

IN/EX-CLUSIVENESS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

17th Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law
31 August – 3 September 2022

Draft Programme

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

All the pre-conference workshops will take place at [Janskerkhof 3](#) in Utrecht.

For the latest information regarding pre-conference workshops, please check:
<https://esilutrecht2022.sites.uu.nl/the-conference/programme/pre-conference-workshops/>

Wednesday 31 August 2022

09.00-13.00 *Parallel Interest Group Sessions*

Interest Group	Format & Location
International Economic Law – Part 1/2	Hybrid, Room 109
Peace and Security	Hybrid, Room 110
International Law and Technology – Part 1/2	Hybrid, Room 115

14.00-18.00 *Parallel Interest Group Sessions*

Interest Group	Format & Location
Migration and Refugee Law	Hybrid, Room 017
International Environmental Law – Part 1/2	Hybrid, Room 022
International Economic Law – Part 2/2	Hybrid, Room 109
History of International Law – Part 1/2	Hybrid, Room 110
International Courts and Tribunals	Hybrid, Room 111
International Law and Technology – Part 2/2	Hybrid, Room 115

Law of the Sea	Hybrid, Room 116
International Criminal Justice	Hybrid, Room 117

Thursday 1 September 2022

09.00-12.00 *Parallel Interest Group Sessions*

Interest Group	Format & Location
International Law of Culture	Hybrid, Room 017
International Environmental Law – Part 2/2	Hybrid, Room 022
International Organizations	Hybrid, Room 109
History of International Law – Part 2/2	Hybrid, Room 110
Social Sciences and International Law	Hybrid, Room 111
International Business and Human Rights	Hybrid, Room 115
European and International Rule of Law	On-site, Room 117
International Bio Law	Hybrid, Room 118

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual conference will take place at TivoliVredenburg, except for the welcome reception at University Hall (Academiegebouw): see <https://esilutrecht2022.sites.uu.nl/venues/>

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12.00-18.00 Registration

13.00-13.45 *Welcome addresses and presentation of the theme by the local organisers*

H. Kummeling, Rector Magnificus of Utrecht University

I. Giesen, Head of Utrecht Law School

L. Lijnzaad, Judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea/Maastricht University

S. Trevisanut, Utrecht University, local organizer

13.45-15.00 *Inaugural Panel - How Exclusive is International Law? The State of Affairs*

Chair: C. Ryngaert (Utrecht University)

E. T. Achiume (UCLA)

J. Nijman (University of Amsterdam/Asser Institute)

J.-M. Thouvenin (The Hague Academy of International Law)

15.00-15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-16.45 Parallel sessions

Forum 1 Methodologies for the Identification and Assessment of In/ex-clusiveness

Dictionaries define the term ‘inclusive’ as ‘not excluding any of the parties or groups involved in something’. Accordingly, inclusive international law includes all relevant parties in its processes of law-making, law-enforcement, and dispute-settlement. How should we identify these relevant parties, and how should their appropriate level of involvement in international law be assessed?

Chair: M. Shahabuddin (University of Birmingham)

M. Garcia Salmones (University of Helsinki)

E. Hey (Erasmus University)

G. Baars (City, University of London)

Forum 2 In/ex-clusiveness in the Construction of the History of International Law

There is a resurgence of academic interest in the history of international law. There is clearly a desire to better understand the origins of the discipline. However, attention tends to focus on the European roots of international law. How can the construction of the history of international law be made more inclusive?

Chair: A. Peters (Max Plank Institute, Heidelberg)

I. de la Rasilla (University of Wuhan)

H. de Waele (University of Nijmegen)

L. Obregon (Universidad de los Andes)

17.00-18.15 Parallel sessions

Agora 1 In/ex-clusiveness in Personality and Actors in International Law

NGOs, non-state armed groups, multinational corporations, professional associations, certification and insurance companies, etc. have increasingly gained agency in international decision-making processes and in the enforcement of international law, at the international and domestic levels. Should international legal personality be more inclusive? Are there alternative approaches to personality and subjectivity?

