



International Economic Law Interest Group

Call for Papers Online Workshop of the ESIL International Economic Law Interest Group

on

Regional Developments of International Economic Law in the Eurasian Region in Times of Goeconomic Fragmentation

25 April 2023

Abstract submission deadline: midnight 20 February 2023 (CET)

The ESIL IEL IG Workshop will take place on **25 April 2023** as a side-event to the 2023 Research Forum to be hosted by the School of Law of the University of Tartu (Estonia).

The event will take place as an **online event**. Further details will follow in due course. The call is aimed at **early-career scholars**.

Workshop theme:

Russia's full-scale invasion in Ukraine in 2022 has profoundly affected international economic relations worldwide. The world economy has been challenged in manifold aspects: inflation, food security, energy security and further supply chain pressures, coupled with the consequences of the economic sanctions against Russia, and the relevant implications for international investment policy, as well as capital and investment flows (OECD, 2022).

Since 1991, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, numerous attempts have been made to enable economic cooperation within and beyond the Eurasian region, for instance, the accession to the WTO of many countries of the region, the creation of the CIS Free Trade Area or of the Eurasian Economic Union. Another important development is the conclusion by countries of the Region of different types of treaties with a number of third countries and the EU, for instance the EU Association Agreements with DCFTA chapters with Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine; or the EAEU-Vietnam FTA. However, there is an urgent need to evaluate the viability of these various modes of economic cooperation in light of the current goeconomic fragmentation accelerated since Russia's invasion in 2022.

On the other hand, geopolitical fragmentation and a turn away from multilateralism is a broader phenomenon, which is likely to shape the world, including the Eurasian region, for the decades to come (IMF, 2023). One could think of the geopolitical rivalry between the US and China, and China's increased influence in Eurasia, e.g. by means of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), as well as the impasse of WTO dispute settlement which may favour regional mechanisms.

We invite the applicants to explore the following issues regarding international trade, investment, and financial law in the Eurasian region:

- 1) The impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and other developments in international trade, investment, and financial law.
- 2) Current challenges for regional economic integration within Eurasia: important areas of regulation; structures; dispute settlement. Contributions can also be of a comparative character, analysing similarities and differences with regard to FTAs in other parts of the world.
- 3) The regulation of thematic issues of international economic law in the region such as energy, food security, national security and sanctions.
- 4) Relations of the Eurasian region with the World Trade Organisation (WTO).
- 5) Conclusion of regional trade agreements with third countries: important areas of regulation; structures; dispute settlement.
- 6) Regulation of international investment law in Eurasia: approaches of different countries of the Eurasian region to the UNCTAD-led IIA reform; attitude to the ISDS reform and the work of the UNCITRAL; other important areas of regulation.

Submission procedure

Abstracts may be submitted in English or French in accordance with the timeline as set out below.

Abstracts must not exceed 800 words, and have to be submitted to the following e-mail addresses: cristani@iir.cz; a.a.marhold@law.leidenuniv.nl; mfedorova@law.uni-kiel.de; gustavo.prieto@ugent.be.

In addition to the abstract, each submission should contain a **separate file** containing information on:

- The topic of the call for papers for which the abstract is submitted;
- The author's name and affiliation;
- A short (one page) 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 and the date of affiliation;
- Whether the author is an early-career scholar.

Timeline

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **midnight 20 February 2023 (CET)**. We expect to be able to inform successful applicants by 27 February 2023.

Please see the **ESIL website** for all relevant information about the 2023 Research Forum, in addition to the dedicated **[website of the Forum](#)**.

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