



ESIL–SLADI Junior Faculty Forum, October 2026

Call for papers

Introduction

The European Society of International Law ('ESIL') and the Latin American Society of International Law (*Sociedad Latinoamericana de Derecho Internacional*, 'SLADI') are delighted to announce a joint event, in the form of a collaborative Junior Faculty Forum to be held at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, provisionally scheduled on 7 to 9 October 2026.

The ESIL-SLADI Forum will bring together a limited group of postdoctoral researchers or early-career faculty, who are members either of SLADI or of ESIL, for an intensive scholarly exchange over two days. The purpose of the Forum is to encourage and to facilitate interregional scholarly exchange within the field of international law, to support early-career academics, and to foster long-term networks and collaboration. Scholars will be selected to present their work in person before an audience of their peers, as well as more established experts, and will receive feedback in a highly participatory format.

Papers on all areas or fields of international law are welcomed. Particular attention will be given to proposals that address issues in keeping with the SLADI-ESIL collaboration, such as inter-regional interaction within international law, or sectoral questions relating to the relationship between Europe and Latin America.

For each paper, an established SLADI or ESIL member will serve as a Discussant, and will provide direct feedback followed by general discussion by all participants in the Forum. The intention is to create an environment of sustained exchange and feedback that can help to improve the submitted paper for eventual publication. Accordingly, participants will also be expected carefully to read and to pose questions to all participants in the Forum.

Following the Forum, it is expected that participants revise their paper for publication in the *ESIL Proceedings*, which does not exclude the possibility of publication elsewhere.

Eligibility

The ESIL-SLADI Junior Faculty Forum will gather up to eight participating scholars to present their work. All ESIL and SLADI members in good standing (having paid their membership dues required by their learned society) are eligible to submit an abstract for the call, including those who are members of both societies. Applicants may of course be a member of both learned societies.

Given the focus of the Forum, we welcome applications from early career academics having completed their doctoral research, particularly holders of a PhD, postdoctoral scholars, and lecturers or assistant professors within the first five years of their appointment or who have not achieved the equivalent of tenure.

We interpret these criteria broadly, given the range of professional trajectories across different jurisdictions, and will take parental leave, career breaks, and other relevant circumstances into account. Interested candidates who are uncertain of their status are invited to explain their situation in their own words. The Selection Committee will consider all such statements in good faith.

Applicants may prepare their submissions in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish. That said, the Forum will not offer professional interpretation or translation, and in practice, it is expected that participants be able to understand and respond to questions in English.

The Programme Committee will assess all relevant factors when making the final selection, and will also take into account a balance between ESIL and SLADI members.

Submission format and timeline

All interested applicants are asked to submit the following documents in .docx or PDF format:

1. A brief description of the research project (up to 800 words, including references).
2. Their *curriculum vitae* (ideally a maximum of five pages).
3. A list of relevant or key publications (ideally a maximum of three pages).
4. A statement of eligibility and of their membership in either SLADI or ESIL (this can be very short; a maximum of 200 words).

Please address any questions, as well as submit all four documents, to esil-sladi-jff@eui.eu.

The following timetable will be followed:

- Abstracts can be submitted until 30 April 2026.
- Successful applicants will be notified by 30 June 2026.
- Successful applicants will be asked to confirm by 15 July 2026.
- Draft papers (between 5,000 and 10,000 words, including references) are due by 15 September 2026.

Additional information

The ESIL-SLADI Junior Faculty Forum has no registration fee, but cannot cover travel and accommodation costs, and asks all applicants to make all possible efforts to secure institutional funding from their home institution. There is limited funding to apply for Travel Grants so as partially to offset the cost of travel and/or accommodation; any such funding will be allocated on the basis of need and available resources. ESIL and SLADI cannot guarantee that sufficient funding can be made available to cover the cost of travel.

All papers will be published in an edition of the *ESIL Proceedings*, an open-access working paper series that does not preclude publication elsewhere. Once the papers have been selected, the Programme Committee will also consider the overall coherence of the papers for the preparation of an edited volume or a selection of the papers for a symposium or special section to be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal.