

Call for Papers

Gender, International Law and New Technologies

IG on Feminism and International Law Annual Workshop

19th ESIL Annual Conference “Technological Change and International Law”

4-6 September 2024 Vilnius, Lithuania

We welcome contributions that address how new technologies have impacted gender, both in positive and negative terms. We particularly welcome intersectional perspectives. The topics that can be explored include, but are not limited to the following themes:

- **Data Bias.** Here, the participants can consider the following topics: the impact of gender-related biases in data collection, AI protocols, and algorithmic decisions, and the channels of interaction with diverse areas of international law including international human rights and humanitarian law.
- **Gender-based violence in the digital era.** Some examples of the subtopics include: online harassment, cyberbullying, and other forms of digital gender-based violence have a strong impact on women. We can examine applicable legal frameworks under international law and test their efficacy.
- **Access to technology as a gender issue.** The participants can reflect on a number of issues, for example, how new technologies can assist in the promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment; obstacles and challenges relating to access to information and resources, access to services, training, financing etc. This issue can be considered from different angles, including the lens of human rights law and international economic law (for example, issues relating to gender and trade; women as entrepreneurs and workers; women as foreign investors).
- **New technologies and feminist litigation before international fora.** In this context, we are interested in the following question: do new technologies create new avenues and possibilities for feminist litigation, including through improved data collection and evidence production?

Date/time and location

Date: Wednesday 4th September 2024 (exact time tbc)

Location: Vilnius, in person and online

Selection

The aim of the Workshop is to foster an interdisciplinary exchange with leading experts from diverse disciplines and communities of practice.

ESIL selection criteria:

- Originality
- Methodology

- Relevance to the theme
- Geographical, gender and expertise balance

We aim to ensure balance between more senior scholars and early career researchers. The IG co-conveners will decide and inform submitters about the results by early May 2024.

How to Submit

Submission deadline: 29th April 2024

Please, email your CV and abstract in pdf (max 400 words) to: carolina@uma.es and KseniaPolonskaya@cunet.carleton.ca indicating in the object of your email “ESIL IG Feminism Call for Papers”. Do specify if you wish to present in person in Vilnius or online.

Programme

A detailed programme of the workshop will be circulated and published by the end of May 2024.

Early-Career Scholar Prize

Early career scholars may apply for the Early-Career Scholar Prize. The prize is awarded by the ESIL Board. Young scholars who may wish to apply for this prize should indicate this in their abstract submission, 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 30th April 2024.

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. We look forward to meeting you at our annual workshop!