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## ESIL Board Candidates 2024

All members of the Society who have paid their 2024 membership fee by **26 August 2024** have the right to vote in the elections to be held during the General Assembly of the European Society of International Law held in Vilnius on **Friday, 6 September 2024**.

**Seven Board members** will be elected, and each member may vote for up to seven candidates.



# FREYA BAETENS

*(candidate for re-election)*

Freya Baetens is Professor of Public International Law at the Faculty of Law of Oxford University, and Research Director at the Oxford Human Rights Hub (Pembroke College). She is also affiliated with the Europa Institute (Faculty of Law, Leiden University) and the Department of Private Law (Faculty of Law, Oslo University).

As a Member of the Brussels Bar, she regularly acts as counsel or expert before domestic, regional and international courts and tribunals. She is listed on the EU Roster of Arbitrators and Trade & Sustainable Development (TSD) experts and the Panel of Arbitrators and Conciliators of the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), among other.

She is a general public international lawyer, with a particular interest in the law of treaties, responsibility of states and international organisations, privileges and immunities, law of the sea, human rights, WTO and investment law, energy law and sustainable development.

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Freya Baetens est professeur de droit international public à la Faculté de droit de l'Université d'Oxford et directrice de recherche à l'Oxford Human Rights Hub (Pembroke College). Elle est également affiliée à l'Institut Europa (Faculté de droit, Université de Leiden) et au Département de droit privé (Faculté de droit, Université d'Oslo).

Inscrite au Barreau de Bruxelles, elle intervient régulièrement en qualité de conseil ou d'expert devant les cours et tribunaux nationaux, régionaux et internationaux. Elle figure, entre autres, sur la liste des arbitres et des experts de l'UE en matière de commerce et de développement durable et sur le groupe d'arbitres et de conciliateurs du Centre international pour le règlement des différends relatifs aux investissements (CIRDI).

Elle est spécialisée en droit international public général, avec un intérêt particulier pour le droit des traités, la responsabilité des États et des organisations internationales, les privilèges et immunités, le droit de la mer, les droits de l'homme, l'OMC et le droit des investissements, le droit de l'énergie et le développement durable.

## Statement

Dear fellow ESIL members,

ESIL has been close to my heart throughout my academic career: I first became a member when I was a PhD fellow to meet colleagues, to listen to interesting presentations and to present my own research. I learned a lot from co-chairing the Interest Group on Business and Human Rights, and was absolutely delighted to be elected to the ESIL Board in 2020.

In addition to helping to organise the annual conferences and research fora, I have served, among other, as one of the coordinators of the ESIL Interest Groups and the ESIL Monograph Prize coordinator, but I would consider my main achievement to be the inauguration of the ESIL Collaborative Book Prize in 2022.

Much of the best work of many of us is published in the form of book chapters – part of an edited collection in the aftermath of a conference or joint research project. Yet for most book prizes only monographs are eligible. I thought it was high time splendid collaborative work was put in the spotlights and luckily my fellow ESIL Board members agreed.

Should I be re-elected, I have many ideas that I would like to realise in my second term on the Board, but just to mention three:

- **Enhancing the involvement of early career researchers:** I would like to develop ways to involve early career researchers more in ESIL, from offering practical assistance so they can participate in-person in ESIL events to content-focused support, for example to prepare their work for publication;
- **Incentivising joint research projects:** many of us are under increasing pressure to obtain external funding to conduct research projects so I would like to examine how ESIL could facilitate collaboration among its members to apply for research grants together;
- **Creating gateways into legal practice:** far more people obtain PhD degrees than there are university chairs available, but many universities would seem to offer little help to find alternative career paths. Equally, some mid-level or advanced scholars might be interested to diversify their workload by undertaking practical work, but might not quite know where to start. I would like to work together with actors from legal practice (law firms, but for example also international organisations and NGOs) to demonstrate the breadth of professional options for public international lawyers.

If you feel these topics are worth pursuing, I would be most grateful to receive your vote!

If you would like to discuss any of these ideas or you have additional thoughts, please don't hesitate to drop me an email at [Freya.baetens@law.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Freya.baetens@law.ox.ac.uk).

Many thanks for taking the time to read my statement!

Warm wishes,

Freya

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# GIULIO BARTOLINI

Full professor of international law at Roma Tre University, where I am also Director of the IHL Legal Clinic, and lecturer at the Geneva Academy. Director Centre for Studies and Research/Hague Academy (2024).

I appreciate collaborative activities, being: Editor-in-Chief *Yearbook of International Disaster Law* (Brill), Editor of *Questions of International Law*; editor of the volumes *A History of International Law in Italy* (OUP), *Routledge Handbook of HRs and Disasters*, and the forthcoming *Legal Clinics and International Law* (ESIL Series) and *International Law and Crises* (Hague Academy Centre Series); scientific coordinator *IFRC Disaster Law Database*.

