

ESIL Interest Group on Peace and Security – Annual Report 2026

We ran a pre-conference workshop prior to the ESIL Annual Conference 2026, which was held at the University of Malaga.

Our event had to be organised in-person as the room allocated to us did not have any microphone for hybrid sessions.

It was well-attended by our membership, with nearly 30 in-person participants, and the discussion was thoroughly engaging.

The workshop was on the following topic, related to the ESIL Annual Conference theme: ‘Peace and Security Beyond the UN Charter: Appraising Alternative Models of Global Security Governance and Law’

The following papers were presented:

- Kenneth Chan (Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel) and Graham Melling (University of Northumbria): ‘Confronting the Radical Disorder of the Rules-Based Order: What Role for International Law and the Use of Force?’
- Michal Saliternik (Netanya Academic College School of Law): ‘The Gaza Board of Peace as Alternative Security Architecture: Appraising a Corporate Model of Post-Conflict Governance’
- Irene Miano (Tilburg University): ‘The Court Within the Charter, the Function Beyond It: the ICJ as an Informal Peace Mechanism’
- Naman Anand (Legacy Law Offices LLP): ‘Outer Space Security Beyond the Charter: Reverse Ersatz Normativity, Juridical Deflation, and the Governance of Peace’

Please note that two speakers had to cancel their participation in the workshop in the last moment (one for family reasons and the other one because his flight from the United States was cancelled and rescheduled too late).

The IGPS looks forward to hosting its next pre-conference at the Annual Conference, alongside other events, potentially in collaboration with other ESIL interest groups.