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ESIL Interest Group 'The EU as a Global Actor'

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ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

09/2024 – 09/2025

11/2024

Joint Colloquium: The EU as an (Imperfect) Global Actor in Search and Rescue (SAR) at Sea? – EU (in)Action in Troubled Waters [online]

The ESIL Interest Group 'The EU as a Global Actor' (IG EUGLOBAL), in partnership with the Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law (IG MigRefLaw), organised an online workshop on 7 November 2024 (Thursday) titled "The EU as an (Imperfect) Global Actor in Search and Rescue at Sea? – EU (in)Action in Troubled Waters".

The event addressed various facets of search and rescue (SAR) of people in distress at sea. The topic lies at the intersections of various branches of international law and EU law, such as human rights law, migration/refugee law, law of the sea, and international criminal law.

09/2025

2025 ESIL Annual Conference on "Reconstructing International Law", Berlin.

EUGLOBAL held a pre-conference event titled “Regional Legal Craftsmanship: The EU’s Aspirations in (Re)Constructing International Law?” on 11 September 2025.

Speakers were:

Péter BUDAI (ELTE University of Budapest): Not so Unique Legal Order after all: Planting the Seed of a Fundamental Rights Regime and the Expansion of Powers of the European Union

Attila NAGY (Friedrich Schiller University of Jena): The EU’s Aspirations in (Re)Constructing International Law with Soft Law Agreements

Veronika YEFREMOVA (University of Leiden): The Impact of EU Law on Private Arbitration: Lessons Learned and Ways Forward

Discussants were Melanie FINK, Raphael OIDTMANN and Tamás MOLNÁR

09/2025

Webinar: The ICJ Advisory Opinion on Occupied Palestinian Territory and the European Union: Legal Reflections

The ESIL Interest Group ‘The EU as a Global Actor’ (IG EUGLOBAL), in partnership with the University of Groningen and The City Law School City St George’s, University of London, organised a hybrid workshop on 29 September 2025 on “The ICJ Advisory Opinion on Occupied Palestinian Territory and the European Union: Legal Reflections”.

The webinar examined the legal implications of the International Court of Justice’s 2024 Advisory Opinion for the European Union. It focused on the ‘*Expert Legal Opinion on the Implications for the European Union of the July 2024 International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion regarding the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory*’ by Professors Gleider Hernández and Ramses A. Wessel. The discussion explored the EU’s obligations under international law in relation to occupied territories and the potential consequences for EU policy and action.