



# ESIL Board Candidates 2022

All members of the Society who have paid the 2022 membership fee and have registered to vote before the deadline of **Sunday 3 July 2022** have the right to vote in the elections to be held during the General Assembly of the European Society of International Law held in Utrecht and online **Friday 2 September 2022**. **Seven Board members** will be elected, and each member may vote for up to seven candidates.





# VERONIKA FIKFAK

Veronika Fikfak is an Associate Professor in Human Rights Law at the Centre of Excellence, iCourts at the University of Copenhagen and a Senior Humboldt Fellow at the Institute of Law and Economics in Hamburg. Veronika's research – funded amongst others by the European Research Council – focuses on reparations for human rights violations, compliance with international norms, interaction of domestic and international law, and system design. She has been an active member of ESIL, having co-founded the [ESIL Interest Group on Social Sciences and International Law](#) and co-convenes the [ESIL Interest Group on Courts and Tribunals](#). She currently serves as a judge *ad hoc* at the European Court of Human Rights.

Veronika previously lectured at the University of Cambridge, Sciences Po in Paris, and worked at the European Court of Human Rights, and the International Court of Justice. She holds a masters and doctorate from the University of Oxford and a first law degree from the University of Ljubljana.

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Veronika Fikfak est professeure associée en droits de l'homme au Centre d'Excellence iCourts de l'Université de Copenhague et Senior Humboldt Fellow à l'Institut de droit et d'économie de Hambourg. Les recherches de Veronika - financées entre autres par le Conseil européen de la recherche - portent sur les réparations pour les violations des droits de l'homme, l'exécution des jugements internationales, et l'interaction du droit national et international. Elle est un membre actif de la SEDI, ayant cofondé le groupe de réflexion sur les sciences sociales et le droit international et co-organisé le groupe de réflexion sur les cours et tribunaux internationaux. Elle est actuellement juge *ad hoc* à la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme.

Veronika a précédemment enseigné à l'Université de Cambridge, Sciences Po à Paris, et a travaillé à la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme et à la Cour internationale de justice. Elle est titulaire d'une maîtrise et d'un doctorat de l'Université d'Oxford et d'un premier diplôme en droit de l'Université de Ljubljana.



## Statement

I am currently an Associate Professor in International Law at the University of Copenhagen, where I lead a team of researchers on a five-year ERC project intended to study the behaviour of states and effectiveness of human rights law, and specifically, to test out states' responses to different reparations for human rights violations.

My motivations for running for the ESIL Board are twofold. First, I am keen to engage with the wider ESIL community to create links between members, especially by involving early career researchers, and to foster creative research within the society. Since 2016, I have been in charge of several interdisciplinary teams and have recruited, trained and overseen the work of twenty researchers, ranging from masters level students to postdoctoral researchers. I have loved building and managing teams and am enthusiastic about working with early career scholars and with colleagues in other disciplines. As one of the founders of the ESIL IG on Social Sciences and International Law, created in early 2021, I organized numerous well-attended events that bring together researchers from different fields to discuss issues of common interest. In this role, I have ensured that early career researchers are well-represented and actively involved at events. As a member of the ESIL Board, I would be keen to build on my experience and develop opportunities and programs (in the form of workshops, summer schools and exchanges) to foster interdisciplinary research and secure funding so that early career researchers can (not only) attend these programs, but also actively participate by presenting their work, and receiving constructive feedback.

Second, I am committed to diversity and intend to actively promote ESIL in universities outside of Western Europe. Having been raised and schooled in Slovenia, I am determined to provide talented students from the region the same opportunities I had when I was in law school. Since 2010, I have hosted more than 20 Slovenian students on various projects and am an active member of the Slovenian Education Foundation, which aims to unite Slovenian scholars and educators across the globe and provide learning opportunities to talented students from Slovenia and other Central and Eastern European countries. I have organised several workshops in Ljubljana and am planning further collaborations – as part of the IG on Social Sciences – with CEU (May 2023) and others. Beyond ESIL, I am active in the international law community, having co-chaired the 2021 ASIL Research Forum and currently serving as a managing editor of *AJIL Unbound*. My links to the academic community both within and beyond Europe would enable ESIL to promote its work more widely and strengthen its connections with sister organizations around the world.





