



**European Society of International Law  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
The Judicialization of International Law – A Mixed Blessing?**

**Oslo, 10 – 12 September 2015**

**Call for Posters**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law will take place in Oslo, Norway. It is hosted by the PluriCourts Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order, University of Oslo.

**The Theme**

International courts and tribunals (ICs) are increasing in number, impact and importance. They are dealing with an increasing variety of issues, ranging from the law of the sea to international criminal law. And the formal possibility that states may remain unbound often withers when faced with the *de facto* need for the benefit wrought by ICs, be it trade regulations under the World Trade Organization (WTO), foreign investment under bilateral investment treaties (BITs), or EU membership conditional on accession to the European Court of Human Rights.

This judicialization of international law has been hailed as a glimmer of more effective and legitimate world governance promoting human rights, justice and peace. New ICs are called for to solve ever more problems, be it climate change or corporate wrongdoing. But critics abound. Some fear the judicialization of world politics while others question the effectiveness of the ICs and fear new turf wars among them. Some critics lament the circumvention of national legislators and the neglect of cultural differences. Yet others worry that some ICs will fall victim to their own success, pointing to the overburdened European Court of Human Rights.

The topography of ICs is uneven; there are some important areas that are not judicialized by sector-specific courts or tribunals, including military issues, global financial governance, and the environment. This conference will address the international law aspects of increased judicialization from an interdisciplinary perspective. Critical questions will be asked about

how ICs work, whether ICs are needed in new areas, whether there are alternatives to judicialization, and if we should expect further judicialization in the years to come.

## Submission process

In addition to the plenary sessions, fora featuring invited speakers, and agorae featuring speakers selected on the basis of submitted abstracts, the ESIL conference will also offer space to “new voices in international law” to present posters.

The poster sessions are intended to offer early career researchers the opportunity to explain their work to the conference audience.

Accepted posters will be shown in a central location at the conference and there will be an opportunity to present the posters during the coffee breaks.

## Application procedure

Early career scholars are invited to submit written poster proposals (abstracts of 250-300 words). Posters will be reviewed by a selection committee. Joint submissions are possible, but, if selected, only one person may present and receive free registration to the conference.

Selection criteria are:

- Originality of the work
- Links to the conference theme
- Geographical and gender balance
- Only one proposal per author will be considered.

### All poster proposals should include:

- The author’s CV, including a list of relevant publications
- The author’s contact details, including email address and phone number
- Whether the author is an ESIL member
- Poster title (max. 15 words)
- Abstract – a summary including main thesis or research objective; supporting arguments and key findings (250-300 words)
- Keywords

The posters can be in French or English.

Abstracts must be submitted via the conference website ([www.uio.no/esil2015](http://www.uio.no/esil2015)).

## Poster preparation guidelines

### Size

Poster size limit is 120 centimeters high x 100 centimeters wide with portrait orientation.

## **Keep it simple**

Focus attention should be on a few main points. Ideally, the poster should be self-contained and self-explanatory so it can be understood without needing oral explanation.

## **Layout**

- Posters must contain the abstract title, authors' names and affiliations.
- Include succinct text in short, separated paragraphs similar to the abstract structure.
- Titles and captions should be short and easy to read. Numbered or bulleted lists are effective ways to convey a series of points. Ideally, illustrate your text with a few clear tables, and a few photos or graphics. Photographs should have good contrast and sharp focus.
- Text and figures should be designed to be viewed from a distance of at least one meter and should use clear, visible graphics and large lettering.
- Headings should be a minimum of 50 point size, whereas a minimum of 25 point size typeface is ideal for text.

## **Poster presentation guidelines**

- Please bring your printed poster to the conference on 10 September 2015 and mount it by yourself. (Pins or tape for mounting the posters will be supplied).
- Time will be reserved to present posters to an interested audience.
- You may wish to bring A4 format copies of your poster to distribute during the poster sessions.

## **Timeline**

- The deadline for the submission of poster proposals is 31 January 2015
- Successful applicants will be informed by 31 March 2015
- The deadline for the submission of copies of posters is 1 July 2015
- The conference begins on Thursday 10 September 2015 in the morning and ends on Saturday 12 September 2015 in the early afternoon

## **Finances**

All selected poster presenters will receive free registration to the conference, provided they are ESIL members. ESIL does not cover expenses for travelling and accommodation.