



THE SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

6th Biennial Global Conference

Washington D.C., 12-14 July 2018

CALL FOR PAPERS, PANELS & POSTERS

The Sixth Biennial Global Conference of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) will take place at the American University Washington College of Law from 12-14 July, 2018.

I. Conference Content

The **Conference Theme** will be “*International Economic Law in Unsettling Times.*” For the international economic law community these last years have been anything but settled. The political consensus on free trade and integration has broken down in states that are traditional supporters of global liberalism even while new champions of free trade are emerging. The widely shared feeling that trade gains have been unequally divided for too long and that globalization has to be made more inclusive puts the system under tremendous pressure to change. Lack of progress in WTO negotiations is now aggravated by threats to its institutional set-up. Investment law is affected by its own uncertainties and discussions, and monetary law is still suffering from the large uncertainties inserted into the system by the global financial crises and a debt crisis that remains unresolved.

The 2018 SIEL conference invites all academics, practitioners, and government officials to present research or papers addressing any of the issues challenging the international economic law community today.

While the conference theme is used to provide an overarching conceptual framework for the 2018 SIEL conference, the Conference Committee nonetheless wishes to encourage the submission of proposals for presentations on all IEL subjects, including those that may not directly relate to the theme. These include:

- the three traditional pillars of IEL: trade, investment, and monetary / financial policies;
- the relationship between these pillars, and between these pillars and other areas that touch upon international economic governance;
- the relationship between global economic governance and regional arrangements and the function of IEL in different parts of the world;

- exploring options for financial sector reform after the global financial crisis;
- the legal significance of digitalization and the knowledge economy;
- interdisciplinary approaches such as law and economics, political economy, development theory, risk management, global health and environmental studies, and other disciplines relating to IEL;
- comparative economic law, focusing on how IEL interacts with laws, institutions and actors at the domestic level;
- the roles of law and legal practice in international economic governance, particularly in the monetary and financial international institutions;
- methods and trends in researching, teaching and learning of IEL, including doctrinal and empirical methodologies; and
- interactions between scholars, practitioners, government officials and civil society groups active in IEL.

To that end, we invite proposals that fall within the following categories:

1. Individual *paper* and *poster* proposals on any IEL topic, including the conference theme described above. No preference will be given to paper or poster proposals based on whether or not they relate to the theme.

2. *Panel* proposals on any IEL topic may be submitted, although **preference** will be given to panel proposals whose subject falls within the scope of the conference theme. Suggested panelists must have agreed to attend the 2018 Conference. Should one or more panelists be unable to attend the meeting, the Conference Committee reserves the right to substitute for these panelists, or to merge panels should a significant number of panelists not be able to attend.

With respect to both theme and non-theme proposals, we are particularly interested in bringing together new voices and more established figures in the field. We welcome works in progress from young or new scholars and practitioners, as well as work from parts of the world not typically well-represented at such conferences, such as from developing countries and countries with emerging economies. There will be plenary and concurrent panels. Each panel will be moderated. Commentators may be invited to react to papers.

II. Submission Procedure and Instructions

Paper, poster and panel proposals **must be submitted by December 1 by Noon GMT via the dedicated web-form, available here:** <https://goo.gl/forms/vS7krMIYJGajt8jfl>

Should the form not be accessible from your location or should you otherwise encounter technical problems that do not allow you to submit via the form, please follow the instructions available via SIEL's website: <http://www.sielnet.org/page-1824572>

Only one proposal per person will be considered.

As already mentioned, **panel proposals that relate to the conference theme will be given preference** over those panel proposals that do not relate to the theme.

Based on past experience and the high number of panel proposals typically submitted, and taking into account the need to design a balanced conference program, the organizers **reserve the right to accept panel proposals subject to conditions regarding the size and composition of the panel and the variety of topics covered during a single panel discussion.** Similarly, if your panel proposal is accepted and it later develops that one or more of your speakers cannot attend, SIEL will determine who, if anyone, should fill the open slot. We will make this determination in consultation with the panel organizer, but the remaining panelists should not take it upon themselves to fill any vacancies.

In evaluating proposals, please note that **priority will be given to unpublished papers/posters and works in progress. We strive for an individual not to serve on multiple panels.** Accordingly, if you submit a paper proposal and are also listed in a panel proposal, we will consider both proposals, but will try to construct panels to avoid the same individual presenting twice.

Every proposal will be reviewed by at least two members of the SIEL conference committee on a double-blind and confidential basis.

The SIEL conference committee anticipates announcing the results of this call for papers and panel proposals by **February 2018.**

Conference papers will be made available to conference participants prior to the conference. **Accepted papers (from paper and panel proposals) must be submitted by 10 June 2018,** in order to ensure the dissemination of papers among conference attendees. Papers from the previous conferences were published online as part of a working paper series on SSRN's Legal Scholarship Network (see <http://www.ssrn.com/link/SIEL-Inaugural-Conference.html> & <http://www.ssrn.com/link/SIEL-2010-Barcelona-Conference.html> & <http://www.ssrn.com/link/SIEL-2012-Singapore-Conference.html> & <http://www.ssrn.com/link/SIEL-2014-Bern-Conference.html> & <http://ssrn.com/link/SIEL-2016-Johannesburg-Conference.html>).

III. Conference Fees, Costs and Financial Support

Conference fees and associated attendance costs will be kept as low as possible.

All conference participants, including speakers, must be able to cover their own travel, accommodation and attendance costs.

SIEL offers a limited number of need-based scholarships for scholars from developing countries to participate in the conference. Preference will be given to scholars from least-developed countries. Applicants for a scholarship have to fill out the relevant sections of the online form. Should the form not be accessible from your location or should you encounter technical problems, please follow the instructions on the SIEL website.

Enquiries

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