



ESIL Interest Group ‘The EU as a Global Actor’

Pre-conference ESIL Interest Group Event

“The EU’s global role with respect to the principle of solidarity under international law: a quest for normativity?”

University of Catania (Italy), 15 April 2021 [online or hybrid event]

-- CALL FOR PAPERS --

The European Society of International Law (ESIL) Interest Group ‘The EU as a Global Actor’ (IG EUGLOBAL) organises a side event on **15 April 2021 (Thursday)** in the framework of the [2021 ESIL Research Forum](#) hosted by the University of Catania (“*Solidarity: The Quest for Founding Utopias of International Law*”). It primarily targets legal scholars at an early stage of their careers.

The theme of the upcoming ESIL Research Forum concerns the role of solidarity in the fabric of international law as well as in its different branches of law. The IG EUGLOBAL will pick up this topic by focusing on the European Union’s global role with respect to the principle of solidarity under international law.

The IG EUGLOBAL acting as the organising committee for this event therefore welcomes proposals for papers addressing mainly (but not limited to) the following themes:

- Solidarity as a legal principle in the EU legal order: challenges in the law of external relations and the role of EU judiciary;
- Burden sharing, responsibility-sharing and solidarity under the new EU Pact on Migration and Asylum: a blueprint for the global legal order?;
- Case studies of EU law influencing universal standard-setting related to solidarity within the international community (e.g. EU’s contribution to the ILC’s draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters etc.).

The IG EUGLOBAL invites submissions of abstracts, written in English or French, of no more than **500 words**. Applications should be submitted to euglobalactor@gmail.com by **31 January 2021 (Sunday) 24:00h CET**, with a short curriculum vitae containing the author’s name, institutional affiliation, contact information (e-mail and phone number), and whether the applicant is member of ESIL. Selected speakers will be notified by **15 February 2021** via e-mail.

In case of a hybrid event (with a face-to-face component), kindly note that the IG is unable to provide funding for travel and accommodation. Please see the [ESIL website](#) for information about

[travel grants](#) and [carers' grants](#) offered to ESIL members, which are available to offer partial financial support to speakers who have exhausted other potential sources of funding.

Please see the [ESIL website](#) for all relevant information about the Catania Research Forum.

Kindly note also that the Interest Group workshop is open to ESIL members and all participants, including speakers, are required to register for the Research Forum.

The selected speaker have to send in extended abstracts of up to 3000-3500 words before the event takes place, by **1 April 2021 (Thursday)** at the latest. These will be circulated amongst the panellists prior to the workshop. The IG EUGLOBAL convenors are keen to explore suitable ways to publish the papers.

Selected speakers can indicate their interest in being considered for the [ESIL Young Scholar Prize](#), if they meet the eligibility conditions as stated on the [ESIL website](#). The IG EUGLOBAL convenors will inform the ESIL Secretariat of all speakers who wish to be considered for the Prize by 1 May 2021 at the latest.

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The Interest Group 'The EU as a Global Actor' (EUGLOBAL) is one of the interest groups of the [European Society of International Law \(ESIL\)](#). The IG EUGLOBAL seeks to engage with ESIL members with an interest in issues such as the interrelationship between European and international law, and the role and responsibilities of regional actors in the international (legal) order. By doing so, the group hopes to build a shared knowledge base among ESIL members interested in the role of the EU as a global normative actor.