



## ESIL Interest Group on International Courts and Tribunals

Call for abstracts

### **New International Courts and Tribunals**

The Interest Group on International Courts and Tribunals is organizing a Workshop on the creation and operation of **New International Courts and Tribunals**. This hybrid workshop will take place online and in-person in Aix-en-Provence on Thursday, 31 August 2023, 9:30-12:30, immediately prior to the ESIL 2023 Annual Meeting.

#### Theme of the Workshop

In recent months and years, states and other actors have been debating and creating a number of new international courts and tribunals. Institutions currently under debate span a number of sub-fields within public international law, and include a special tribunal for aggression against Ukraine, a mass claims tribunal for Ukraine, an international anti-corruption court, an international court for the environment, and an appellate review mechanism for investor-state arbitration. In addition, a number of other judicial institutions have begun operating in recent years, including the Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement, which serves as an alternative to the currently non-operational Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization.

These new institutions, whether proposed or newly operating, raise fundamental questions about the relationship of new institutions to existing regimes or institutions. They also tend to raise similar legal, practical, and political issues, such as: the legal basis for their creation, how they should be financed, to whom they should be open, and the scope of their jurisdiction. Above all, the prospect of new international courts and tribunals raises questions about expectations and may renew debates about the advantages or disadvantages of the further judicialization of international society.

The goal of the workshop is for participants to share insights regarding the relationships of new bodies with existing regimes and institutions, as well as insights regarding cross-cutting issues pertaining to all or many new international courts and tribunals.

## Submission of Proposals and Timeline

All Members of the ESIL interest group on international courts and tribunals are invited to submit abstracts of up to 500 words.

**Deadline for submitting abstracts: Friday, 14 April 2023.**

Abstracts should be sent to: [igictesil@gmail.com](mailto:igictesil@gmail.com)

The following information must be provided with each abstract:

- The author's name and affiliation;
- The author's short biography;
- The author's contact details, including email address.

Authors of selected abstracts will be notified by **Friday, 28 April 2023**.

Authors of accepted abstracts should submit a draft paper by **Monday, 21 August 2023**. The draft will be circulated among the workshop participants.

For substantive questions, please contact the Interest Group convenors via:  
[igictesil@gmail.com](mailto:igictesil@gmail.com).

The ESIL Interest Group on International Courts and Tribunals is convened by Michael Becker, Machiko Kanetake, Cecily Rose, Yusra Suedi, and Stephan Wittich.

### **Important Information**

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.