I intertwine academia with practitioners' activities: Judge of the NATO Mission Appeals Tribunal; President IHL Committee, Italian Red Cross; Coordinator Italian MoD Military Manual on international law; Consultant Italian MFA Legal Service; Assistant ILC SR; or by engaging with humanitarian stakeholders through my clinic (ICRC; Geneva Call; IFRC; Amnesty; ELSC...).

Languages: English & French. Info: [LinkedIn](#)

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Professeur de droit international (Université Roma Tre), directeur de la clinique du DIH, enseignant à l'Académie de Genève. Directeur du Centre d'études et de recherche/Académie de La Haye (2024).

Je collabore comme directeur du *Yearbook of International Disaster Law* (Brill) et *Questions of International Law*, éditeur d'*A History of International Law in Italy* (OUP), *Routledge Handbook of HRs and Disasters* et bientôt *Legal Clinics and International Law* (ESIL Series) et *Droit international et crises* (Series Hague Academy Centre), et coordinateur de la base de données *Disaster Law* (FICR).

Je mêle travail académique et pratique : juge au Tribunal d'appel des missions de l'OTAN, président du Comité du DIH de la Croix-Rouge italienne, coordinateur du Manuel militaire de la Défense italienne, consultant des Affaires étrangères italiennes, assistant de l'ILC SR, collaborateur d'acteurs humanitaires par ma clinique (CICR, Appel de Genève, FICR, Amnesty, ELSC...).

Langues : Anglais et français. Info : [LinkedIn](#)

## Statement

Dear ESIL Members,

Our learned Society is a common heritage that welcomes scholars on an equal footing, and is committed to promoting inclusion, gender equality, and diverse academic perspectives while balancing the geographical identities of Europe's scientific communities.

This welcoming nature enables each of us to contribute to ESIL. I have had the privilege to organise ESIL-supported events – the most recent one on 'Legal Clinics and International Law', forming the basis for a book proposal accepted by the ESIL Series. Additionally, as a member since 2012, I have enjoyed speaking at annual conferences and in the dynamic Interest Groups.

ESIL is a collective success, and I wish to further enhance our Society in some areas where I hope to provide additional contributions:

- **Empowering Early Career Scholars:** ESIL could facilitate venues (online/Research Forums) for discussing topics such as research methodology, international law theories, and soft skills (presentations, writing abstracts/CVs, grants...). A database of PhD students could facilitate networking and transnational activities. For too many early career scholars, universities do not provide such opportunities, and ESIL could fill this gap by supporting its Committee. I would be glad to contribute through my experience: as a PhD student, I founded the annual meetings of Italian early career scholars, an experience later endorsed by the Italian Society of International Law, where I was the first young scholar on the Board. As a more senior scholar, I managed various editions of the 'PhD Networking Sessions' at The Hague Academy, discussing dissertations and methodologies with several PhD students, and sharing their enthusiasm and concerns.
- **Teaching:** Our vocation is to be professors, but we do not reflect enough on being teachers of international and EU law. Especially in time of permacrisis, a more engaging transmission of international law to new generations is crucial, as I have experienced through participatory approaches. In this area, ESIL could foster its 'Teaching Corner' with more interactive activities as workshops dedicated to non-traditional teaching models, including: moot courts and role-plays; legal clinics; using art, cinema, literature, music and technologies in teaching; flipped classroom, pedagogies...
- **Engagement with Practitioners and Civil Society:** ESIL should become more attractive to international law stakeholders, such as practitioners (staff of IOs, MFAs, NGOs, lawyers), to allow their perspectives to complement academia in a spirit of mutual enrichment, as I have experienced in my non-academic activities and pro bono scientific support provided to major NGOs and institutions.

Based on my collaborative approach and interest in projects requiring joint efforts (editor of legal journals and collective volumes, transnational projects, including non-traditional ones like OA databases), I aim to contribute to strengthening ESIL and its activities.

I hope to count on your support!

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# MACHIKO KANETAKE

Machiko Kanetake is an Associate Professor in Public International Law at Utrecht University. She is the Director of the Master's Programme in Public International Law in Utrecht. Her research interests lie at the intersection of security and human rights. She is also interested in interfaces between domestic and international law. She served as an editorial board member of the Leiden Journal of International Law. Machiko contributed to the ESIL as a Coordinating Committee member of the Interest Group on International Courts and Tribunals in 2018-2023. In addition, she co-organised the 2022 ESIL Annual Conference in Utrecht. Since 2022, she serves as a member of the ESIL's Diversity Advisory Body.

Machiko was previously a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Amsterdam. She has held visiting fellowships at the NYU School of Law and the Human Rights Program at Harvard Law School. She obtained her PhD degree from Kyoto University.

