



**ESIL Annual Conference 2026, pre-conference workshop**

***Contestation in International Law***

**Wednesday 2 September from 15:00 to 18:00, Room: Seminario 1**

**15:00 – 15:05      Workshop Opening**

**15:05 – 16:25      Panel 1: Discursive contestation**

**Chair:** Wim Zimmermann (University of Salzburg)

- *Contested Temporalities under Human Rights Law: The Example of Climate Change* – Corina Heri (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
- *Instrumentalizing the Invisible Third Party: Respondent States and the Contestation of Indigenous Rights in ISDS* – Nicola Strain (University of Oslo)
- *Contestation of the Prohibition of the Use of Force* – Florian Kriener (Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law)

**16:25 – 16:35      Break**

**16:35 – 17:55**

**Panel 2: New actors and pathways of contestation**

**Chair:** Tommaso Soave (Central European University)

- *Emerging powers and strategies of contestation through judicial elections at the ICJ* – João Victor Morales Sallani (Central European University)
- *Images of Resistance: Indigenous visual advocacy at COP30* – Nina Bries Silva (EUI and UCLouvain)
- *Contesting Method: The Ethnographic Turn in Refugee Law Scholarship* – Yulia Ioffe (University College London)

**17:55 – 18:00**

**Workshop closing**

***Interest Group Coordinating Committee:***

Zuzanna Godzimirska (University of Copenhagen), Tommaso Soave (Central European University), Ezgi Yildiz (Bowdoin College), Wim Zimmermann (University of Salzburg)