Chair: N. Tzouvala (Australian National University)

D. Hughes (Canadian Forces College/University of Toronto) & Y. Shereshevsky (University of Haifa): *State-Academic Lawmaking*

G. Lythgoe (University of Manchester): *Territory as International Law’s Shibboleth or: The International Lawyer’s Guide to Eradicating the Exceptional ‘Sui Generis’ Entity*

M. Shinde (University of Cologne): *The Ecocidal Corporation as Subject to and as a Subject of International Criminal Law*

Agora 2 In/ex-clusiveness in the Interpretation of International Law

The dichotomy between a formalistic *versus* non-formalistic approach to the application and interpretation of international law still permeates international practice and scholarship. This agora engages with this dichotomy and/or considers possible ‘third’ approaches to interpretation.

Chair: F. Zarbiyev (Graduate Institute of Geneva)

B. Etkin (Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas): *In/Excluding Pragmatics: Interpretative Formalism and Its Discontents*

B. Perogari (University of New South Wales): *‘Exclusionary Inclusiveness’: A Critique of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights’ Interpretative Approach to Indigenous Peoples’ Rights*

V. Tzevelekos (University of Liverpool) & K. Istrefi (Utrecht University): *In/Ex-clusiveness in the Interpretation of the ECHR for the Purposes of the Establishment of Common European Human Rights Standards through European Consensus*

Agora 3 Interest Group on International Law and Culture – In/ex-clusiveness of Diversity in International Law

Chair: A. Jakubowski (Polish Academy of Sciences)

M. Iovane (University of Naples Federico II)

E. Polymenopoulou (Hamad Bin Khalifa University)

Y. Donders (University of Amsterdam/Commissioner at the Netherlands Human Rights Institute)

18.30-20.00 Welcome reception at the University Hall (Academiegebouw)

Friday 2 September 2022

08.00-09.00 Breakfast Meeting: ESIL Board meets new members

9.00-10.15 Parallel sessions

Forum 3 In/ex-clusiveness in International Law Making

In the traditional understanding of international law, states are the lawmakers, with some limited involvement of international organizations. At the same time, it is acknowledged that various non-state actors, such as corporations, non-governmental organizations, religious groups, and even armed groups, play a role in global governance. Is there a need to open up international law-making processes to these actors? How should such processes be reconceptualized so as to accommodate new actors?

Chair: N. Klein (University of New South Wales)

R. McCorquodale (University of Nottingham)
J. Pauwelyn (Graduate Institute of Geneva)
M. Takeuchi (University of Kobe)

Forum 4 *In/ex-clusiveness in University Curricula on International Law*

University curricula on international law tend to focus on the practice of a limited number of Western (and often Anglo-Saxon) states, with little attention being paid to potentially original contributions of the non-West. In addition, the dominant frame of studying international law remains positivism. How can the university curriculum be decolonized, and how can space be created for other theoretical approaches to studying international law?

Chair: P. Okawa (Queen Mary University of London)
J. Fraser (Utrecht University)
L. Mälksoo (University of Tartu)
M. Al Attar (University of Warwick)

10.15-10.45 Coffee Break

10.45-12.00 Parallel sessions

Agora 4 *In/ex-clusiveness in International Adjudication*

Legal standing in front of international courts and tribunals is still limited for non-state actors. Moreover, international benches tend to lack diversity, in terms of gender, race, national and cultural backgrounds, and class. International adjudication can also emphasise the inequalities between states and, thus, impact actual participation in judicial proceedings. This agora addresses the many facets of international adjudication, and its inclusiveness or lack thereof.