# EDOUARD FROMAGEAU

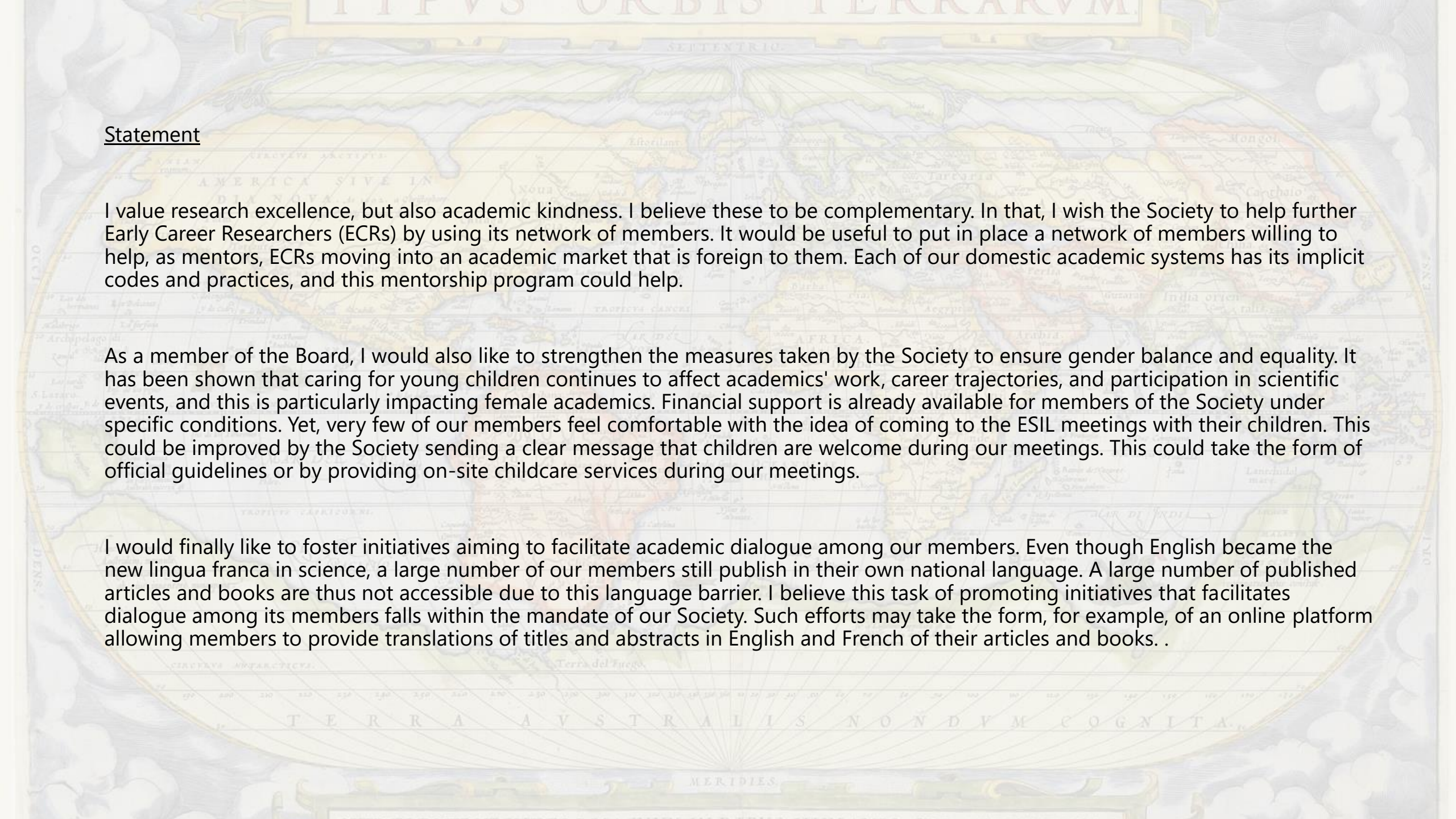
I am currently a Lecturer in International Economic Law at the School of Law of the University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom. Prior to that, I was a Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law, which I joined in 2015 after a postdoctoral stay at NYU School of Law. Since 2018, I am also a coordinating committee member of the ESIL Interest Group on International Courts and Tribunals. I specialized in international economic law, international dispute resolution, law and technology, and the law of international organizations, but also contributed in several occasions to projects with international human rights, global animal law and international environmental law aspects.

