



ESIL Interest Group on International Organizations

Conflict Unbound? Revisiting International Organizations and Contestation

Programme | ESIL Annual Conference 2026 | Malaga
in person (Aula 3, Law Faculty, Bulevar Louis Pasteur 26) and [online](#)

Thursday 3 September 2026

09.00-12.00 (CEST)

09:00 - 09:05	Welcome
	Panel 1: Institutional Contestation and Regime Complexity
09:05 - 09:10	Paige Morrow (The Global Fund) Managing Normative Complexity: International Organizations, Governance, and the Evolving Legal Integration of Human Rights and Environmental Considerations
09:10 - 09:15	Ana Balcazar-Moreno (Geneva Graduate Institute) Regime Complexity and Inter-Institutional Contestation in Global Health Governance
09:15 - 09:20	Julia Emtseva (HEC Paris) How Indispensable Is the UN After All? The UNRWA Advisory Opinion and the Emerging Tension Between International Organizations and Private Actors

09:20 - 09:55	Discussion
09:55 - 10:10	Break
	Panel 2: Contestation and the Expanding Powers of International Organizations
10:10- 10:15	Sivan Shlomo-Agon & Mor Mitrani (Bar-Ilan University) Reading Legal Authority Between the Lines: Discursive Disengagement as Contestation at the UN
10:15 - 10:20	Viljam Engström (Åbo Akademi University) One small step for a Fund, one giant leap for mankind? On the remarkable expansion of the IMF mandate
10:20 - 10:25	Johan Pahlepi (National University of Singapore) The ASEAN Way of Peace-Making: Sovereignty, Consensus, and the Management of Regional Disputes
10:25 - 11:00	Discussion
11:05 - 11:20	break
	Panel 3: Contestation and International Administrative Law
11:20 - 11:25	Asier Garrido-Muñoz (The Hague University of Applied Sciences) Testing the 'Equivalence Test' in Times of Austerity: Acquired Rights of UN Staff and Judicial Review of General Assembly Resolutions
11:25 - 11:30	Oktawian Kuc (University of Warsaw)

	Between Employment Justice and Institutional Accountability: Procedural Conflict, Victims' Status, and the Public Law Function of International Administrative Tribunals
11:30 - 12:00	Discussion

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