

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ESIL INTEREST GROUP ON FEMINISM AND INTERNATIONAL LAW 2026/2027

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This report outlines the Interest Group's key activities in 2026 and planned activities for 2027.

1. Annual Pre-Conference Workshop, 3 September 2026

The Committee successfully organized the annual pre-conference workshop in Malaga under the theme “Gender and Conflict in International Law”. Professors Anna Ventouratou, Ksenia Polonskaya, and Jiawen Wang chaired three sessions; further particulars are available [here](#). The call for papers is available [here](#).

Notably, the submissions focused on gender violence, feminist critiques of international adjudication, and the conceptual understanding of conflict in international law. In selecting participants, the Committee prioritized representation of both junior and senior scholars, as well as diverse perspectives on conflict and international law in relation to gender. The Committee also decided to allow participants to present remotely to ensure that certain inequities (e.g., care responsibilities, visa processes) are mediated by technology. At the moment, the Committee members are reflecting on how to further increase diversity in abstract submissions and raise the Group's visibility to ensure feminist issues are not sidelined in international legal discourse.

2. ESIL Reflections

Professor Anna Ventouratou organized the ESIL reflections submission process following the pre-conference workshop. During the workshop, and based on their written submissions, participants received extensive feedback from Professors Anna Ventouratou and Cristina María Zamora Gómez. The participants have until 26 October 2026 to submit the final drafts of the reflections for peer review.

3. Internal Meetings

The Coordinating Committee holds regular meetings (at least once every 2 months) via Zoom to accommodate the coordinators' time differences. These meetings help the coordinators plan future activities and distribute the workload.

4. Agenda for 2027

In 2027, the Committee will focus on organizing an online workshop for the ESIL Research Forum in Slovenia and the annual in-person pre-conference workshop in Lisbon. In addition, the Committee members consider options to further highlight the importance of a feminist lens in international law scholarship. The Committee is currently exploring an opportunity to establish an annual online lecture to increase the visibility of the feminism-international law nexus.

For any questions and/or to express concerns, please reach out to the Committee members at feminismesil@gmail.com