



Call for abstracts

Reconstructing International Energy Law in Times of Crisis

Pre-Conference Workshop of the Interest Group on Energy and International Law

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The global energy landscape is undergoing profound transformations due to multiple crises, including climate change, energy security challenges, geopolitical tensions, and technological disruptions. These crises demand a rethinking of international energy law to ensure that it remains relevant, effective, and adaptable to new realities. This workshop seeks to explore how international energy law can be reconstructed to address these interconnected crises while balancing the need for energy security, sustainability, and justice.

The session will provide a platform for scholars and practitioners to discuss innovative approaches, legal frameworks, and governance mechanisms that can help international energy law evolve in response to contemporary challenges.

We invite submissions on the following, non-exhaustive list of topics related to the conference theme:

- The role of international law in addressing the climate-energy nexus.
- The impact of geopolitical crises (e.g., energy conflicts, energy transitions) on international energy law.
- Legal frameworks for ensuring energy security and sustainable development in times of crisis.
- The role of international dispute resolution mechanisms in energy-related crises.
- Energy transition and the legal dimensions of decarbonization.

- The evolving role of international organizations in shaping global energy governance.
- Emerging issues in energy investment law during periods of instability.

Submission Guidelines

Submissions are welcome from scholars and practitioners, across disciplines and career stages.

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words and must be submitted by **Friday 25 April**. Please include a brief biography (max. 150 words) along with your abstract, highlighting your relevant research or experience in the field.

Abstracts will be evaluated based on their relevance to the theme of the workshop, originality, clarity, and contribution to ongoing debates in the field of international energy law.

Successful applicants will be notified by Friday, 9 May. Submissions and inquiries should be directed to: elena.cima@unige.ch

We look forward to welcoming participants in person for this workshop, which will be held onsite in Berlin. Before you submit an abstract proposal to us, please ensure that you are able to travel to Berlin.

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 sources of funding.

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

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

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.