

Report of the European Society of International Law Interest Group on International Legal Theory/International Legal Theory and Philosophy for 2016–2017

1. Referendum and Name Change

In 2016, the ESIL Board received and discussed with the Interest Group on International Legal Theory (IGILT) a proposal for the formation of an ‘Interest Group on the Philosophy of International Law’. As an initial measure, two of the proponents were informally co-opted into IGILT’s Co-ordination Committee (CC) (see IGILT Report 2015–2016 for further details). On the occasion of these elections, a referendum among IGILT members was held, on the basis of information which the CC sent out to its members in co-operation with the ESIL Board. Members were asked whether they agreed to change the interest group’s name as well as certain aspects of its governance. That referendum was passed and it thus became the Interest Group on International Legal Theory and Philosophy (IGILTP).

2. Activities

During the reporting period, IGILT/IGILTP has conducted the following activities:

- **ESIL IGILT-IEL Joint Workshop 2016.** On 7 September 2016, at the 12th Annual ESIL Conference in Riga, IGILT and the International Environmental Law Interest Group held a workshop, entitled *The Resilience of Law*.
- **Helsinki Joint Seminar 2017.** On 15 February 2017, the Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, and IGILT held a joint seminar, entitled *The Erosion of the Rule of Law in East Central Europe*.
- **Naples Workshop 2017.** On 6 September 2017, at the 13th Annual ESIL Conference in Naples, IGILTP held a workshop, entitled *Democracy and Participation v. Global Public Goods and Commons*.
- **Website and E-mail Revamp.** IGILTP took online its new website (igiltp.wordpress.com) and changed its e-mail address due to the change of names (esil.igiltp@gmail.com). IGILTP now also has a Twitter account: @igiltp.

3. Planned Events

IGILTP is planning three to four events for 2018–2019, including a workshop at the 2018 ESIL Manchester Annual Conference.

4. Interest Group Governance

IGILTP is governed by the CC, which is composed of six members. It runs IGILTP’s day-to-day business and organises its regular events, including workshops, seminars and conferences. The CC will carry no responsibility for any financial or logistical aspects of the IG’s activities; all such activities will be self-financed and self-supporting. While all major decisions are taken by the CC as a whole, the CC has elected the following officials to hold office 1 May 2017–30 April 2019: **Chair:** Jörg Kammerhofer; **Deputy Chair:** Gleider I Hernández; **Website Administrator:** Ekaterina Yahyaoui.

Members of the CC are elected for four-year terms by the members of IGILTP and may be re-elected. It has a staggered election model, where three members stand for election every two years. The last election took place in spring 2017 and the next elections are scheduled to take place before 1 May 2019. The terms of the current CC members run as follows:

- 1 May 2015–30 April 2019: Gleider I Hernández, John Morss, Ekaterina Yahyaoui
- 1 May 2017–30 April 2021: Noora Arajärvi, Jörg Kammerhofer, Ozlem Ulgen