



Call for Papers
Interest Group on Peace and Security Pre-conference Workshop
on
The Changing Perceptions of the Use of Force in the Contemporary World
24 April 2023

The 2023 ESIL Research Forum will take place on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 April 2023 and will be hosted by the School of Law of the University of Tartu in Estonia. The theme of this year's conference is "Regional Developments of International Law in Eastern Europe and Post-Soviet Eurasia". The Research Forum 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 **24 April 2023**. The workshop will take place in online format.

Workshop theme:

Recent high-profile conflicts including the 2008 Russian-Georgian war, the 2014 Russian annexation of Crimea, the 2020 interstate border conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia over the occupied Nagorno-Karabakh region and the ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia presents major challenges to international law in the region. These regional conflicts also raise challenging international law questions of broader application, especially concerning the law on the use of force and international humanitarian law. For example:

- Do recent conflicts and the international reaction to them demonstrate changing perceptions of the use of force and its prohibition in the contemporary world? Does Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its people erode the general principle of the prohibition of the use of force?
- How have some States sought to broaden the scope of the right of self-defence as a way of justifying aggressive military operations in foreign territory, and what are the potential implications of this for the collective security framework?
- Is qualified neutrality during international armed conflicts valid? Are third parties' involvement and the provision of military aid, including military weapons and ammunition during international armed conflicts, legally justifiable?
- What are the implications of international armed conflicts that took the form of military occupation for international and regional peace and security?
- Whether and to what extent new technological means and methods of warfare have changed the dimensions of armed conflicts dominated by ground battles.

We invite papers which address the above themes and questions, in the context of international peace and security law, and welcome those which also focus on the broader cross-regional implications of developments of international law in Eastern Europe and Post-Soviet Eurasia. Papers on connected themes are welcome, and those addressing these issues from a theoretical perspective are encouraged.

Submission Process

Please submit an abstract in PDF (in English) of no more than 500 words by **28 February 2023** to all of the IGPS Convenors:

- Saeed Bagheri: saeed.bagheri[at]reading.ac.uk
- Patryk Labuda: patryk.labuda[at]graduateinstitute.ch
- Clare Frances Moran: cf.moran[at]abdn.ac.uk
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Please title your document as follows for ease of reference: [Surname_abstract title]

The following information must be provided with each abstract, in the same document:

- Author's name and current affiliation;
- The date of graduation from PhD and/ or projected date of graduation;
- A list of author's relevant publications;
- Author's email address

Only one abstract per author will be considered.

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 Research Forum Call for Papers.

Timeline:

Applicants will be informed of the selection committee's decision no later than **6 March 2023**. Depending on the number and quality of abstracts, up to 6 abstracts may be selected. Draft papers (maximum 3000 words inclusive of footnotes) elaborating the key points of your argument should be submitted by **15 April 2023** for circulation amongst panelists. Panelists may be invited to submit full papers (maximum 5,000-6,000 words inclusive of footnotes) for publication in an edited collection or a special edition of a journal after the workshop.