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Machiko Kanetake est professeure associée en de droit international public à l'Université d'Utrecht. Elle est directrice du programme de Master en droit international public à Utrecht. Le cœur de sa recherche se situe à l'intersection de la sécurité et des droits de l'homme. Elle s'intéresse également aux interfaces entre le droit national et international. Elle a été membre du comité de rédaction du Leiden Journal of International Law. Machiko a contribué à la SEDI en tant que membre du comité de coordination du groupe d'intérêt sur les cours et tribunaux internationaux en 2018-2023. De plus, elle a co-organisé la conférence annuelle de la SEDI 2022 à Utrecht. Depuis 2022, elle est membre du comité consultatif de la SEDI sur la diversité.

Machiko était auparavant chargée de recherche à l'Université d'Amsterdam. Elle a obtenu des bourses de visite à la NYU School of Law et au Human Rights Program de la Harvard Law School. Elle a obtenu son doctorat à l'Université de Kyoto.

## Statement

My candidacy builds on my demonstrated commitment to the ESIL. As a Board member, I would like to put an emphasis on the following three dimensions.

First, I am keen to facilitate the ESIL's commitment to diversity, equality, and inclusion. While the ESIL has the statement of principles to support diversity, equality, and inclusion, it requires constant efforts to understand steps that the ESIL should and can take in order to integrate the principles into the ESIL's activities. Since May 2022, I served as a member of the Diversity Advisory Body, which conducted a survey among ESIL members and provided a series of recommendations to the Board. As a Board member, I am interested in playing a role of liaison with the Diversity Advisory Body to assist its role within the Society. I would like to support participation from scholars and practitioners with diverse backgrounds by, for instance, increasing travel and carers' grants, enabling hybrid meetings, providing guidance to the selection of speakers, and engaging with outreach activities.

Second, I would like to support early career scholars and their initiatives within the Society. I believe that it is important to facilitate involvement of early career scholars in ESIL events, discussions, and governance, not only to support their career trajectory but also to maintain a variety of academic perspectives about international law and its scholarship. As a Coordinating Committee member for the ESIL IG on International Courts and Tribunals during 2018-2023, I have organised, together with other IG coordinators, several events, including a doctoral seminar during the Covid period, to bring together scholars from different career stages. As a Board member, I am committed to facilitating a safe academic environment for early career researchers to share their viewpoints and collaborate with other members.

Third, I am interested in strengthening the ESIL's support for the organisers of its major events. To host an annual conference and research forum is rewarding yet time-consuming. I was one of the main organisers of the 2022 Annual Conference in Utrecht on the theme 'In/Ex-clusiveness of International Law'. The experience of hosting the ESIL Annual Conference was such a privilege and I thoroughly enjoyed the process of developing the theme and programme and managing the practical aspects of receiving the guests. At the same time, I also felt that conference organisers could benefit more from the accumulation of past experiences. As a Board member, I am keen to explore ways to assist future organisers by way of, for instance, standardising certain processes of conference management and creating mechanisms of building experiences.

Overall, I am prepared to make the most of my experiences within the ESIL in order to support existing and future members and their collaborative potential.

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# PATRYK LABUDA

I am an assistant professor of international law and international relations at [Central European University](#) and a researcher on the '[Memocracy](#)' project at the Polish Academy of Sciences. Trilingual in Polish, French and English, I hold a PhD in international law from the Geneva Graduate Institute, and degrees in law and history from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań and Columbia Law School. I was previously an assistant professor of (international) criminal law at the University of Amsterdam, and have held positions at the New York University School of Law, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and University of Zurich. Specialized in international criminal law, public international law and legal history, I have 14 years of work and research experience in Africa. My [current focus](#) is on shifts in the global legal order and relations between the 'Global South' and 'Global East', especially Africa and Eastern Europe.

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Je suis assistant professeur en droit international et relations internationales à [l'Université d'Europe centrale](#) et chercheur dans le projet « [Mémocracy](#) » au sein de l'Académie polonaise des sciences. Parfaitement trilingue en polonais, français et anglais, je suis titulaire d'un doctorat en droit international de l'Institut de hautes études internationales et du développement à Genève, ainsi que de licences en droit et en histoire de l'Université Adam Mickiewicz à Poznań (Pologne) et de la Columbia Law School. J'étais auparavant professeur assistant de droit (international) pénal à l'Université d'Amsterdam et j'ai occupé des postes à la New York University School of Law, à la Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy et à l'Université de Zurich. Spécialisé en droit international pénal, droit international public et histoire du droit, j'ai travaillé et mené des recherches en Afrique durant 14 ans. Mes [recherches actuelles](#) se concentrent sur les changements dans l'ordre juridique mondial et les relations entre le « Sud global » et l'« Est global », en particulier l'Afrique et l'Europe orientale.

## **Statement**

An active member of the European Society of International Law since 2015, I have presented at three annual conferences and currently serve as a co-convenor of the ESIL Interest Group on Peace and Security. As a board member, I would have three priorities:

### ***Regional inclusion: between East-Central Europe and the Global South***

I would like to promote and extend ESIL's activities to East-Central Europe while building bridges with the Global South. Despite the Society's outreach efforts over the years, the participation rate of scholars from behind the former Iron Curtain remains below average, especially at annual conferences and research forums. Based at [Central European University](#), whose founding mission is to spread inclusion and democratic values to East-Central Europe, I would like to work with the Board's representatives to promote the Society's activities in the wider European region while drawing on my experience in Africa and connections to Global South academic institutions to build bridges with scholars from outside Europe.

