk-Fedorova (Kiel University)**

*Issues of Economic Sanctions and Security in International Economic Law* – Daria Klimova  
El Moukahal (Nizhny Novgorod State University)

*Anything but war: unilateral economic sanctions in international legal doctrine* – Michal  
Jakub Swarabowicz (University of Amsterdam & University of New South Wales)

*International Regulation on Unilateral Economic Sanctions: The Way Forwards?* - Xiuyan  
Fei (East China University of Political Science and Law)

*The Use of Economic Sanctions in Times of War: How Far Can They Go While Remaining  
Compliant With International Law?* - Manuel Sánchez Miranda (Graduate Institute in  
Geneva)

*Sanctions against central banks and their legality under international law* - Daniel Franchini  
(University of Sheffield)

***Discussion***

**h. 15:45 – 16:00: coffee break**

**h. 16:00 – 18:00**

**SESSION TWO - SPECIFIC ISSUES OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL (ECONOMIC) LAW**

**Chair: Dr. Gustavo Prieto (Ghent University)**

*Another Statecraft to Legalize Sanctions? – A Critical Analysis of the EU Anti-coercion  
Instrument Proposal* - Yilin Wang (Oxford University & Graduate Institute in Geneva)

*The EU Blocking Statute: The New Generation of Sanction-Busters on the Horizon?* - Nikola  
Kurková Klímová (Charles University & Peace Research Center Prague)

*Economic Sanctions, Jurisdiction and Immunities* - Anton Moiseienko (Australian National  
University)

*Le recours aux contre-mesures économiques et la protection internationale de la propriété intellectuelle* – Omid Majidi-Ahi (University Paris 1 Panthéon & Max Planck Institute on International, European, and Regulatory Procedural Law)

*Economic Sanctions and Intellectual Property Policy in China and Russia* - Qiang Yu (National Research University Higher School of Economics & Sun Yat-Sen University)

***Discussion***

***Closing Remarks: Professor Elisa Baroncini (Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna)***

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### **Anna-Alexandra Marhold**

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### **Elisa Baroncini**

PhD in EU Law, is Full Professor of International Law at the University of Bologna. Co-Chair of the ESIL IG on International Economic Law, and Coordinator of the IEL Interest Group of the Italian Society (DIEcon), Elisa teaches International Law, International Economic Law, and International Law on Sustainable Development at the Bologna School of Law. She has been Visiting Professor at the China-EU School of Law, speaker and organizer of many international conferences, Visiting Researcher at the European University Institute. Elisa manages and participates in international and national research projects. She has been recently awarded the Jean Monnet Module “Re-Globe - Reforming the Global Economic Governance: The EU for SDGs in International Economic Law” and she is the Coordinator of the UNA Europa Seeds Research Project “WHC@50 - Forever Young: Celebrating 50 Years of the World Heritage Convention”. Member of the “Centro Interuniversitario sul Diritto delle Organizzazioni Internazionali Economiche” (CIDOIE), Elisa is also part of the Promoting Committee of the University of Bologna to honour the 1972 UNESCO Convention, and Member of the Scientific Committee of the Institute of Advanced Studies (ISA) of the University of Bologna. In June 2022 she has been appointed by the European Commission TSD Expert for the dispute settlement mechanisms of the new generation of EU free trade agreements. She published extensively in Italian, English, and French, and her main fields of research include: the reform process of the WTO dispute settlement mechanism; the relation between free trade and non-trade values; transparency in IEL; the new generation of EU FTAs and their enforcement; the participation of the European Parliament and the Commission in the EU treaty-making power; economic sanctions and IEL.





### **Federica Cristani**

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### **Yilin Wang**

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### **Omid Majidi-Ahi**

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### **Qiang Yu**

Qiang Yu is an experienced expert on Chinese law in the field of intellectual property rights and antitrust regulation. He has published widely on legal and economic issues of regulating information goods market in peer-reviewed journals in China and Western academia. He also often presents his scholarly works at international conferences and seminars. Qiang has broad interests in competition law, competition law and intellectual property and competition law and economics.

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