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Je suis actuellement chargé de cours en droit international économique à la faculté de droit de l'Université d'Aberdeen, au Royaume-Uni. Auparavant, j'étais chargé de recherche à l'Institut Max Planck Luxembourg pour le droit procédural, que j'ai rejoint en 2015 après un séjour postdoctoral à la NYU School of Law. Depuis 2018, je suis également membre du comité de coordination du groupe d'intérêt SEDI sur les cours et tribunaux internationaux.

Je suis spécialisé en droit international économique, règlement des différends internationaux, droit et technologie et droit des organisations internationales. J'ai également contribué à plusieurs reprises à des projets portant sur les droits de l'homme, le droit des animaux et le droit international de l'environnement.





## Statement

I value research excellence, but also academic kindness. I believe these to be complementary. In that, I wish the Society to help further Early Career Researchers (ECRs) by using its network of members. It would be useful to put in place a network of members willing to help, as mentors, ECRs moving into an academic market that is foreign to them. Each of our domestic academic systems has its implicit codes and practices, and this mentorship program could help.

As a member of the Board, I would also like to strengthen the measures taken by the Society to ensure gender balance and equality. It has been shown that caring for young children continues to affect academics' work, career trajectories, and participation in scientific events, and this is particularly impacting female academics. Financial support is already available for members of the Society under specific conditions. Yet, very few of our members feel comfortable with the idea of coming to the ESIL meetings with their children. This could be improved by the Society sending a clear message that children are welcome during our meetings. This could take the form of official guidelines or by providing on-site childcare services during our meetings.

I would finally like to foster initiatives aiming to facilitate academic dialogue among our members. Even though English became the new lingua franca in science, a large number of our members still publish in their own national language. A large number of published articles and books are thus not accessible due to this language barrier. I believe this task of promoting initiatives that facilitates dialogue among its members falls within the mandate of our Society. Such efforts may take the form, for example, of an online platform allowing members to provide translations of titles and abstracts in English and French of their articles and books. .





# PATRYCJA GRZEBYK

Patrycja Grzebyk - Dr. Hab. Iur., Associate Professor, University of Warsaw. Field of research: International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal law, Use of Force Law. Author of numerous publications (over 100), including monographs: [Human and Non-Human Targets in Armed Conflicts, CUP 2022](#); Criminal Responsibility for the Crime of Aggression, Routledge 2013; and articles/chapters, e.g. [Key Risks and Difficulties of Aggression Trials, Springer 2021](#); Emil Stanisław Rappaport. His Road from Abolition to Prosecution of Nations, CUP 2020; Authorising Attacks in Response to Terrorist Attacks, OUP 2019; Impact of Western military interventions on the evolution of law on use of force, Routledge 2019. Co-editor-in-chief of the [Journal of International Humanitarian Action](#) (Springer); member of the editorial board of [ESIL Reflections](#). Director of the Network on Humanitarian Action at the University of Warsaw. She was visiting professor e.g. at the University of Bologna, University of Cambridge, Peking University, Renmin University, University of Geneva, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, ORCID 0000-0003-4022-7018.

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Patrycja Grzebyk - Dr. Hab. Iur., professeure agrégée de l'Université de Varsovie. Domaines d'expertise: droit international humanitaire, droit international pénal, droit de la paix et de la sécurité internationale. Auteure de plus de 100 publications, y compris monographies: [Human and Non-Human Targets in Armed Conflicts, CUP 2022](#); Criminal Responsibility for the Crime of Aggression, Routledge 2013; et articles/chapitre, par exemple [Key Risks and Difficulties of Aggression Trials, Springer 2021](#); Emil Stanisław Rappaport. His Road from Abolition to Prosecution of Nations, CUP 2020; Authorising Attacks in Response to Terrorist Attacks, OUP 2019; Impact of Western military interventions on the evolution of law on use of force, Routledge 2019. Coéditrice de la revue '[Journal of International Humanitarian Action](#)' (Springer) et de la revue 'ESIL Reflectons'. Directrice de la Network on Humanitarian Action de l'Université de Varsovie. Elle a enseigné dans les universités de Bologne, de Genève, de Cambridge, de Peking, Renmin, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, ORCID 0000-0003-4022-7018.



## Statement

My name is Patrycja Grzebyk and I am associate professor of the University of Warsaw. My field of expertise is International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, and Use of force, but recently I have started a project on the advisory function of the International Court of Justice. I teach public international law and more advanced courses, such as for instance reconciliation in post-conflict societies, and international humanitarian law.