### ***Increased engagement with early career academics***

Given the growing competition and pressure on early career academics, I would like to work with ESIL's Board to raise awareness of the realities of both the academic job market and opportunities in non-academic sector. The Society has made important advances in this area, notably through its [Early Career Network](#), which need to be promoted and complemented by further initiatives to take into account the changing environment for research and work in the coming decade.

### ***Increased public engagement, including through technology***

ESIL's activities have steadily grown over the years, but there is still room for improvement in the Society's outreach to the wider public, as reflected in the growing demand for international law expertise from academics with a longer-term view on contested legal questions in the last two years. Drawing on my work on [double standards in international law](#), I would aim to organize events and promote partnerships geared to exploring both emerging legal questions for experts as well as enhancing knowledge of international law among the wider public. To this end, I would use new IT opportunities (eg podcasts) and innovative outreach methods (eg pairing academics with non-legal experts like journalists) to enhance the ESIL's impact.

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# INGA MARTINKUTE

Dr Inga Martinkute teaches public international law and international dispute resolution at the Law Faculty of Vilnius University. She is an active member of the international community organising conferences, speaking about investment arbitration at academic events and building bridges between East and West.

Inga obtained her PhD at the National University of Singapore, where she focused on the interplay between national property regimes and international investment protection. She conceptualised the tensions in the investor-state dispute settlement as a conflict between the individualistic and communitarian understandings of property. Inga is currently working on her book “National Property Laws and International Law on Investment Protection”.

She is qualified in Lithuania and has been in private practice for more than twenty years. Inga is a member of the ICSID panel of arbitrators and is an arbitrator in cases administered under different arbitration rules.

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Dr Inga Martinkute enseigne le droit international public et le règlement des différends internationaux à la faculté de droit de l'Université de Vilnius. Elle est un membre actif de la communauté internationale, organisant des conférences, parlant d'arbitrage d'investissement lors d'événements universitaires et construisant des ponts entre l'Est et l'Ouest.

Inga a obtenu son doctorat à l'Université nationale de Singapour, où elle s'est concentrée sur l'interaction entre les régimes nationaux de propriété et la protection des investissements internationaux. Elle a conceptualisé les tensions dans le règlement des différends entre investisseurs et États comme un conflit entre les conceptions individualistes et communautaires de la propriété. Inga travaille actuellement sur son livre « National Property Laws and International Law on Investment Protection ».

Elle a obtenu son diplôme en Lituanie et exerce en pratique privée depuis plus de vingt ans. Inga est membre du groupe d'arbitres du CIRDI et arbitre dans des affaires administrées selon différents règlements d'arbitrage.

## **Statement**

My name is Inga Martinkute. I am running for the ESIL board.

I am Lithuanian, and I teach at Vilnius University Law Faculty. I have been actively involved in ESIL's activities for the last five years, including serving on the board for two years as a representative of the local organising team.

While on the board, my main focus was organising the annual conference in Vilnius; however, I also contributed to the ESIL newsletter and lecture series.

In my opinion, the main strength of ESIL is creating a community of international lawyers, connecting them, inspiring them, and celebrating and recognising their professional achievements in a collegial manner. While ESIL is great at what it does, there is always room for improvement and a need for inspiring future goals.

My commitment to the ESIL's mission is unwavering. I am ready to invest my time and effort into this organization, ensuring the continuity of its activities. I have personally benefited from the guidance and informal coaching of senior members, and I am eager to pay it forward to the new cohorts of members. I am determined to propel the organization forward, ensuring its relevance in our rapidly changing world.

My motto in professional life is “less bureaucracy and more efficiency.” So, my organisational suggestions are always oriented toward this goal, leaving more time for intellectual interaction and meaningful connections with others. While relieved from the conference organising duties, I could turn my attention to other areas of ESIL activities, bringing Eastern European perspective, creativity, and productivity to the table.

I am eager and honoured to be considered for reelection to the ESIL board. I am confident that I can be a valuable contributor, sharing my experience and insights to further the mission of ESIL.

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# ANA SALINAS DE FRÍAS

*(candidate for re-election)*

Ana Salinas de Frías (Málaga University, Spain; IIDH, Strasbourg; AEL, Florence; Centre for Research, The Hague Academy of International Law) is Full Professor of Public International Law at the University of Málaga; has authored a substantial number of publications; has been visiting professor at different universities (Latin America, North America and Europe); and co-operates with other academic institutions (ERA, Germany; Emirates Diplomatic Academy) or training programmes (HELP, EU, UNODC).

She is also consultant for different international organizations (Council of Europe, OSCE, UN, EU) and has advised foreign governments on compliance of domestic legislation with international human rights standards.

