



## *ESIL IG History of International Law*

### **Call for Papers: *Historical Perspectives on Fairness in International Law***

The ESIL Interest Group on the History of International Law invites submissions of abstracts for its upcoming workshop on the theme *Historical Perspectives on Fairness in International Law*.

We are interested in exploring historically informed questions on the nature, variety and significance of the concept or the rhetorical assertion of fairness in international law. We understand fairness to be an element of many different frameworks of thinking about justice and the distribution of goods and of entitlements, including frameworks influenced by a plurality of moral, political, cultural and religious perspectives.

We welcome proposals that contribute an historical dimension and sensitivity to the question of fairness in international law, including but not limited to:

- The delineation of discourses of fairness within the history and development of international law
- The historical development and significance of fairness in specific areas of international law, such as international organisations and institutions, the human rights regime, international criminal justice or international economic law
- The role of historical events and figures in shaping the concepts and discourses of fairness in international law
- The impact of broader historical sociopolitical and sovereign processes in constructing the meanings of fairness in international law
- The historical analysis of the deployment of fairness in international adjudication of disputes and in the governing instruments of dispute resolution institutions
- The influence of historical understandings and articulations of fairness in international law on contemporary scholarship and practice
- The historical evolution of the concept of fairness as it relates to the distribution of economic resources between sovereign states

We are particularly interested in papers that engage with non-Western perspectives on the history of fairness in international law, and that explore the contributions of scholars and practitioners from different regions of the world to the development of the concept of fairness. We welcome submissions from scholars and practitioners at all stages of their careers, and particularly encourage submissions from early-career scholars and scholars from underrepresented regions and perspectives.

Submissions should include an anonymized abstract of no more than 500 words **in Word**, accompanied **by a separate file** with a short bio of the author(s), contact information and the title of the abstract. The abstract should be submitted by the 14<sup>th</sup> of April to [j.morss@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:j.morss@latrobe.edu.au). The workshop will take place on August 31st, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, the day before the start of the main conference. It will allow participants to engage in a critical discussion of their research and receive feedback from other scholars and practitioners.

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 to attend the IG workshops; however, all participants are warmly invited to attend the entire event.

Selected speakers should 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 selected speakers who wish to be considered for the Prize before 30 April.

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