Chair: T. Pasipanodya (Foley Hoag LLP)

B. Menezes Queiroz & M. Vicente (Universidade Católica Portuguesa): *Are Women 'Offside'? Achieving Gender Parity in Sports Dispute Settlement*

C. Espaliu Berdud (Universidad Antonio de Nebrija): *Ex-clusiveness in International Adjudication: The Legitimacy of Permanent Members of the Security Council at the Bench of the International Court of Justice*

T. Soave (Central European University): *Cracks in the Ivory Tower: Exclusivity and Inclusivity in the International Judicial Profession*

Agora 5 *In/ex-clusiveness in Right-Holders and Protected Persons*

Who has rights pursuant to international law? Should elements of nature or animal species also have rights? Is a right-based approach to protect individuals or elements of nature always the answer? This agora strives to answer these questions by discussing who/what international law protects and through which legal framing the object/subject of protection should be viewed.

Chair: M. Hébié (University of Leiden)

M. Barletta (University of Rome): *The Benefits and Drawbacks of a Wider Inclusion of Protected Subjects under International Law*

A. R. Harrington (Lancaster University): *Future Generations as Rightsholders: Advances and Uncertainties*

E. Jones (University of Essex): *The Rights of Nature in International Law: Transforming the Meaning of Rights*

Agora 6 ***Interest Group on The EU as a Global Actor – EU Exceptionalism and the In/ex-clusiveness of International Law***

Chair: P. Cebulak (University of Amsterdam)

K. Ziegler (University of Leicester)

J. Odermatt (City, University of London)

T. Cabrita (University of Amsterdam / KU Leuven)

12.00-13.30 Lunch break
 Mentoring event

13.30-14.45 ***ESIL General Assembly, including elections for new Board members***

14.45-15.30 Coffee Break
 Meeting of Editors and Publishers of International Law Journals

15.30 -16.45 **Parallel sessions**

Agora 7 ***In/ex-clusiveness in Economic Ideologies and Perspectives***

International law is not economically neutral. Capitalist and neoliberal ideologies have greatly influenced the development of international law, specifically since the end of World War II. Like any ideology, they have buttressed certain interests and protected certain actors. Who/what has been in/excluded from the developments of international law buttressed by the different economic ideologies and perspectives? Which economic ideologies are currently influencing the development of international law, and how?

Chair: M. Salomon (London School of Economics)

O. Baillet (Max Planck Institute Luxembourg): *The European Court of Human Rights and Economics: Does Political Liberalism Entail Economic Liberalism?*

H. Eklund (University of Copenhagen): *Excluding People and Including Resources: Colonialism in the Treaty of Rome*

R. Brown (University of Cambridge): *Neoliberalism in Global Health Law: Past, Present and Future*

Agora 8 ***In/ex-clusiveness in the Legal Construction of Sustainable Environment***

Sustainable development presupposed interlinkages between the protection of the environment, the protection of human rights, and international economic law. International environmental law

has thus been framed as tightly connected to economic development. It remains unclear, however, what a sustainable environment is from a legal perspective and what the legal nature of sustainable development is.

Chair: S. Boysen (Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg)

C. Ceretelli (University of Padua): *Discussing the Limits of Sustainable Development: Is the Time Ripe for the Inclusion of Indigenous Peoples?*

J. Bendel (University of Copenhagen) & G. Jokubauskaite (University of Glasgow): *Sustainable Forests? The Exclusion of Land Rights from International Environmental Law*

E. Boshoff (University of Oslo): *An Emerging Right to Sustainable Development – Where Do We Stand?*

Agora 9 In/ex-clusiveness in the Legal Construction of Violence and Security

International law has dealt with the security of states and the violence perpetrated by states since its very beginning. Many scholars and practitioners have highlighted the weaknesses and limitations of the international legal framework in tackling other forms of violence perpetrated by non-state actors, and threats to their security. How is international law dealing with violence targeting social groups and minorities, with violence perpetrated by non-state actors, and with guaranteeing the security of non-state actors, social groups and minorities?