As President of the Spanish Society of International Law she is deeply involved in high profile academic events, having often been responsible of organizing high-level international conferences involving governmental representatives, academics and civil society.

She is currently Ad Hoc Judge of the ECtHR on behalf of Spain.

She has been actively involved in ESIL activities as a panellist, member of ESIL book prize jury or in ESIL research fora since 2006, and has been ultimately member of the Board during the last four years.

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Ana Salinas de Frías (Université de Málaga, Espagne; IIDH, Strasbourg; ADE, Florence; Centre de recherche, Académie de Droit International de La Haye) est professeur agrégée de Droit International Public à l'Université de Malaga; est auteur d'un nombre important de publications ; a été invitée en tant que professeur dans différentes universités (Amérique Latine, Amérique du Nord et Europe); et coopère avec d'autres institutions académiques (ERA, Allemagne; Académie diplomatique des Émirats) ou des programmes de formation (HELP, UE, ONUDC).

Elle est également consultante pour différentes organisations internationales (Conseil de l'Europe, OSCE, ONU, UE) et a conseillé des gouvernements étrangers sur la mise en conformité de la législation nationale par rapport aux normes internationales des droits de l'homme.

Elle est actuellement présidente de la Société Espagnole pour le Droit International et les Relations Internationales et est profondément impliquée dans des événements académiques importantes, ayant été responsable de l'organisation de conférences internationaux de haut niveau impliquant des représentants gouvernementaux, des membres de l'académie et la société civile.

A l'heure actuelle, Ana Salinas de Frías est juge ad hoc de la CEDH au nom d'Espagne.

Elle a été activement impliquée dans les activités de la SEDI en tant que panéliste, membre du jury du prix du livre de la SEDI ou dans les forums de recherche depuis 2006, et a été membre du Conseil de direction pour les dernières quatre années.

## **Statement**

A candidate to the ESIL Board must be wishful, enthusiastic, and committed, but she must also be aware of the type and amount of work that it involves.

I will contribute with a solid academic background, and a wide experience in managing academic institutions and organising scientific events. I will promote networking among associated members and will do my best to enhance constant contact with practitioners and non-academic partners, feeding bridges between both worlds. Having worked in the Council of Europe, or for the United Nations, the EU or the OSCE and presently as judge ad hoc in the ECtHR I offer my background and contacts to bolster the participation of practitioners in our Society, as well as reinforcing ESIL mentoring initiatives.

The Board is ESIL's heart, and I consider it a privilege to serve the Society. Thus, I commit myself to devote as much time as it is needed for the planning and implementation of ESIL's activities, including the potential celebration of the next ESIL annual conference -to be decided at Vilnius- in Málaga city. I have already been actively involved in these activities both at a general level (as speaker in the annual ESIL Conferences, as member of ESIL's book price jury, etc.) and in the Interest Groups, as well as being member of the ESIL Board during the last four years.

My experience as President of the Spanish Society of International Law leads me to propose a reinforcement of a not yet sufficiently explored field of ESIL activities: the connection with the national societies of international law, that should be fostered involving national associated members in ESIL activities, increasing ESIL's membership and our Society's visibility. Efforts should continue for reducing membership fees when associated members belong to ESIL and to their national societies of International Law. I have proposals to facilitate the setting up of consortiums and international research teams whenever a new International or EU financing calls are approved.

I would also humbly suggest ideas to improve ESIL's publishing policy, beyond the ESIL book series, that could be adapted to present day technologies. Perhaps the Board might involve more ESIL members in these tasks that are extremely time-consuming.

Let me remind that Spain is one of ESIL's biggest contributors in terms of associated members, and as the only potential native Spanish speaking member of the Board, I would also like to strengthen the relations of our Society with Latin American and African countries, as I have already done in 2023. In this regard having female voices from the South at the ESIL Board is also very relevant.

I am aware of the enthusiasm and generosity needed to develop all these goals with a realistic and executive mind and I would be happy and honoured to contribute with these ideas, that I've already fostered and other new ones to ESIL's Board work if you support my candidature again. Thank you.

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# SILVIA STEININGER

Silvia Steininger is a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Hertie School's Centre for Fundamental Rights Berlin and a Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law Heidelberg. She has been an inaugural member of the [ESIL Early-Career Network Co-Ordinating Committee](#) and is also in the Berlin 2025 Organizing Committee.

Her research focusses on international law, in particular interdisciplinary approaches, regional human rights, and international economic law, as well as the role of domestic, regional, and international courts. Silvia comes from an interdisciplinary background with degrees in political science and law, has lectured international law in Germany, France, the Netherlands and Poland, and held visiting positions at research centres in Italy, Denmark, Luxembourg, and the Czech Republic. She is a first-generation university graduate from a German-Romanian family and has a social media-famous dog.

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Silvia Steininger est chercheuse postdoctorale au la Hertie School Berlin Centre for Fundamental Rights et chercheuse principale au Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law à Heidelberg. Elle a été l'un des premiers membres du comité de coordination du réseau de début de carrière de la SEDI et fait également partie du comité d'organisation de Berlin 2025.

