



International Economic Law Interest Group

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Workshop of the ESIL IEL IG

Side-event to the 2025 ESIL Annual Conference

Wednesday 10 September 2025

(15:00 – 18.00 CEST time)

Law Faculty, FU Berlin (Boltzmannstr. 3) - room TBD

Reconstructing International Economic Law

Onsite event – Registration required

If you are interested in attending the workshop, please register on the ESIL 25 website:

<https://www.esil2025.de/>

Programme

h. 15:00-15:40

Opening remarks: Ines Willems (Stanford University) & Carlo de Stefano (Roma Tre University)

Keynote: Giorgio Sacerdoti (Bocconi University)

What Role for Rule-based Adjudication of International Economic Disputes in a Fragmented World?

Chair: Carlo de Stefano (Roma Tre University)

h. 15:45 – 16:45

SESSION 1. Reconstructing Investment Arbitration

Chair: *Gustavo Prieto (FWO - Ghent University)*

- Nicola Strain (University of Oslo)
The Disputed Values of International Economic Law: Unpacking the Political and Sociological Factors of Arbitral Discretion
- Prabhash Ranjan (O.P. Jindal Global University)
Reconstruction of International Investment Law through Re-Legalization
- Melis Irem Kirkdisceoglu (University of Nottingham)
The White Shadow of International Investment Law – Systemic Reform, a Shadow-Chasing Light?
- Manu Misra (University of Exeter)
The Enforcement Paradox: Rethinking State Compliance and Justice in International Investment Governance

h. 16:55 – 17:55

SESSION 2. Reconstructing International Trade Law

Chair: *Patrick Abel (University of Innsbruck)*

- Geraldo Vidigal (University of Amsterdam)
The Great Trade Rearmament: Deconstructive and (Re)constructive Unilateralism in the International Trade Regime
- Łukasz Gruszczyński (Kozminski University)
The Shifting Sands of Global Trade: Reassessing the WTO in an Era of Geopolitical Rivalry
- Tamara Grigoras and Shpresa Salihu (University of Fribourg)
Why Are We Getting It All Wrong? Rethinking the Role of Free Trade Agreements in the Protection of the Global Environment
- Isha Das (University of Passau)
From Rare to Regulated: Reconstructing WTO Law for Trade and Sustainability in the Age of Critical Minerals Hegemonies

Concluding Remarks: *Maria Laura Marceddu (ECIGL, Edinburgh)*

Convenors

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