



ESIL Interest Group ‘The EU as a Global Actor’

Pre-conference ESIL Interest Group Seminar/Workshop

“New Technologies in Border Management: Regional Approaches”

Vilnius University, 4 September 2024 [hybrid event]

– CALL FOR PAPERS –

The European Society of International Law (ESIL) Interest Group ‘The EU as a Global Actor’ (IG EUGLOBAL) organises a side event on **4 September 2024 (Wednesday)** in the framework of the 2024 ESIL Annual Conference hosted by Vilnius University in Vilnius, Lithuania.

The focus of the ESIL Annual Conference 2024 is centred on technology and technological change in international law, including regulatory regionalism. As the galloping pace of technological developments of our time have multifaceted ramifications for international law, they raise multiple pressing questions as to how new technology can be (justly and fairly) accommodated by the discipline – and (possibly): at what cost?

The IG EUGLOBAL will pick up this topic by zooming in on the question of using new technological solutions in managing borders – both with a view towards Europe, but likewise beyond, in other regions. Our understanding of ‘border management’ in this context is a broad one, encompassing all kinds of topics that feature a genuine link with the notions of border regimes and regulating border controls. Thus, we are particularly interested to gain insights into regional and tech-based, digital solutions and the way law grasps them; including, but not limited to, the following:

- What answers do the EU/other regional integration organizations have for the international community how international borders should be governed in the digital age?
- Technologically-driven solutions for registering/documenting border-crossings, including the identification of individuals in Europe and other regional settings: what role for international law?
- The role of technology-based solutions in border security/surveillance and possible ramifications for individual human rights: is there a ‘Brussels effect’?
- Regional (tech-based) innovations for conceptualizing border management: room for cross-fertilization?
- The role of AI in managing borders under EU law and in other regional settings
- Legislative and regulatory challenges in utilizing new technology for the purpose of border management: regulatory regionalism?

The IG EUGLOBAL invites submissions of abstracts, written in English or French, of no more than **600 words**. Applications should be submitted to euglobalactor@gmail.com by **25 April 2024 (Thursday) 24:00h CET**, with a short curriculum vitae containing the author's name, institutional affiliation, contact information, and whether the applicant is an ESIL member. Selected speakers will be notified on **15 May 2024** via e-mail.

This will be a hybrid event. Note that the IG is unable to provide funding for travel and accommodation. Selected speakers will be expected to bear the costs of their own travel and accommodation. Please see the ESIL website for information about travel grants and carers' grants offered to ESIL members, which are available to offer partial financial support to speakers who have exhausted other potential sources of funding.

Please see the ESIL website for all relevant information about the 2024 ESIL Annual Conference in Vilnius.

All participants are required to register for the Annual Conference. There will be an option to register just to attend the IG workshops; however, all participants are warmly invited to attend the entire event.

The selected speakers have to send extended abstracts of up to 3000-3500 words, by **15 August 2024 (Thursday)** at the latest. These will be circulated amongst the panellists prior to the workshop. The IG EUGLOBAL convenors are keen to explore suitable ways to publish the papers after the workshop.

The IG EUGLOBAL Coordinating Committee:

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Selected speakers should indicate their interest in being considered for the ESIL Early-Career Scholar Prize, 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 30 April.