



**2026 ESIL Research Forum  
International Economic Law Interest Group Workshop**

**Call for abstracts - deadline 15 January 2026 (23:59 CET)**

## **Sustainability of Global Economic Governance**

The Interest Group on International Economic Law is organizing an online workshop for early-career scholars on the sustainability of global economic governance in the context of the 2026 ESIL Research Forum, to be hosted by the Jagiellonian University in Kraków. The workshop will take place online on Tuesday 7 April 2026, from 14:00 to 16:00 CET.

### **Theme of the workshop**

The accelerating transformation of the global economy, driven by digitalization, decarbonization, and shifting geopolitical alliances, poses fundamental questions for international economic law (IEL). Can the legal architecture governing trade, investment, and international finance sustain stability while enabling adaptation to these rapid changes? How can IEL contribute to the goal of sustainable development, balancing economic growth with social inclusion and environmental protection?

This workshop invites papers that explore the role of IEL in reconciling stability and change within global economic governance or that address the challenges posed by domestic sustainability efforts. We welcome both doctrinal and interdisciplinary contributions on topics such as, but not limited to, the following:

- The resilience and adaptability of trade and investment regimes in the face of technological and ecological transformations;
- The balance between economic liberalization and sustainability goals, including the integration of environmental and social considerations into trade and investment disciplines;
- The implications of shifting power dynamics and domestic economic policies for multilateralism, regionalism, and global economic order;
- International economic law and the protection of climate-vulnerable economies;
- The future of subsidies, industrial policy, and strategic autonomy in sustainable globalization;
- Sustainable finance and the transformation of the global financial architecture.

## **Submission of abstracts and timeline**

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **15 January 2026 (23:59 CET)**.

Abstracts may be submitted in English or French. Submissions must not exceed 400 words, and should be submitted through this form:

<https://forms.gle/Su7VGH8BXJLqf3Y57>

The following information must be provided with the abstract:

- The author's name and affiliation
- A short biographical note of maximum 300 words
- The author's contact details, including email address and phone number
- Whether the author is an ESIL member
- Confirmation that the author is an early-career scholar (see [eligibility conditions](#) on the ESIL website).

Authors of selected abstracts will be notified by **3 February 2026**. Authors of accepted abstracts are invited to submit a draft paper by **30 March 2026**. The draft papers will be circulated among the workshop participants.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [esilielig@gmail.com](mailto:esilielig@gmail.com).

Please see the [2026 ESIL Research Forum website](#) for all relevant information about the Research Forum.

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