I hold advanced degrees in both law and international relations (2005 – MA in international relations; 2006 – MA in law; 2010 – PhD in political science; 2018 – Habilitation in law), I am employed in the Department of Strategic Studies and International Security of the University of Warsaw, and I serve as the director of the Network on Humanitarian Action at the University of Warsaw. I am therefore very well prepared to undertake inter/multidisciplinary research and dialogue. I have always made it a priority to consider my legal opinions within various political, economic, and cultural contexts. That is why I would like to work on the ESIL Board for the purpose of opening it to debates with specialists from different disciplines, in order to strengthen relations between international law's theoreticians and practitioners.

My particular concern is to always prioritize the inclusion in the debates of specialists who come from the affected regions. I have witnessed debates about the role of the International Criminal Court in Africa without any African representatives present; I have recently observed too many discussions about Central and Eastern Europe in which there was no single specialist from the region. Furthermore, debates cannot be conducted only from common law's perspective; representatives of civil law and other legal systems must also be heard.

Additionally, inclusiveness promoted by the ESIL cannot be limited to lower-income countries. In my opinion, participation in high quality debates on international law cannot be a luxury good. Moreover, as the community of international lawyers, we should be open to the development of technologies and new forms of conducting debates (hybrid events, online meetings, Twitter discussions) and – what is more and more important – we should communicate our legal arguments in simple yet precise ways to be genuinely understood by the public opinion.

I have experience in organizing international scientific conferences and teaching programmes (e.g. Joint Master Degree in Humanitarian Action). I am the editor of the Journal of International Humanitarian Action and I work on editorial boards of several scientific journals, including ESIL Reflections. I hope these skills could be useful to the Board.





# GLEIDER HERNÁNDEZ

Gleider Hernández is Professor of Public International Law at KU Leuven and (until September 2022) Open Universiteit. Previously, he was Reader in Public International Law and Deputy Director of the Global Policy Institute at Durham University (2011-2018). He has held visiting professorships and research fellowships at Harvard Law School (as a Fulbright Scholar), Durham Institute of Advanced Study (Christopherson-Knott Fellow), Université Paris Nanterre, the University of Amsterdam, McGill University, and the TMC Asser Institute in The Hague. In summer 2022, he will be Director of Studies at the Hague Academy of International Law. He is the author of *The International Court of Justice and the Judicial Function* (OUP, 2014), and *International Law* (OUP, 1<sup>st</sup> edn 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn 2022).

Elected to the Executive Board of the European Society of International Law in 2018, in 2021 he was elected its Secretary-General.

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Gleider Hernández est professeur de droit international public à l'Université de Leuven (KU Leuven) et la Open Universiteit (jusqu'en septembre 2022). Auparavant, il était professeur agrégé (*Reader*) en droit international public, ainsi que directeur adjoint de la Global Policy Institute à l'Université de Durham. Gleider a été professeur invité et boursier de recherche à la Harvard Law School (en tant que boursier Fulbright), à l'Institut d'Études Supérieures de l'Université de Durham (boursier Christopherson-Knott), l'Université de Paris Nanterre, l'Université d'Amsterdam, Université McGill, et l'Institut TMC Asser à La Haye. Pendant l'été 2022, il sera Directeur d'études (section de langue anglaise) à l'Académie de droit international de La Haye. Il est l'auteur des ouvrages *The International Court of Justice and the Judicial Function* (OUP, 2014), et *International Law* (OUP, 1<sup>e</sup> éd. 2019, 2<sup>e</sup> éd. 2022).

Élu au Conseil exécutif de la Société européenne de droit international en 2018, en 2021 il fut nommé Secrétaire Général.



## Statement

I am honoured to stand for re-election to the Board of the European Society of International Law. It has been a real delight to serve as Board member from 2018 to 2022, and I feel I still have much enthusiasm and energy for the Society, and thus I ask you one last time to lend me your vote for election.

