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SHORT BIOGRAPHY IN ENGLISH

Dr Caleb H Wheeler is a Senior Lecturer in law at Cardiff University, where he specialises in public international law, international criminal law, and international human rights law. He has authored two monographs, *Fairness and the Goals of International Trials* (Routledge 2023) and *The Right to be Present at Trial in International Criminal Law* (Brill 2018) in addition to numerous journal articles, book chapters, and blog posts. Dr Wheeler is currently co-editing the second edition of the Routledge Handbook of International Criminal Law with Professor William A Schabas and Dr Michelle Coleman. Dr Wheeler is admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, where he maintained an active legal practice before pursuing a career in academia. Caleb has been an ESIL member since 2022 and is currently a co-convener of the Society's Interest Group on International Criminal Justice.

COURTE BIOGRAPHIE IN FRENCH

Caleb H. Wheeler est Senior Lecturer en droit à l'Université de Cardiff ; il se spécialise dans le droit international public, le droit pénal international et le droit international des droits de l'homme. Il est l'auteur de deux ouvrages, *Fairness and the Goals of International Trials* (Routledge, 2023) et *The Right to be Present at Trial in International Criminal Law* (Brill, 2018), ainsi que de nombreux articles de revues, chapitres d'ouvrages et billets de blog. Le Dr Wheeler codirige actuellement la deuxième édition du *Routledge Handbook of International Criminal Law* aux côtés du professeur William A. Schabas et du Dr Michelle Coleman. Il est inscrit au barreau de l'État de Pennsylvanie, où il a exercé le droit avant de se tourner vers une carrière universitaire. Membre de l'ESIL depuis 2022, Caleb est actuellement co-responsable du groupe d'intérêt de la Société consacré à la justice pénale internationale.



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STATEMENT

I am running for the ESIL Board because the Society has played an important role in my development as an academic and I would like to ensure that it continues to do the same for others. Being a co-organiser for the Interest Group on International Criminal Justice has been pivotal to my career. It allowed me to work collaboratively with brilliant international colleagues that I otherwise may not have come into contact with. Together, we organised a number of events designed to explore contemporary global issues from an international criminal justice perspective. I'm proud of the work our interest group is doing and I know that I share that feeling with the co-organisers of the other interest groups.

My experience as an interest group co-organiser has taught me that the interest groups are an invaluable part of the life of the Society. The interest groups give early-career academics the opportunity to organise events and present research in a context not always available to those in the beginning stages of their careers. Simultaneously, ESIL benefits from the efforts of the interest groups in that they help introduce more people to the broader work of the Society and encourage newer colleagues to join ESIL. I believe that robust interest groups, combined with the participation of more early-career researchers, will lead to a stronger Society as a whole. Should I be elected to the Board, I would use that platform to urge the Society to better promote the interest groups' work and to ensure that early-career colleagues can see how participating in the interest groups will benefit them.

I am also running for the ESIL Board to advocate for better communication between the Society's members and the general public. While ESIL is an organisation founded on the importance of the academic study, inquiry, and innovation of international law, it is also one committed to promoting understanding and dissemination of the discipline. We find ourselves in a volatile world where the relevance of international law is being repeatedly questioned. ESIL members, as leading voices in international law, need to be at the forefront of the group of people answering those questions. Doing so requires outreach beyond the academic community to the public as a whole. As a member of the Board, I would explore ways in which the Society can better facilitate the sharing of clear and accurate information about international law to the public at-large.

ESIL is a vital organisation both inside and outside the academy of international law. I will commit myself to fostering strong interest groups, encouraging greater involvement amongst early-career academics, and amplifying the voice of the Society's members in order to help ensure ESIL's continued prominence.

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