



Workshop, to be held on the occasion of the 15th ESIL Annual Conference, Athens, 2019

Call for Papers

Spatio-Temporal Dimensions of Sovereignty in International Law: A Critical Appraisal

Topic

Traditional understandings of sovereignty in international law have a central spatial dimension clearly visible in the territorial bases of state sovereignty. As international law moves towards considering such notions as fragmented sovereignty, divided or limited sovereignty, the need to consider the spatial dimension of sovereignty and its implications beyond the simple drawing of lines on the surface of the globe becomes more prominent. These mutations of the concept of sovereignty also highlight the necessity to consider its temporal dimension in greater depth and beyond simple linear progression.

Since sovereignty is such a central concept underpinning both theoretical foundations as well as practical functioning of international law, investigating the impact of spatio-temporality of sovereignty on various mechanisms and branches of international law becomes indispensable. In some areas, such as migration, human rights, regulation of online activities or environment, to name just a few, this also raises the question of different spatio-temporalities that underlie the operation of these areas and their potential conflict with the spatio-temporality of sovereignty.

Finally, it is equally important to consider if the spatio-temporality of sovereignty as it has been operating so far is an indispensable element of international law or if perhaps international law is able to receive a different, another spatio-temporality of sovereignty, and ultimately if sovereignty has to be part of international law.

The IG welcomes submission on any of the above aspects and particularly welcomes critical and interdisciplinary reflections on the themes highlighted above.

Application Process

Please submit an abstract of no more than 800 words in a text file (.docx, .odt etc. – not .pdf) to the panel organiser Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko (ekaterina.yahyaoui@nuigalway.ie). Please provide the following information with each abstract:

- name, affiliation, contact details and short biography (100 words) for each author;
- whether they are ESIL member;

- a short CV, including a list of relevant publications;
- only one abstract per author will be considered.

Abstracts will be selected for inclusion in the IGILTP's panel proposal on the basis of their alignment with the panel description and objectives as well as the overall coherence of the panel. Submissions in both English and French, the two official languages of the Society, are welcomed. **The selected abstracts will form the basis for IGILTP's agora proposal at the main conference; however, IGILTP will organise an autonomous interest group workshop (pre-conference event) if its proposal is not accepted.**

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **Monday, 14 January 2019**. Applicants will be informed of the selection committee's decision no later than **Sunday, 31 March 2019**. Selected speakers should be ready to submit full papers by **Monday, 1 July 2019**.

The Interest Group is unable to provide funding for travel to and attendance at the conference. Please see the ESIL web site (<http://esil-sedi.eu>) for information on finances and for other relevant information about the conference.

In case the workshop runs as a pre-conference event of the IG, please note the following:

- Speakers selected for a pre-conference Interest Group event are welcome to register for the Annual Conference; please note, however, that the Society is unable to offer reduced conference registration fee to speakers at a pre-conference event (please do not register as agora speakers).
- Speakers selected for the pre-conference event as well as Agora speakers can indicate their interest in being considered for the ESIL Young Scholar Prize, if they meet the eligibility conditions stated on the ESIL website (http://esil-sedi.eu/?page_id=1323). The ESIL Secretariat (esil.secretariat@eui.eu) must be informed of all selected speakers who wish to be considered for the Prize by 15 May 2019 at the very latest.

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