During my first mandate, the world was shaken by the COVID-19 pandemic, requiring creative measures and a degree of solidarity across society. In the academic world, we witnessed the challenges to juggle career and personal life, in particular caring responsibilities; the loss of networks and mobility; and the genuine challenges for scholars at the beginning of their career or precarious employment situations. Though some of these have dissipated, they remain live, and require continued efforts to navigate these. I believe our Society can take an active role in mitigating these obstacles to participation, and that our experience in the last years has shown us that a proactive position with respect to technology (e.g. hybrid or online gatherings), a willingness to combat structural and indirect factors which disempower academic participation, and an explicit commitment to solidarity remain central to the mission of the Society.

During the last few years, the Society has begun taken incremental measures that lay the foundations for a proactive role. An advisory body for diversity, equality and inclusion has been established, including a formal commitment by the Board and the Society to reduce obstacles to participation. Similarly, an early-career network will deepen consultation and participation from our newest members as they establish their careers. First steps, to be sure, but my pledge is to continue deepening these initiatives to ensure our Society's commitment is to excellence in all its forms, from all of our members.

Of course, our Society does not exist in a vacuum; social challenges abound, from the consequences of military violence, to the plight of refugees and targeted communities to the climate emergency. A commitment to scholarly integrity only takes us so far, however; and as a learned society we must also take measures in which we can ensure our own societal contribution. In particular, we must have the honesty to accept that our academic travels, in particular by aeroplane, generate substantial carbon emissions, and must reflect proactively on measures that ensure we fulfil our mandate of nurturing excellent scholarship without dismissing what measures we may take to reduce needless pollution. We must come together as a Society and lead by example, and find ways to innovate our conferences and other activities so as to ensure the sustainability of our activities, both as a learned society but as engaged citizens of our respective communities.





# FEDERICA PADDEU

I am Associate Professor in Law and Derek Bowett Fellow at Queens' College, Cambridge, and fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law. I serve in the Public International Law Advisory Panel at the British Institute for International and Comparative Law, and as the Director of Studies of the British Branch of the ILC. I am a generalist international lawyer, with interests in State responsibility, the law and theory of exceptions in international law, and their application in investment law and the law on the use of force. Recent publications include [Justification and Excuse in International Law](#) and [Exceptions in International Law](#) (Bartels/Paddeu), and a [symposium](#) on the 20th anniversary of the ILC Articles on State Responsibility (with Christian Tams). I am Venezuelan born and raised, and also an Italian national. I have two young kids, and in my spare time I like baking and making ice cream. See [here](#) for more information.

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Je suis professeure associée et Derek Bowett Fellow à Queens' College, Cambridge, et fellow au Lauterpacht Centre for International Law. Je suis membre du comité consultatif de droit international public du British Institute of International and Comparative Law, et directrice d'études de la branche Britannique de l'ILA. Je suis une généraliste de droit international, avec intérêts sur le droit de la responsabilité, le droit et théorie des exceptions dans le droit international, et l'application des exceptions dans le droit contre la force et le droit des investissements étrangers. Mes publications récentes incluent [Justification and Excuse in International Law](#) et [Exceptions in International Law](#) (Bartels/Paddeu), et un [symposium](#) à l'occasion du 20ème anniversaire des Articles sur la responsabilité des états de la CDI (avec Christian Tams). Je suis née et j'ai grandi au Venezuela, et je suis aussi Italienne. J'ai deux petits enfants, et dans mon temps libre j'aime faire les crèmes glacées. Voir [ici](#) pour plus d'information.



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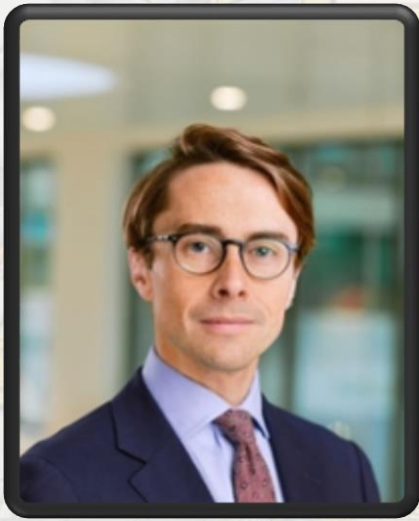
I am seeking election to the ESIL Board so that I may contribute to the Society's vital work of promoting the cause of international law in Europe. I would like to help the Society to engage more extensively with the general public on topics concerning international law, and to develop closer connections with international lawyers in other parts of the world, especially Latin America. As the rules and institutions of international law are currently subject to challenge and critique, this work has never been more pressing, and I would like to devote my energies to this crucial task.

