



Call for Expression of Interest IEL ESIL IG - Agora Panel Proposal for the ESIL Annual Conference 2024

The Adjudication of Foreign Investment Disputes within the Digital Economy

Vilnius, 05 and 06 September 2024

Submission deadline: 23 January 2024 (CET)

The ESIL Interest Group on International Economic Law is preparing an Agora panel proposal on "*The Adjudication of Foreign Investment Disputes within the Digital Economy*" for the ESIL Annual Conference 2024 in Vilnius, Lithuania. According to the rules set by the organizers, they will inform the IG by 31 March 2024 whether the Agora panel proposal will be included in the final program of the Conference.

The Agora aims to discuss the future of foreign investment dispute settlement in the context of technological change and the expansion of the digital economy. While it is true that the adjudication of foreign investment disputes in international law has been the subject of much debate about its legitimacy, there is still insufficient attention to the impact of various disruptive technologies. The challenge is twofold: On the one hand, there is a need to understand how the digital infrastructures of the global economy should be understood within the concepts of investment law introduced in international treaties. On the other hand, there is a need to understand how the development of new technologies is changing the legal craft used to adjudicate international and transnational investment disputes.

Submission procedure

Members of the IEL IG working on related topics are invited to express their interest in participating by filling out the following form: <https://forms.gle/rnmgNQVaWJJNUEv17>



Timeline

The deadline for expressing interest in the Agora panel proposal is **23 January 2024 (CET)**. We expect to inform successful applicants by 26 January 2024 if they will be part of the Proposal. The Conference organizers will confirm by 31 March 2024 whether the IG Agora proposal will be included in the final program.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us: Gustavo.Prieto@UGent.be; mfedorova@law.uni-kiel.de; marialauramarceddu@gmail.com; Patrick.Abel@eui.eu; a.a.marhold@law.leidenuniv.nl

Please consider that 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 funding sources.

Please see the [ESIL website](#) for all relevant information about the conference.

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