



## Call for Papers

**2024 ESIL Research Forum, Nicosia, 18-19 April 2024**

### **Revisiting Interactions between Legal Orders**

The 2024 ESIL Research Forum will take place **on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 April 2024** and will be hosted by the Department of Law of the University of Cyprus.

The ESIL Research Forum is a scholarly conference that promotes engagement with research in progress by members of the Society. It has a small and intensive format. The Forum targets scholars at an early stage of their careers. Approximately 25-30 paper submissions will be selected. During the Forum, selected speakers will receive comments on their presentations from members of the ESIL Board and invited experts.

The 2024 Research Forum addresses the topic:

### **“Revisiting Interactions between Legal Orders”**

The international legal order is acutely concerned with unprecedented global challenges and public goods, such as ensuring global peace and security, fighting terrorism, protecting the global environment and mitigating climate change, eradicating infectious diseases, safeguarding human rights, and managing migration flows. These challenges transcend conventional boundaries (physical, legal, and conceptual) and involve cross-fertilization of legal fields and disciplines. There is evidence that a single legal order cannot respond in a comprehensive manner. Meeting such challenges and achieving global public goods largely depends on the interconnection between different legal orders and the ensuing degree of legal interaction and integration.

In light of the urgency and a renewed momentum in delivering global public goods amidst global instability, the 2024 ESIL Research Forum aims to explore interactions between legal orders, revisiting the different kinds of interactions and how they emerge and operate. It also aims to unpack analytical frameworks through which to make sense and assess these interactions.

Interactions between legal orders involve different kinds of links and connections, such as diffusion of norms, conflict of norms, regulatory convergence, judicial dialogue, and exchanges of best practices between institutional actors. They can be deliberate/explicit or incidental/implicit, thereby revealing the relative openness or closeness of one legal order to external norms and actors. The term ‘legal orders’ in this context includes sets of norms both within domestic jurisdictions and the law of supranational entities, regional organizations, as well as international law.

The theme of this conference covers interactions between the domestic, regional, and international legal orders. The organizers welcome submissions relating to a variety of international law fields, including, but not limited to, peace and security, environmental law, human rights law, health law, trade law, humanitarian law, criminal law, migration law and intersections across multiple fields.

**The organizers of the 2024 ESIL Research Forum invite the submission of papers on aspects of ‘Revisiting Interactions between Legal Orders’, including on the following themes:**

- International law between constitutionalism and pluralism
- International law in the EU and domestic legal orders
- Diffusion of legal norms and legal transplants
- Norm conflicts
- Judicial dialogue
- Extraterritoriality
- Transnational public interest litigation
- Interactions between international/transnational institutions

To apply, please submit an abstract of not more than 750 words to [esilrf24@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:esilrf24@ucy.ac.cy) by **30 September 2023**. Please include the following information with your abstract: your name, affiliation, email address, whether you are an ESIL member, plus a one-page curriculum vitae. Successful applicants will be notified by email by **15 December 2023**.

The organizers particularly encourage applications from under-represented groups within ESIL. In selecting abstracts, relevant factors will include the academic merit of the individual abstract and its fit with the theme of the Research Forum. The final decision will also be guided by our commitment to diversity, equality, and inclusion (see [ESIL statement](#)). Members who identify with under-represented groups within the Society are encouraged to apply.

Complete paper drafts will be required by **25 March 2024**, to be shared with the chair and discussant of the panel. Papers may in due course be published in the ESIL Conference Paper Series.

The 2024 Research Forum will be held in Nicosia, Cyprus, as an in-person event. Speakers whose abstracts have been selected will be expected to attend the Research Forum in Nicosia, even though online participation will also remain a possibility in exceptional cases. They will be expected to bear the costs of their own travel and accommodation. Some ESIL [travel grants](#) and [carers’ grants](#) will be available to offer partial financial support to speakers who have exhausted other potential sources of funding; new members who submit grant applications must have joined ESIL for the first time before the deadline of the Call for Papers. Further information on financial support will be distributed to speakers in due course.

All those who take part in the Forum are expected to be [ESIL members](#) at the time of their participation.

Speakers will be informed of hotels that offer preferential rates to Research Forum participants. Lunch will be provided on both days and a dinner (buffet reception) for conference participants will be hosted on the evening of Thursday 18 April 2024.