**Fostering exchange of ideas with international lawyers elsewhere:** as a dual national, with roots in Latin America and Europe, I have much benefitted from the exchange of ideas, approaches, and visions of international law, in both of these continents. These exchanges are incredibly enriching, and also of particular importance in this difficult period, one beset by increased distrust of international institutions and withdrawal from multilateralism. As a member of the Board I would work towards increased engagement with other regional societies for international law, like the Latin-American or Asian Societies. This could be done by, for example, holding joint conferences or research fora with other societies, seeking and providing funds or grants for projects that aim at increasing the cooperation and collaboration between Societies, and ensuring the representation of members from diverse regions of the world in the events organised by the Society.

**Public engagement:** the last few years have seen numerous crises, in which international law has featured prominently: from the role of the WHO and world health law in the management of the COVID pandemic, to the place of international law in respect of Russia's aggression against Ukraine. Against this background, ESIL's goal of promoting awareness and understanding of international law within the general public has never been more important. As a member of the Board I would work to enhance the Society's engagement with the public, for example through writing short explainers or Q&As on particular matters to be published on ESIL's website and publicised through its social media accounts.

This is my vision for the European Society of International Law: a Society with a deep commitment to its European roots, but outward looking and engaged with other international lawyers and the public at large.





# DANIEL PEAT

Daniel Peat is an Assistant Professor in International Law at Leiden University, where he teaches public international law and international dispute settlement. He previously worked at the International Court of Justice as an Associate Legal Officer for Judge Abdulqawi A. Yusuf, and completed his Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge. Daniel is the author of *Comparative Reasoning in International Courts and Tribunals* (CUP 2019), which was awarded the ESIL Book Prize 2020, and co-editor of *Interpretation in International Law* (OUP 2015). He is on the Editorial Board of the *Leiden Journal of International Law* and the Advisory Board of the *International Community Law Review*. Daniel co-founded and is on the coordinating committee of the ESIL Interest Group on Social Sciences and International Law. He is currently setting up an international administrative law clinic at Leiden and conducts research on compliance with ISDS awards.

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Daniel Peat est professeur adjoint en droit international à l'université de Leyde. Il a précédemment travaillé à la Cour internationale de justice en tant que référendaire du juge Abdulqawi A. Yusuf, et a obtenu son doctorat à l'Université de Cambridge. Daniel est l'auteur de *Comparative Reasoning in International Courts and Tribunals* (CUP 2019), qui a reçu le prix du livre de la SEDI 2020, et a coédité *Interpretation in International Law* (OUP 2015). Il est membre du comité de rédaction du *Leiden Journal of International Law* et du comité consultatif du *International Community Law Review*. Daniel a cofondé et fait partie du comité de coordination du groupe d'intérêt de la SEDI sur les sciences sociales et le droit international. Il met actuellement en place une clinique de droit administratif international à Leyde et mène des recherches sur l'exécution des sentences arbitrales concernant des différends investisseur-État.



## Statement

As a member of the ESIL Board, I would pursue three interlinked initiatives. The main goal underpinning these ideas is to increase *what* the Society does as well as *who* participates in the life of the Society.

### *Creation of a Pedagogical Network*

ESIL is a great environment in which to present and get feedback on academic research. However, I think that the Society can support the teaching of international law in different ways. This year, I have set up an international administrative law clinic at Leiden, a process which was greatly helped by being able to draw on the experience of a network of clinical educators in the Netherlands. As a Board member, I would look to build on the success of the ESIL Teaching Corner by creating a pedagogical network within which members can discuss and learn from each other's practice. This network could hold in-person meetings at the Annual Meeting and Research Forum as well as a virtual forum once a year to bring together interested members. Whilst I believe that this network would be useful to any ESIL member engaged in teaching, I think this would be particularly valuable for those developing new experiential pedagogy, such as law clinics and moot courts.

### *Creation of Practice-Oriented Groups*

As an academic, I greatly appreciate the activities that the Society organizes. However, I think that there is also scope to facilitate the creation of more practitioner-oriented groups within the Society. For example, several lawyers that work within international organisations have told me that they would appreciate a group that would allow them to discuss recent international administrative law jurisprudence with colleagues from other institutions; something that they feel does not currently fall within the scope of ESIL's activities. Facilitating the creation of these groups would not only make ESIL membership more attractive to those outside academia, but also enrich the discussions that take place within ESIL events.