Ses recherches portent sur le droit international, en particulier les approches interdisciplinaires, les droits de l'homme régionaux et le droit économique international, ainsi que sur le rôle des tribunaux nationaux, régionaux et internationaux. Elle a enseigné le droit international en Allemagne, en France, aux Pays-Bas et en Pologne, et a occupé des postes de visite dans des centres de recherche en Italie, au Danemark, au Luxembourg et en République tchèque. Elle est diplômée universitaire de première génération, issue d'une famille germano-roumaine, et a un chien célèbre sur les réseaux sociaux.

## Statement

**My engagement in ESIL:** I first got involved in ESIL at the Research Forum 2018 in Jerusalem, in my first year of PhD and one of the first times of presenting my research on regional human rights courts in times of backlash. Since then, I have greatly enjoyed finding a welcoming and inclusive community of international lawyers at ESIL. I have been active in various ESIL fora, from presenting in IG meetings, co-establishing the Early-Career Network in RF Glasgow 2022, to serving in the Early-Career Co-Ordinating Committee since AC Utrecht 2022. In this capacity, I took the lead in establishing the “Early-Career Drinks”, the ESIL Early-Career Mentoring Programme, and social media outreach. I was also involved in consulting on an anti-harassment strategy for ESIL and am now excited to support the organization of the 2025 AC in Berlin.

As a Board member, my main aim would be to build on those themes and contribute to activities that focus on **community, inclusivity, and outreach** in times when not only international law, but also international lawyers, are increasingly under attack.

I deeply believe in community as a central element of academic life. Our pluralism is a major strength. Building links and networks that bring together all members of the Society across generational, regional, and national divides is my goal, which has led to the establishment of the ESIL mentoring program. To do so successfully, we have to work on creating not only spaces of interaction but also have to continuously strive for making those spaces more inclusive and free from all forms of discrimination.

As an Early-Career representative, I have advocated for the interests of junior members of the Society together with many senior members of the Society. In the future, I am particularly interested in expanding this by working on a code of conduct for ESIL activities, establish an Ombudsperson for in person activities, and look for ways to accommodate the divergent needs of all members, including persons with disabilities, caring obligations, and neurodiversity.

Ultimately, the struggle over international law, its meaning, and normative commitments in times of massive violence also reverberates in our Society. While the last decade has seen a push towards international lawyers being more engaged in public outreach, we currently observe a significant backlash, often targeting already marginalized members of our community. Best practices on how to improve outreach to the public, defend academic freedom, and provide support in situations of harassment and (online) hate are not unique to ESIL but should be explored in collaboration with other learned societies.

For comments and discussions, I would be delighted to connect in Berlin, Vilnius, per E-Mail, or on Twitter/X ☺

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# KATALIN SULYOK

Dr. Katalin Sulyok is Assistant Professor in International Law at ELTE Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. Dr Sulyok holds a Ph.D. in international law, a B.Sc. in Biology and an LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School. Her English-language PhD thesis regarding the use of scientific knowledge in international environmental adjudication was awarded the Wheaton Prize by the Institut de Droit international and was published as a monograph by Cambridge University Press in 2021 entitled “Science and Judicial Reasoning – The Legitimacy of International Environmental Adjudication”. Dr Sulyok is legal advisor in domestic and international climate litigation cases, and the chair of the Climate Crisis and Human Rights Working Group of ENNHRI (European Network of National Human Rights Institutions), which was an oral intervener in *KlimaSeniorinnen* and *Duarte* cases before the ECtHR. Her research interest lies in the interdisciplinary interaction between international environmental law and climate law and science and technology.

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Katalin Sulyok est professeur adjoint de droit international à l'université ELTE Eötvös Loránd de Budapest. Mme Sulyok est titulaire d'un doctorat en droit international, d'une licence en biologie et d'un master en droit de la Harvard Law School. Sa thèse de doctorat en anglais sur l'utilisation des connaissances scientifiques dans les décisions internationales en matière d'environnement a reçu le prix Wheaton de l'Institut de droit international et a été publiée sous forme de monographie par Cambridge University Press en 2021 sous le titre "Science and Judicial Reasoning - The Legitimacy of International Environmental Adjudication" (Science et raisonnement judiciaire - la légitimité des décisions internationales en matière d'environnement). Mme Sulyok est conseillère juridique dans des affaires de litiges climatiques nationaux et internationaux, et présidente du groupe de travail sur la crise climatique et les droits de l'homme de l'ENNHRI (Réseau Européen des Institutions Nationales des Droits de L'homme), qui est intervenue oralement dans les affaires *KlimaSeniorinnen* et *Duarte* devant la Cour Européenne des Droits de L'homme. Ses recherches portent sur l'interaction interdisciplinaire entre le droit international de l'environnement, le droit du climat et la science et la technologie.