Chair: P. Grzebyk (University of Warsaw)

E. Stubbins Bates (University of Aberdeen): *Remote Warfare and the Insufficiency of the International Legal Framework*

P. Thielbörger (Hertie School/Ruhr-Universität Bochum): *Including or Excluding Climate Change as a Responsibility of the Security Council?*

C. Wittke & E. Bescotti (Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies): *International Law's Role in Political Violence and the Destabilization of Unresolved Secessionist Conflicts in the Post-Soviet Space*

17.00-18.30 Parallel sessions

Forum 5 In/ex-clusiveness of International Legal Knowledge

Judicial decisions, doctrine, and expert reports all create international legal knowledge. However, a large part of this knowledge appears to be generated by members of an in-crowd. Degrees from top law schools in certain countries, good connections with established knowledge-producers, and an almost impeccable command of academic English and/or French offer a path towards membership. What are the exclusionary practices at play here, and how could this be remedied?

Chair: C. Schwobel-Patel (Warwick University)

B.S. Chimni (Jindal University)

A. Rasulov (University of Glasgow)

K. M. Clarke (University of Toronto)

Forum 6 (to be determined on the basis of current events)

19.00-22.00 Conference Dinner

Saturday 3 September 2022

9.00-10.15 Parallel sessions

Agora 10 In/ex-clusiveness of the Legal Construction of the Commons

Why are the commons common? Who participates in the decision-making processes? Who benefits from their management and exploitation? Who should address and remedy problems? This agora welcomes papers which offer answers to these and related questions on how international law has construed the concept of, and manages, the ‘commons’.

Chair: L. Kotzé (North-West University, South Africa)

G. E. Exarchou (George Washington University): *Allocation of the Radio Spectrum and Satellite Orbits: Jurisprudential Perspectives*

M. Eccleston-Turner (King’s College London): *Pathogen Sequence Information as a Commons in International Law*

S. Guggisberg (Utrecht University): *Legitimate and Efficient Global Commons Regimes – The Impacts of In/Ex-clusiveness of Non-User States*

Agora 11 In/ex-clusiveness in the Legal Construction of Borders

Borders in international law are stable and objective: delimitation treaties are binding *erga omnes* and they are not affected by state succession. Their stability, and thus their rigidity, have however jeopardized the respect of fundamental principles, such as the principle of self-determination of people, and they are now debated due to territorial changes and forced migrations caused by climate change.

Chair: K.-G. Lee (Seoul National University / International Law Commission)

M. Saliternik (Netanya Academic College) & S. Shlomo Agon (Bar-Ilan University): *Fluctuating Borders, Borderless Spaces, and International Legal Geography*

O. Semenova (Maastricht University): *Fundamental Change of Circumstances and Maritime Zones and Boundaries*

K. Soloveva (Leiden University): *Extending Borders through Extraterritorial Conferrals of Nationality*

Agora 12 In/ex-clusiveness of the Legal Construction of Justice

Which type(s) of justice is international law enabling/pursuing? Who are the beneficiaries of this justice? Which are the institutions involved in legally guaranteeing justice at the international level? Who controls the guarantor?

Chair: A. Miron (University of Angers)

D. M. Amann (University of Georgia): *Absent at the Creation? Women and International*

Criminal Justice

P. Wilinski (Erasmus University): *Is There Room for Distributive Justice under International Investment Law?*

A. Ferrara (Irish Centre for Human Rights): *Evolving Conceptions of Justice and International Law*

10.30-11.15 Conversation with the 2022 winners of the [ESIL Monograph Prize](#) and the [ESIL Collaborative Book Prize](#)

11.15-11.45 Coffee Break

11.45-12.45 *Closing Roundtable – The Inclusiveness of International law: The Way Forward*

Chair: M. Kanetake (Utrecht University)

W. Ferchichi (Université de Carthage)

T. Skouteris (American University in Cairo)

N. N. Negm (African Union)

12.45-13.30 *Conclusions*

Utrecht University (organizers)

R. Wessel, Vice-President, European Society of International Law

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13.30-14.30 Light Lunch