



CALL FOR PAPERS

International Law of the Sea and Universality

Interest Group on the Law of the Sea

Manchester, 13 September 2018

The topic

In line with the Theme of the 14th Annual Conference of the ESIL (*International Law and Universality*), the Law of the Sea Interest Group (LAWSEA IG) will hold a panel on substantive matters concerning the Law of the Sea and Universality.

Besides its importance as a branch or sector of Public International Law, International Law of the Sea also rules matters and realities of a critical importance for the International Community, whatever be the ideology or values associated to these terms.

Problems and realities such as, *inter alia*, the access to genetical resources in areas beyond national jurisdiction (freedom of access *versus* common heritage of mankind), the protection of the global commons (polar spaces, climate change and the ocean, the “traditional” freedoms of the sea), or the operation of different actors participating with different methodologies in the international arena (States, the European Union, universal and specialised International Organizations, NGOs, etc.) are just some examples that evidence the central role that International Law of the Sea plays in the theme of the Annual Conference of ESIL.

The Application Process

Those interested in being considered for the panel, please submit a **500 words** abstract proposal via email to Miguel García (miguelgarcia@uco.es) and Maria Gavouneli (mgavoun@law.uoa.gr) by **15 May 2018**. Successful applicants will be informed by 15 June 2018 and will be required to submit a detailed outline of their research (min. 2000 words, max. 4000 words) by **31 July 2018**.

In addition to the abstract, the following information must be provided on the submission:

- The author's name and affiliation
- The author's contact details
- Whether the author is an ESIL member

Speakers will be selected by a Selecting Committee with participation of the IG Conveners, on the basis of abstracts submitted. Only one abstract per author will be considered.

The working languages of the panel are English and French. Since no translation will be provided, participants should have passive understanding of both languages and active understanding of at least one of them.

In order to participate in the Interest Group event, speakers must be members of ESIL. The membership can be formalised once abstracts have been accepted. Unfortunately, neither the ESIL LAWSEA IG nor the ESIL itself are in a position to cover expenses for travelling and accommodation, or to waive the ESIL conference fee. Information on the 14th ESIL Annual Conference is available here: <http://www.esilconference2018.com>. For further information about the LAWSEA IG, please visit: <http://esillawseaig.wordpress.com>.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

ESIL YOUNG SCHOLAR PRIZE

ESIL awards the [Young Scholar Prize \(YSP\)](#) each year for the best paper submitted to the ESIL Annual Conference by scholars at an early stage in their academic career. **Scholars presenting papers in ESIL Interest Group events** may also express an interest in being considered for the Prize. The final deadline for such YSP applications is **30 May**. ESIL will then check that the speakers are eligible for the YSP and contact them with instructions for submitting their paper by 1 July, to be considered by the YSP jury.

The ESIL Young Scholar Prize is generously sponsored by the law firm Wilmer Hale. The winner of the YSP will be announced in the conference brochure and the Prize will be awarded during the conference dinner. The winner receives 2 years' free membership of ESIL plus a contribution towards the costs of travel and accommodation at the conference, and the prize-winning paper will be published in the *European Journal of International Law* (subject to review).

The eligibility criteria for the Prize are as follows:

- Candidates must be either PhD candidates or they must have had their oral defence no longer than 3 years prior to the submission of the abstract.
- Candidates must be ESIL members at the time of submitting their abstract. (Co-authored articles will only be considered for the Prize if all authors fulfil the eligibility criteria).

ESIL SSRN SERIES

After the conference, the ESIL SSRN Editorial Board welcomes papers presented during IG events for inclusion in the ESIL SSRN Conference Paper Series. Details of how to submit papers will be provided during the conference.