



## Trade Agreements and the Rule of Law

### Call for Papers for a Full-day Workshop on Wednesday April 3, 2019 at the 2019 ESIL Göttingen Research Forum

On the occasion of the 2019 ESIL Research Forum on “The International Rule of Law and Domestic Dimensions: Synergies and Challenges“ in Göttingen, 4-5 April 2019, the ESIL International Economic Law Interest Group and the Jean-Monnet-Chair will jointly convene a full day workshop, which will take place on Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

ESIL research forums particularly target in particular scholars at an early stage of their careers, especially advanced PhD students and post-doctoral researchers. Accordingly, the Interest Group particularly invites these students and researchers to submit papers and will offer a special mentoring session during the Workshop. Depending on the scope and quality of submissions, the workshop will consist of up to four panel sessions, roundtables and a poster session.

The workshop will address the following two topics:

#### *1) Preferential (“Regional”) Trade Agreements: Progress and Stability for the World Economic Order?*

The recent conclusion of a number of trade agreements, such as the ones of the European Union (*inter alia* CETA, EU-Singapore, EU-Japan), the successor agreement to NAFTA between Canada, Mexico and the United States (USMCA) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP-11) urgently calls for an assessment with respect to their merits and their potential impact on the international trade order as such. The interest group invites submissions particularly – but not exclusively - on the following key questions:

- Will the agreements promote stability of the international trade order in times of contestation?
- Do they support or eventually undermine the WTO regime?

- Do they contribute to innovation by pioneering new approaches – such as regulatory cooperation - or by addressing new areas of international trade, like, for instance electronic commerce?
- Do they reflect a new approach in view of investment protection?
- Do they represent progress in view of sustainable development, including decent work and environmental protection?
- Do the agreements promote the involvement of civil society and are appropriate mechanisms in place to ensure that the parties support such involvement?

## 2) *The Rule of Law and International Economic Law*

As the 2019 ESIL Göttingen Research Forum is devoted to “The rule of law in international and domestic contexts: synergies and challenges”, we also invite submissions that

- explore the significance of the rule of law for international economic law and *vice versa* in the various areas of international economic law, including *inter alia* trade and investment law, the law of regional economic integration and intellectual property and
- address issues such as access to justice, legal security, legitimacy, transparency etc.

### **Paper submission procedure**

Poster contributions or papers of members of ESIL may be submitted in English or French in accordance to the timeline as set out below. They should be unpublished, in an advanced stage of completion, and ready to be included in the ESIL SSRN Conference Paper Series and in the ESIL Conference Proceedings.

Submissions must not exceed 800 words, and have to be submitted to the following mail address: [elisa.baroncini@unibo.it](mailto:elisa.baroncini@unibo.it)

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.

### **Timeline**

- The deadline for the submission of abstracts is midnight 16 December 2018 (CET).
- Successful applicants will be informed by 31 January 2019.
- The deadline for the submission of the papers of accepted abstracts is 15 March 2019.
- The deadline for the submission of final papers for publication is 30 April 2019.

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