

ESIL–SLADI Junior Faculty Forum

7 – 9 October 2026, European University Institute,
Florence

Programme

The European Society of International Law (‘ESIL’) and the Latin American Society of International Law (*Sociedad Latinoamericana de Derecho Internacional*, ‘SLADI’) are delighted to announce a joint event, in the form of a collaborative Junior Faculty Forum to be held at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence.

Wednesday, 7 October

Welcome ([Seminar Room 4](#), [Badia Fiesolana](#))

16.00-16.30

Laura Betancur Restrepo (Universidad de los Andes, SLADI)

Alejandro Chehtman (Torcuato Di Tella Law School, Argentina, SLADI)

Gleider Hernández (KU Leuven, ESIL)

Sergio Puig (European University Institute, EUI)

Max Weber Lecture ([Refettorio](#), [Badia Fiesolana](#))

17.00

Professor Erica Chenoweth (Harvard University)

Max Weber Lecture Reception

18.30

Optional Dinner

20.00

Thursday, 8 October ([Sala del Camino](#), [Villa Salviati](#))

9.00 – 10.00

***Ayla Do Alves (Adelaide University), A 'Third World' Turn in Communities' Heritage
Safeguarding***

presented by Niels Krabbe (University of Gothenburg)

Comment by Amaya Alvez Marin (Universidad de Concepción, Fernand Braudel Fellow EUI)

10.00 – 11.00

***Niels Krabbe (University of Gothenburg), Between Common Heritage and Freedom:
Interregional Conflict and Compromise in the Law of the Sea***

presented by Ayla Do Alves (Adelaide University)

Comment by Silvia Steininger (Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and
International Law)

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break & Group Picture

11.30 – 12.30

***Dobrosława C. (University of Wrocław), Between Dialogue and Dissent: The Reception of
Advisory Opinions by Domestic Courts in Europe and Latin America***

presented by Sol Meckievi (Durham University)

Comment by Inga Martinkute (Vilnius University)

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch (Saletta Mensa in Villa Salviati)

14.00 – 15.00

Sol Meckievi (Durham University), Extraterritoriality Beyond Exception: Rethinking State Responsibility in Human Rights-Based Climate Litigation

presented by Dobrosława C. Budzianowska (University of Wrocław)

Comment by Gleider Hernandez (KU Leuven)

15.00 – 16.00

Judith van Veldhuizen (European University Institute), Pharmakonic International Law: Towards a Method of International Law as Structures of Survival and Sacrifice

presented by Nicola Strain (University of Oslo)

Comment by Sergio Puig (European University Institute)

16.00-16.30

Coffee break

16.30-17.30

Nicola Strain (University of Oslo), Instrumentalizing the Invisible Third Party: State Strategies and Indigenous Rights in ISDS Awards

presented by Alejandro Chehtman (Torcuato Di Tella Law School Buenos Aires)

Comment by Christina Binder (University of the Bundeswehr Munich)

Guided Tour of Villa Salviati ([Courtyard, Villa Salviati](#))

17:30-18.15

Join our Guide to discover the rich history of the Villa Salviati grounds, host to the EUI law department, history department, and the historical archives of the European Union.

Junior Faculty Forum Dinner at [Cucchiotta](#)

20.00

Location: Ristorante Cucchiotta, Via Agnolo Firenzuola, 15R, 50133 Firenze FI.

Friday, 9 October (Sala del Camino, Villa Salviati)

10.00 – 11.00

***Kyra Wigard (University of Copenhagen), International Courts as Arenas of Contestation:
Interregional Coalitions and Judicial Engagement during Active Armed Conflicts***

presented by Benedetta Arrighini (ULB, FGV Direito Rio, and LUISS University)

Comment by Laura Betancur Restrepo (Universidad de los Andes)

11.00-12.00

***Benedetta Arrighini (ULB, FGV Direito Rio, and LUISS University), Police Violence and
Human Rights Courts***

presented by Kyra Wigard (University of Copenhagen)

Comment by Giulio Bartolini (University of Roma Tre)

Closing Roundtable

**‘Preserving International Legal Scholarship in Turbulent Times: a Shared
Outlook across Generations?’**

12.00 – 13.00

Convened by: Megan Donaldson (Professor of Public International Law, EUI),
Amaya Alvez-Marin (Professor of Law, University of Concepción), Silvia Steiniger
(Research Fellow, Max Planck Comparative Public Law and International Law), Tim
Lindgren (Marie-Curie Post-Doctoral Fellow, EUI) & Judith van Veldhuizen (PhD-
researcher, EUI)