### *Increase Financial Support for Early-Career Researchers*

Many of us know the issues that early-career researchers (ECRs) face, particularly in terms of financing conference fees, travel, and accommodation. ESIL has made good headway in providing a support network for ECRs but the need for extra financing to support attendance of Society events remains. As an ESIL Board member, I would work to increase the visibility of the Society to those in practice, thereby increasing the ESIL membership base, as well as to secure more sponsorship from private firms. My goal would be to put the Society in the position in which it can fund more conference fees, travel grants, and carers' grants, thus enabling a greater number of ECRs to attend Society events in-person.





# PIERRE THIELBÖRGER

I am professor of public international law and director of the Institute for the International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV) at Ruhr University Bochum, as well as Adjunct Professor at the Hertie School. I studied law, journalism and public policy in Hamburg as well as at McGill, Humboldt and Harvard. I worked for the German foreign ministry at the UN, before I wrote my PhD on the right to water at the EUI, to which I returned in 2019 as Braudel fellow. I serve as President of the General Assembly of the Network on Humanitarian Action (NOHA) and member in the Advisory Board of the German Institute on Human Rights. I also serve as co-convener of ESIL's IG on Human Rights Law and as co-publisher of the "Journal of International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict", the "Journal of International Peace and Organization" and of "www.voelkerrechtsblog.org". I live with my partner and our kids (4 and 1 years) in Berlin

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Je suis professeur en droit international public et directeur de l'Institut sur le droit international de la paix et des conflits armés (IFHV) à l'Université de la Ruhr de Bochum, et également professeur associé à la Hertie School. J'ai étudié le droit, le journalisme et la politique publique à Hambourg, McGill, Humboldt et Harvard. J'ai travaillé pour le ministère des affaires étrangères allemand à l'ONU avant de rédiger mon doctorat sur le droit à l'eau à l'IUE, où je suis retourné en 2019 en tant que boursier Braudel. Je suis Président de l'Assemblée générale du réseau sur l'action humanitaire (NOHA) et membre du conseil consultatif de l'institut allemand des droits de l'homme. Je suis également modérateur du groupe de réflexion sur les droits de l'homme de SEDI à partir de 2017, et également coéditeur de «Journal of International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict», «Journal of International Peace and Organization» et « www.voelkerrechtsblog.org ». Je vis avec mon partenaire et nos deux enfants (4 et 1 ans) à Berlin.



## Statement

My name is Pierre Thielbörger. My field of expertise is international law, specifically the international law peace and armed conflict, human rights, business and human rights, international criminal law and the law and governance of the environment and the global commons (including water). As director of one of Germany's biggest institutes on international law (IL) as well as co-publisher of several peer-reviewed journals and blogs in international law, my aim is not only to conduct my own research, but to foster interdisciplinary and international research networks.

If elected to the board, I would aim to realize **four concrete initiatives**.

**First**, I would deepen the exchange with **other regional organizations on international law**. In 2019, I already organized a large-scale ESIL-sponsored conference at the EUI on comparing regional human rights systems. I would take the lead to organize and bring in research funding for another **joint conference (or ESIL research forum)**, including a subsequent joint publication, that specifically brings together academics from Europe, Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Arab world.

**Second**, I am very committed to our **Interest Groups (IGs)**. I am an IG co-convenor since 2017, so I know that the IGs are vital for our society. I would organize an online workshop with all convenors to explore possible cooperation avenues and investigate how the workload and communication channels for the convenors can be improved (e.g. support for websites, etc.). My own IG on International Human Rights Law (IHRL) has been particularly active over the last years, with a variety of large-scale webinars and other online events. As board member, I would like to bring all that positive energy from these events to ESIL as a whole.

**Third**, I would like to dedicate myself to the promotion of **early career researchers (ECR)**. ECRs often struggle to attend ESIL events for financial reasons. I would like to explore avenues to integrate them and their ideas into ESIL to an even greater extent (including via greater financial support). At ESIL events, integrating child care needs should be (come) a priority.

**Fourth**, I would engage in deepening ESIL's **diversity** efforts. While we have made progress in terms of gender equality (with the majority of board members being female now), we should also focus on other elements of diversity, e.g. sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, disability. I have worked on several diversity projects in the past and serve in the board of several organizations dedicated to diversity. I would continue these efforts within ESIL, e.g. through discussing governance changes or planning events focused on diversity issues.