## Statement

My name is Katalin Sulyok, I am an Assistant Professor in International Law at ELTE University, in Budapest (Hungary). I completed my primary legal education in Hungary and earned my LL.M. degree at Harvard Law School as a Fulbright Scholar. In addition to my PhD and habilitation in international law, I also obtained a bachelor's degree in biology. My primary field of interest lies in environmental law and climate law, and my work focuses on intersecting areas of science, technology, and international law.

I have been a member of the Society since 2016. I was a speaker at the ESIL Research Forum and this year I am speaking at an Agora of the Annual Conference. Moreover, in 2018, I was a local organizer of the ESIL-ELTE Joint Event on the primary importance of secondary rules of international law, and authored a chapter in the written outcome of the workshop, which was published in the ESIL Book Series.

I think of ESIL as a community, which makes the invisible college of international lawyers visible. The Society allows us to forge real life connections with colleagues from all over the world, this is why I see great added value in organizing in-person events whenever feasible. I view the Society also as an influential forum to combine valuable traditions with new ideas.

Due to my dual background in law and natural sciences, my research interests mainly cover environmental law, climate law, and the adjudication of scientific disputes. I am particularly interested in understanding how traditional doctrines of international law interact with natural sciences, and the ways in which techno-scientific progress re-opens and informs old debates.

As an ESIL board member, I would like to put more emphasis on catalysing transdisciplinary research by supporting joint events and publication opportunities on such matters.

I believe that interdisciplinary encounters between international law and other disciplines are becoming more widespread also outside environmental law, and that these questions drive a highly interesting research agenda, which we could strengthen within the Society by creating new dedicated spaces for such research.

As a board member, I would like to support such activities in every possible way.

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# CHRISTIAN TAMS

(candidate for re-election)

I am a professor of international law at the University of Glasgow and at the *Ecole de Droit de la Sorbonne* in Paris. I teach and write on international law, with a focus on dispute settlement, responsibility and investment protection. I also practice international law, advising States and other actors in international litigation. (See [here](#) for more.)

I have been involved with ESIL for many years, including as a speaker at ESIL events, as a member of prize juries, as mentor for early-career researchers, and as editor of the ESIL-OUP book series. In 2022, my colleagues and I welcomed over 100 participants during the ESIL Research Forum held in sunny (!) Glasgow.

ESIL's members elected me to the Board in 2020 and, since 2022, I serve as one of the Society's Vice-Presidents.

I am a German national (born in 1973), married to Ina, and a proud father of two daughters.

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Je suis professeur de droit international à l'Université de Glasgow et à l'École de Droit de la Sorbonne à Paris. Auteur de nombreuses publications (notamment dans les domaines du règlement des différends, la responsabilité internationale et la protection des investissements), j'interviens régulièrement dans des affaires contentieuses devant les cours et tribunaux internationaux. (Voir [ici](#) pour plus d'information).

Je m'engage passionnément dans notre Société depuis des années en intervenant lors des conférences de la SEDI, en contribuant aux différents jurys des prix de la Société, et en étant un mentor pour les jeunes chercheurs. Je suis aussi le directeur de la collection des ouvrages de la SEDI publiée par *Oxford University Press*. En 2022, mes collègues et moi-même ont accueilli plus que 100 participants pour le Forum de Recherche de la SEDI, sous le soleil radieux (!) de Glasgow.

Les membres de la Société m'ont élu au Comité de la SEDI en 2020. Depuis 2022, je suis l'un des vice-présidents de la Société.

Je suis de nationalité allemande (né en 1973), marié à Ina et l'heureux père de deux filles.

## Statement

I am asking for your vote to be re-elected to the ESIL Board for a second and final mandate. To serve on the Board since 2020 has been fun, often hard work, but above all, a real privilege. It has given me a good sense of ESIL's strengths, and ideas of where more work is needed.

If re-elected, I would seek to contribute to ESIL's continued success in three areas in particular:

Broadening membership: ESIL is primarily an academic society, and it is exciting for that. But it means that we do not always fully grasp how international lawyers from outside academia view and experience international law — among them practitioners in NGOs and law firms and civil servants in governments and international institutions. If re-elected, I would push for ESIL to reach out to these groups so that they can find a place in the Society and enrich our debates.

Stronger links with other European institutions: Much work on international law takes place in institutions based in Europe (international courts, commissions, UN bodies etc.). If re-elected, I would encourage ESIL to develop stronger links with these institutions, e.g. by reviving the tradition of joint events and creating internship schemes for the benefit of ESIL members. I would see these as first steps towards establishing networks that help enhance the resilience of international law as it faces novel threats.

Expanded support for early-career researchers: ECRs play a bigger role in ESIL than in many other learned societies in the legal field. This makes ESIL exciting and vibrant. The work of the ECR network, established in 2022, has re-invigorated our Society. If re-elected, I would work with the Network's Coordinating Committee to strengthen ESIL's focus on ECRs. Alongside structured mentoring schemes (trialled successfully in 2023-24), I hope that ESIL, guided by the ECR Network, will establish special events for doctoral researchers, facilitate ESIL-sponsored internships with international institutions and expand support towards conference attendance.

