



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

Monday 24th April 2023

1PM - 4PM (CEST)

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. The workshop will take place in online format.

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 have presented major challenges to international peace and security in Eastern Europe and Post-Soviet Eurasia. 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.

Programme

i Paper presentations (1PM - 2:30PM)

Chair

Saeed Bagheri (University of Reading)

Discussant

Patryk I. Labuda (University of Zürich)

Speakers

- Katie Johnston (University of Liverpool) *A New Renvoi in the Jus ad Bellum? General Comment 36 on the Right to Life and 'Acts of Aggression as Defined in International Law'*
- Niklas S. Reetz (European University Institute) *Humanity and Wars of Self-Defence*
- Attila Nagy (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität) *The Abolishment of the Use of Force by Post-Conflict Agreements*
- Gkagkatsis Panagiotis (SOAS University of London) *The Use of Economic Sanctions in the Russian-Ukraine War: Alternative to War or a Supplement to the Use of Force?*

ii Roundtable: The Changing Concept / Evolution of Neutrality (2:45PM - 4PM)

Chair

Clare Frances Moran

Discussant

Saeed Bagheri (University of Reading)

Speakers

- Pearce Clancy (International Law Irish Centre for Human Rights, University of Galway)
- Kilian Roithmaier (University of Groningen)
- Alexander Wentker (Freie Universität Berlin)

 To attend the workshop via MS Teams, register [here](#)