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**FEDERICA
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SHORT BIOGRAPHY IN ENGLISH

Federica Cristani is the Head of the Centre for International Law at the Institute of International Relations Prague, Instructor at the University of New York in Prague and external member of the University Centre for Conflict and Post-Conflict Studies at the Department of Public International Law, Faculty of Law of Charles University (Prague, CZ).

Her research focuses on state responsibility, particularly in international economic law, the international law of cyberspace, human rights, and gender policies.

She holds a PhD in International Law (Doctor Europaeus) from the University of Verona (Italy). She has conducted research and taught in several European countries and collaborated with universities, research centres, and policy institutions.

She has contributed to international research initiatives, including Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 projects, and has experience organising events and collaborative academic activities.

From 2020 to 2023, she served as Co-Convenor of the ESIL Interest Group on International Economic Law.

COURTE BIOGRAPHIE IN FRENCH

Federica Cristani est à la tête du Centre de droit international de l'Institut des Relations Internationales de Prague, chargée de cours à l'University of New York in Prague et membre externe du Centre universitaire d'études sur les conflits et les situations post-conflit du Département de droit international public, Faculté de droit de l'Université Charles de Prague (République tchèque).

Ses recherches portent sur la responsabilité internationale des États, notamment en droit économique international, en droit international du cyberespace, en droits humains et en politiques d'égalité de genre.

Titulaire d'un doctorat en droit international (Doctor Europaeus) de l'Université de Vérone (Italie), elle a enseigné et mené des recherches dans plusieurs pays européens. Elle a participé à des projets de recherche internationaux et à l'organisation de nombreuses activités académiques collaboratives.

De 2020 à 2023, elle a assuré la co-coordination du Groupe de réflexion de la SEDI sur le droit économique international.



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STATEMENT

My name is Federica Cristani, and I am Head of the Centre for International Law at the Institute of International Relations Prague. Throughout my academic career, I have had the opportunity to study, teach, and conduct research in different countries across Europe.

ESIL has been an important part of my professional journey. Beyond participating in annual conferences and Research Fora, I had the privilege of serving as Co-Convenor of the ESIL Interest Group on International Economic Law from 2020 to 2023. This experience allowed me to work closely with colleagues across the Society, organise academic activities, and witness first-hand the remarkable capacity of ESIL to bring together scholars at different stages of their careers and from different parts of Europe and beyond.

What I value most about ESIL is that it is much more than a forum for discussing international law. It is a vibrant intellectual community where conversations often develop into collaborations, publications, conferences, research projects, and long-term professional relationships.

If elected to the Board, I would work to further develop the following areas within ESIL:

- **Collaboration and Research Networks**

I would like to help strengthen ESIL as a platform where members can identify potential collaborators, develop joint research initiatives, and build lasting academic partnerships. Many of the most rewarding opportunities in my own career have emerged from scholarly networks, and I believe ESIL can play an even stronger role in facilitating such connections through thematic exchanges, collaborative projects, and networking opportunities across institutions and countries.

- **Fostering Cooperation Across Interest Groups**

Having served as an Interest Group Co-Convenor, I have seen first-hand the value of these communities. I would like to foster closer cooperation between Interest Groups, including joint events, cross-cutting workshops, and collaborative initiatives that bring together scholars working on interconnected challenges from different perspectives.

- **Bridging Academic and Policy Communities**

International lawyers are increasingly called upon to engage with pressing societal challenges, including digital governance, climate change, economic transformation, human rights, and equality. Drawing on my experience in international research projects and policy-oriented initiatives, I would like to support opportunities for ESIL members to engage with broader policy and societal debates and to enhance the visibility and impact of international law scholarship.

- **Strengthening European and International Connections**

ESIL is uniquely placed to connect scholars across institutions, regions, and career stages. I would like to support initiatives that further expand participation, encourage exchanges between established and early-career scholars, and create opportunities for members from different parts of Europe and beyond to constantly engage with one another.

It would be an honour to serve on the Board and to contribute to ensuring that ESIL remains a place where ideas flourish, connections are built, and conversations become collaborations.

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