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SHORT BIOGRAPHY IN ENGLISH

Liliana Tymchenko is a Doctor of International Law. In 1994, she graduated from the Faculty of Law of Moldova State University. In 1998, she defended the first doctoral dissertation in international law in the independent Republic of Moldova, focusing on the political and legal aspects of international terrorism.

Since 1994, she has taught international law at universities in Moldova, Ukraine, and Lithuania. She is the author of more than 100 publications on counter-terrorism, state recognition, and human rights. Her academic career has been complemented by legal and institutional experience, including work with the Legal Reform Commission under the President of Ukraine (2019–2021) and the Advisory Council of the High Administrative Court of Ukraine (2014–2017).

She has been a member of the Ukrainian Association of International Law since 1999 and joined the European Society of International Law (ESIL) in 2012, being reinstated as a member in 2024.

COURTE BIOGRAPHIE IN FRENCH

Liliana Tymchenko est docteure en droit international. En 1994, elle a obtenu son diplôme de la Faculté de droit de l'Université d'État de Moldavie. En 1998, elle a soutenu la première thèse de doctorat en droit international dans la République de Moldavie indépendante, consacrée aux aspects politiques et juridiques du terrorisme international.

Depuis 1994, elle enseigne le droit international dans des universités de Moldavie, d'Ukraine et de Lituanie. Elle est l'auteure de plus de 100 publications sur la lutte contre le terrorisme, la reconnaissance des États et les droits de l'homme. Son parcours académique est complété par une expérience institutionnelle au sein de la Commission de réforme juridique du Président de l'Ukraine (2019–2021) et du Conseil consultatif de la Haute Cour administrative d'Ukraine (2014–2017).

Elle est membre de l'Association ukrainienne de droit international depuis 1999 et de la Société européenne de droit international depuis 2012, réintégrée en 2024.



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STATEMENT

I am honoured to submit my candidacy for the European Society of International Law Board. As a scholar, educator, and active member of ESIL, I believe that the Society plays a unique role in shaping the future of international legal scholarship by fostering intellectual excellence, diversity of perspectives, and meaningful dialogue across academic, professional, and geographical boundaries.

This year, ESIL has become even more dynamic, creative, and diverse. Its scientific and educational initiatives address the most complex, controversial, and sensitive topics. Realizing that ESIL's goals and objectives are completely aligned with my life and professional priorities, I decided to expand my involvement in its initiatives.

My academic career has been shaped by intellectual curiosity, critical reflection, and a commitment to intercultural dialogue. I am the author of over one hundred publications on international terrorism, state recognition, and the international legal implications of Russia's aggressive actions against Ukraine. Fluent in Ukrainian and English, using Romanian within the family, learning Lithuanian and French, I view multilingualism as a source of intellectual growth. Since 1994, I have taught in Moldova, Ukraine, and Lithuania, combining scholarship with educational innovation. My professional development has been enriched by international fellowships and expert service in legal reform and judicial advisory bodies in Ukraine.

Throughout my career, I have combined academic leadership with a commitment to fostering intellectual communities. I established the Department of International Law at the State Tax University of Ukraine (2001), led the development of an innovative Bachelor's programme in International Law at Borys Grinchenko Kyiv Metropolitan University (2020), and since 2021 have headed the Master's programme in International Law and Security Studies at the European Humanities University. Equally important to me is organizing scholarly forums that bring people together. Inspired by Martin Buber's belief that "*all real living is meeting*," I see dialogue, collaboration, and intellectual exchange as essential to academic growth.

If elected to the Board, I would work to support three interconnected priorities. First, I would promote greater accessibility and participation within ESIL, particularly for early-career researchers, practitioners, and scholars from underrepresented communities. Second, I would encourage initiatives that recognize the plurality of intellectual traditions contributing to international law. Third, I would support opportunities for mentorship, collaboration, and intergenerational dialogue that help strengthen our academic community.

Many people avoid responsibility for their lives, expecting miraculous solutions from someone else. Nevertheless, *if you do not tell your story, others will create a story for you*. I am committed to helping ESIL further amplify the remarkable intellectual talent, creativity, and influence of its members, strengthening its role as a leading and inclusive forum for international legal scholarship and dialogue.

Thank you for your trust and consideration.

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