It goes without saying that as a board member, I would continue the line of the current board to take a very **clear and strict stance against the Russian aggression against Ukraine**.

Finally, I want to thank all the board members who approached me to run for ESIL's board. Thanks for their trust, now I am asking for yours. Thanks also to my family for supporting me – not a given, with two small kids.





# GANNA YUDKIVSKA

Dr Ganna Yudkivska graduated from the Law Faculties of the Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University (Ukraine) and Université Strasbourg III (France). She has her PhD diploma from the Academy of Advocacy of Ukraine. In 1995-2001 she led in Ukraine and Moldova the legacy project on genocide studies (now – Shoah Institute of the University of South California), and also served as human rights and national minorities expert for the Congress of National Minorities of Ukraine. Between 2001 and 2005 she worked as a lawyer and expert for different international and national human rights organizations. In 2003 she was admitted to the Bar. In 2005-2009 she was a lawyer at the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, in 2009-2010 - advisor to the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe. In 2010 Ganna Yudkivska was elected a Judge of the European Court of Human Rights; in 2015–2016 she was Vice-President of Section V of the Court, in 2017 - 2019 she was President of Section IV of the Court. Judge Yudkivska is also an Associate Professor of European and International law at the Academy of Advocacy of Ukraine. She lectured and researched at universities of USA, France, Germany, UK, the Netherlands, Israel, Armenia and Ukraine. She authored a number of scientific articles on human rights, international law and criminal procedure; she is also a member of the advisory boards of several legal magazines. Judge Yudkivska is a Board Member of the European Society of International Law as of 2018.

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Ganna Yudkivska est diplômée des facultés de droit de l'Université nationale Taras Shevchenko de Kiev (Ukraine) et de l'Université Strasbourg III (France). Elle est titulaire d'un doctorat de l'Académie du barreau de l'Ukraine. De 1995 à 2001, elle a dirigé en Ukraine et en Moldavie le projet d'études sur le génocide (aujourd'hui l'Institut de la Shoah de l'Université de Californie du Sud), et a également été experte en droits de l'homme et minorités nationales pour le Congrès des minorités nationales d'Ukraine. Entre 2001 et 2005, elle a travaillé en tant qu'avocate et experte pour différentes organisations internationales et nationales de défense des droits de l'homme. En 2003, elle a été admise au barreau.

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## Statement

I serve the Board of ESIL as of September 2018, and it's with great pleasure that I run for the election for the second term.

I am a Ukrainian Judge at the European Court of Human Rights since 2010, and my mandate comes to an end soon, which would give me more time to devote to the Society's important work. I am also an Associate Professor of International Law and Human Rights in the Academy of Advocacy of Ukraine.

I've joined the Society in 2015, I am its lifetime member, and I participated in a number of events organized by the Society.

I always insisted on a stronger involvement of the Eastern European legal community, and I was privileged to organize the Society's conference on post-conflict justice in Ukraine, that brought together more than hundred academics from four different continents; and together with several distinguished eastern colleagues I organize now a conference in Tbilisi – to make the Society more visible in this part of Europe as well. I will be happy to assist in organization of similar events, that will bring, in a long run, remarkable developments in the field of international law.

I hope to bring to the society, in addition to my Eastern European inside, a combination of judicial and academic role: my goal is to support a more intensive exchange of opinions between judges and legal practitioners on the one hand, and academic experts on the other – to bring judges and practitioners to benefit from the perspective brought by academia, which is important to develop the law. I believe that this exchange – when dialog within ESIL provoke ideas which can be subsequently tested in courts - creates a legal culture which seeks to do justice.

Another important dimension today for me, as a Ukrainian, is the relevance of the Society to the essential mission of international law. In February 2022 international lawyers questioned their whole careers: we devoted energy, and we were so proud of our achievements that turned out to be, to a large extent, illusions: the UN Security Council failed to safeguard international peace and security, the Council of Europe, whose mission is to protect human rights and rule of law and consolidate democratic stability – as the precondition to peace in Europe -, has acknowledged its helplessness at the face of blatant ignorance of international rule of law.

Still, today we need international law much more than ever before. ESIL is a great platform where international lawyers get together and reflect to understand properly the working of international law, to offer their wisdom and propose solutions to its advancement. I will do my best to facilitate this most significant task to promote justice and peace.