

European Society of International Law (ESIL)

Annual Conference 2026 | Málaga, Spain

‘Gender and Conflict in International Law’

Pre-Conference workshop of the Feminism and International Law Interest Group

Thursday 3 September 2026 (09:00–12:00)

Programme

9:00–9:05 | Introduction & welcome by IG Coordinating Committee

9:05–10:00 | Panel 1 – Gendered violence and accountability in armed conflict

Chair: Dr Ksenia Polonskaya, Carleton University, Associate Professor

Silvia Scarpa (John Cabot University, Full Professor of International Relations)

Bridging the Gap: The ICC Prosecutor Policies on Slavery Crimes and Gender-Based Violence

Alessia Nicastro (The Graduate Institute, PhD Candidate)

War, violence, women: A discussion on femicide in armed conflicts

Giulia Gabrielli (Charles University, Prague, Post-Doctoral Fellow)

Reproductive violence during armed conflict: the gendered implications of the destruction of healthcare facilities

10:05–11:00 | Panel 2 – Feminist critiques of international justice

Chair: Dr Anna Ventouratou, University of Sheffield, Lecturer in International Trade Law

Nina Herzog (University of Leeds, Lecturer in Law)

Adjacent to the Savage: Defendants' Families and Feminist Invisibility at the ICC

Romy Peschl (European University Institute, PhD Candidate)

Using Feminist Approaches to Humanise International Humanitarian Law: The International Court of Justice and the Armed Conflict in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

Paula Peralta Agustí (Victim Support Europe, Policy & Advocacy Assistant) and Efthymis Antonopoulos (Victim Support Europe, Junior Policy & Advocacy Manager)

Gendered dimensions of conflict: rethinking access to justice and support in Europe

11:05–12:00: Panel 3 – Reconceptualising conflict through a gender lens

Chair: Dr Cristina María Zamora Gómez, Universidad Pablo de Olavide de Sevilla, Assistant Professor

Elisabetta Baldassini (UNHCR-appointed Expert on International Protection and Human Rights)

The gender dividend in the determination of an act of aggression

Ayako Hatano (University of Oxford / European University Institute, PhD Candidate / Max Weber Fellow)

Reframing Conflict Through CEDAW: Gendered Harms Beyond the Battlefield in International Law

Isabella Da Re (Royal Holloway, University of London, PhD Candidate)

Conflicting Readings of the Prohibition of Torture: Comparing the Approaches of the Human Rights Committee and the European Court of Human Rights in Forced Pregnancy Jurisprudence
