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DANIEL PEAT

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Daniel Peat is Assistant Professor of International Law at Leiden University, where he co-directs the LL.M. in Public International Law and leads the Leiden International Administrative Law Clinic. He previously worked at the International Court of Justice and received a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge.

He has been actively engaged with the work of ESIL for almost ten years, establishing and coordinating (with Veronika Fikfak and Eva van der Zee) the Interest Group on Social Sciences and International Law, serving as a Board member for the past four years, and, more recently, as Secretary-General of the Society.

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Daniel Peat est professeur adjoint de droit international à l'Université de Leyde, où il co-dirige le LL.M. en droit international public et dirige la *Leiden International Administrative Law Clinic*. Il a auparavant travaillé à la Cour internationale de Justice et a obtenu un doctorat de l'Université de Cambridge.

Il est activement engagé dans le travail de la SEDI depuis près de dix ans, ayant créé et coordonné (avec Veronika Fikfak et Eva van der Zee) le groupe d'intérêt sur les sciences sociales et le droit international, siégé au conseil d'administration pendant les quatre dernières années et, plus récemment, occupé le poste de secrétaire général.



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STATEMENT

My name is Daniel Peat, and I am currently an Assistant Professor at Leiden University. I'm very happy to stand for re-election to the Board of ESIL, a society that has supported me as an academic from the start of my career.

For most of the past decade, I've been actively involved in the Society: first, as one of the founders of the Interest Group on Social Sciences and International Law; then, as an elected Board Member; and more recently, as Secretary-General for the past year. This engagement with the Society has shown me how special it is. It's not just a place where colleagues go to present their latest paper; it's more than that: it's a community, a network, that, for me, defines what it is to be an international law academic in Europe.

If I were to be re-elected, I would want to build on the great work that the Society has done over the past few years in three ways.

First, ESIL is in a better state – both in terms of membership and finances – than ever before. But we need to make sure that the Society works for everyone. Early-career researchers are crucial to the success of ESIL, enabling it to remain a diverse and vibrant community, and one of my priorities would be to ensure that ECRs have the support they need to develop within the Society. But I also want to ensure that ESIL serves all segments of the international law community. Colleagues that have just got their first permanent position, those navigating their path mid-career, or those managing international law departments have different needs, and I want to ensure the Society provides the infrastructure to help them to achieve their goals.

Second, the Society is financially-stable, principally because of one-off funds that it received from ESIL lifetime members. We need to make this money work for the Society and its members – both present and future. By managing the money differently, for example, we would be able to significantly boost the travel and carers grants we provide each year, without eating into the capital. My second priority would be ensuring that we make the most of the Society's good financial position, planning for the future whilst also benefiting in the present.

Third, we have more members than ever before – something that attests to the strength of the Society. However, there are certain segments that are underrepresented: practitioners, scholars from many Central and Eastern European states, as well as from some Western European states. My third priority would be to work with colleagues to engage those communities to understand how ESIL might better serve them, and move to build a more diverse, stronger membership.

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