



THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VICTIMHOOD IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

**Pre-Conference Workshop of the Interest Group on International Human Rights Law
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**2025 ESIL Annual Conference on “Reconstructing International Law”
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Programme

Thursday 11 September from 09:00 to 12:00 CEST

1st PANEL

**Chair: Otto Spijkers
09.00-10.15**

1. Betül Durmuş, *Setting a New Paradigm? ‘Relational Victimhood’ before the UN Treaty Bodies*
2. Flore Heinrich, *Victims’ Status in International Human Rights Law: Towards an Evolution of Its Legal Recognition*
3. Heidi Gilchrist, *Victimhood and The ‘Innocent’ Civilian*
4. Sol Meckievi & Gastón Medici-Colombo, *‘Climate Victimhood’ under The Inter-American Human Rights System*

BREAK

10.15-10.35

2nd PANEL

**Chair: Betül Durmuş
10.35-11.50**

5. Meredith Elizalde, Kempis Songster, and Rachel López, *Restoring Justice*
6. Nina Bries Silva, *Territory As A Victim, Reshaping Victimhood From Nasa Indigenous Territories*

7. Tamar Luster, *Unseeing Deprivation Victimhood: Rethinking International Human Rights*
8. Anastasiia Zhuravel, *The Trilemma of Aggression Victimhood: Reconciling IHL, Human Rights, and Jus ad Bellum*

CONCLUDING REMARKS

11.50-12.00

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