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ESIL was founded twenty years ago, in 2004. Its first two decades have been a remarkable journey. I would be honoured to serve on the Board as our Society enters its third decade. Please email me with your thoughts and ideas for ESIL — I am excited to hear from you at [christian.tams@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:christian.tams@glasgow.ac.uk) or on X/twitter (@cjtams).

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# NICHOLAS TSAGOURIAS

I am Professor of International Law at the University of Sheffield and former director of the Sheffield Centre for International and European Law (SCIEL). I am also Visiting Professor at the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA), Sciences Po. Before coming to Sheffield, I was Professor of International Law and Security at the University of Glasgow. I held a number of visiting posts in Europe and the USA. In 2016, I was Senior Research Fellow at the Naval War College, USA. I am ESIL member since 2001 and for four years I acted as convenor of the ESIL Interest Group on Peace and Security. My main research interests are in the areas of international law and security, humanitarian law, UN Law, peacekeeping, theory of law, and cyber security. I am widely published in these fields. I sit on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Conflict and Security Law* and the *Journal of the Use of Force and International Law*. My profile and publications can be accessed at <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/law/people/law-academic-staff/nicholas-tsagourias>

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Professeur de droit international à l'Université de Sheffield et ancien directeur du Sheffield Center for International and European Law (SCIEL), je suis aussi professeur invité à Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) (Sciences Po, Paris). J'ai également occupé plusieurs postes en Europe et aux États-Unis. En 2016, j'ai ainsi été chercheur principal au *Naval War College* aux États-Unis. Je suis membre de l'ESIL depuis 2001 et pendant quatre ans j'étais coordinateur du groupe d'intérêt de l'ESIL sur la paix et la sécurité. Mes principaux domaines de recherche portent sur le droit international et l'emploi de la force, le droit humanitaire, le droit des Nations Unies, le maintien de la paix, la théorie du droit et la cyber-sécurité, domaines où j'ai largement publié. Je suis membre du comité de rédaction du *Journal of Conflict and Security Law* et du *Journal of the Use of Force and International Law*. Mon profil et mes publications sont accessibles à l'adresse suivante : <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/law/people/law-academic-staff/nicholas-tsagourias>

## Statement

I am Professor of International Law at the University of Sheffield and former Director of the Sheffield Centre for International and European Law. I am Visiting Professor at the Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po and held a number of visiting posts in Europe and the USA. I am a generalist international lawyer but have specialist interests in international law and the use of force, international humanitarian law, UN law, peacekeeping, theory of law, and cyber security. I am widely published in these fields. Among my recent publications are the books: *The Changing Character of International Dispute Settlement* (CUP, 2023 with Russell Buchan and Daniel Franchini); *International Humanitarian Law: Cases, Materials, and Commentary* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed, CUP, 2023 with Lt Col Alasdair Morrison); *Regulating the Use of Force in International Law: Stability and Change* (Elgar, 2021 with Russell Buchan); *Research Methods in International Law: A Handbook*, (Elgar, 2021 with Rossana Deplano); *Research Handbook on International Law and Cyberspace*, (2<sup>nd</sup> ed, Elgar, 2021 with Russell Buchan) and the forthcoming book *The Peaceful Settlement of Cyber Disputes* (Hart 2024).

I am ESIL member since its creation in 2001 and have actively participated in its activities by presenting papers, convening panels, publishing in ESIL Reflections. I was for four years a convenor of the ESIL Interest Group on Peace and Security and in this role I have organised a number of agorae and research events during ESIL's annual meetings or Research Fora but also other workshops, conferences and book presentations. These events were well-attended and brought together early career and more established colleagues. They led to publications in refereed journals such as the 2020 Heidelberg Journal of International Law (ZaöRV) which published papers on the rule of law in cyberspace presented at the ESIL Research Forum in Göttingen. Papers from a workshop I organised on COVID were published in the ESIL Reflections. As convenor, I have also established links with ASIL's Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict and organised in 2021 a conference on partnered operations in Rome with the La Sapienza University. Papers were published in a special issue of the Journal of Conflict and Security Law in 2022.

I am standing in order to work with Board members to attain ESIL's goals but also deepen ongoing activities and initiatives to facilitate the exchange of ideas, support the career development of ESIL members, reach out to scholars outside Europe, and make important interventions to the international law debates. I will more specifically seek to build stronger links with other regional international law societies for the coproduction of events and for knowledge exchanges. I would seek to enhance the use of social media and other communication technologies to disseminate and communicate events, activities and research but also make interventions to current debates. I will seek to secure funding and operate a programme of scholarships and fellowships to provide the opportunity to researchers to work at partnered institutions.

I believe strongly in ESIL's potential to promote the international rule of law and influence debates in these uncertain years and it will be my honour to work to this end as Board member.

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