

Annual Report 2025 Interest Group on Feminism and International Law

European Society of International Law (ESIL)

The Interest Group (IG) on Feminism and International Law has had an active year, marked by a successful workshop at the ESIL Annual Conference in Berlin, regular committee meetings, and efforts to strengthen the visibility and internal functioning of the group. This year also marked a transition within the Coordinating Committee, with the incorporation of two new members, which required dedicated work to ensure continuity and good governance.

Activities

- **Pre-conference Workshop (Berlin, 10 September 2025)**

The IG organized its main annual activity during the ESIL Annual Conference in Berlin. The workshop, entitled “*Feminist Visions for Reconstructing International Law*”, gathered early-career and senior scholars to present innovative feminist critiques and reconceptualizations of international law.

The program included two thematic panels:

- *Reconstructing international norms & institutions* (Chair: Dr. Maria Panezi)
- *Revisiting the practice & foundations of international law* (Chair: Dr. Anna Ventouratou)

Speakers presented on topics ranging from feminist critiques of international economic law and tax regimes to reproductive justice in human rights courts, to feminist approaches to treaty interpretation and sovereignty. The workshop was well attended and fostered rich debate.

- **Internal Meetings**

The Coordinating Committee held **four online meetings** throughout the year to plan activities, coordinate logistics, and discuss future projects. Given the renewal of the committee, with the appointment of two new members (Cristina Zamora Gómez and Anna Ventouratou), part of the work focused on ensuring smooth transition and continuity in the group’s administration.

- **Website Update**

The IG website was updated to reflect the new composition of the Coordinating Committee and to provide better access to information on past and future events.

Future Plans:

The Coordinating Committee aims to consolidate the IG as a platform for critical feminist scholarship and collaboration. In addition we are considering a number of activities for the following year, including:

- **Podcast** led by *Ksenia Polonskaya*, to create a new channel of outreach and dissemination.
- **Book Launch** coordinated by *Delaney Stymiest-Losier* and *Maria Panezi*.
- **Blog “Feminist Reflections”**: revival of the blog section, starting with a post on the latest CJEU rulings on “gender persecution” of refugee women (by *Cristina Zamora Gómez*).

These initiatives will expand the group's visibility, foster dialogue among members, and strengthen engagement with broader academic and activist communities.

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