



Reconstructing the Advisory Function of International Courts and Tribunals?

Pre-conference workshop

ESIL IG on International Court and Tribunals

Thursday 11 September 2025

09:00-12:00

Each panel will involve presentations of 10 minutes per paper followed by questions and discussion.

09:00-09:05 Opening

Michael Becker (Trinity College Dublin)

09:05-09:55 Panel 1: Narratives and Storytelling

Moderator: *Yusra Suedi (University of Manchester)*

Johanna Ritter (Radboud University Nijmegen): The International Court of Justice as storyteller: The potential of the world court's advisory opinions as mental compass in times of global challenges

Letizia Lo Giacco (Leiden University): Coping with Historical Injustices: The Remedial Role of Advisory Proceedings in the International Community

G Mahith Vidyasagar (SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai): Advisory Jurisdiction as Epistemic Resistance: Reconstructing the Judicial Role in a Post-Hegemonic Legal Order

10:00-10:50 Panel 2: Procedural Issues and the Advisory Function

Moderator: *James Devaney (University of Glasgow)*

Alice Bertram (Leuphana University Lüneburg): Potential and Pitfalls of the Advisory Function under the BBNJ Agreement

Jianping Guo (Xi'an Jiaotong University) and Brian McGarry (Leiden University): Bespoke Approaches to Scientific Expertise in International Advisory Proceedings: Is Harmony inevitable?

Mikołaj Gapsa (University of Łódź): Re-Examining Provisional Measures in Advisory Proceedings

11:00-11:50 Panel 3: Output and Aftermath

Moderator: *Sarah Thin (Radboud University Nijmegen)*

Andrea Maria Pelliconi (University of Southampton): Between Legal Principles and Geopolitical Realities: Reflecting on the Legacy of the ICJ's Western Sahara Opinion

Robert Stendel (Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law) and Alexander Wentker (University of Potsdam and Humboldt-University Berlin; Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law): Eroding the Consent Principle? Findings in Advisory Opinions as 'Givens' in Contentious Cases

Dobrosława C. Budzianowska (University of Wrocław): Between Dialogue and Dissent: The Reception of Advisory Opinions by Domestic and Regional Courts

11:50-12:00 Closing

Veronica Botticelli (Università degli Studi di Milano)

Convenors of the Interest Group on International Courts and Tribunals:

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