

International Economic Law in Times of Geo-Political Confrontation and Geo-Economic Fragmentation

Bogotá/Colombia, 12-14 July 2023

Call for Papers, Posters and Panels

Deadline Extended: 1 February 2023

The Eighth Biennial Global Conference of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) will take place on 12-14 July 2023 in Bogotá (Colombia), in collaboration with Universidad Externado de Colombia and Universidad del Rosario Colombia.

The 2023 Global SIEL Conference aims to rebuild our community links after three years of not being able to come together. We encourage participation in person (a remote option will be available).

Conference Theme

The twin forces of geo-political confrontation between today's economic superpowers and looming geo-economic fragmentation of the world economy are undermining the global economic system. At the same time the global political and economic outlook is clouded by persistent inflation and the risk of economic recession. The 2023 Global SIEL Conference will address the impact of these developments on international economic law (IEL) and its underlying principles, rules and procedures. The 2023 Global SIEL Conference seeks to establish how, if at all, IEL can mitigate the geo-political confrontation and the geo-economic fragmentation affecting the global economic system and can contribute to the latter's preservation.

Proposals for panels/papers/posters

We invite proposals for panels/papers/posters in all IEL areas (trade, investment, finance, intellectual property, tax, development, etc.) related to the conference theme. Preference will be given to proposals for panels/papers/posters on the topics listed in the Annex to this announcement.

In evaluating proposals, the conference Organizing Committee will give an opportunity to early-career scholars and practitioners as well as to scholars and practitioners of parts of the world often under-represented at international conferences, to make their voices heard. In the selection process preference will be given to SIEL members. Preference will also be given to participants who will attend the conference on-site and to unpublished papers/posters and works in progress. The conference will have plenary and concurrent panels. Each panel will be moderated and commentators may be invited to react to the papers presented.

Submission procedure and instructions

Proposals for panels/papers/posters must be submitted by **1 February 2023 (midnight GMT)** via the dedicated web-form, available at <https://forms.gle/kZq61BcxmHPhTUY5A>.

1 **Paper** or **poster** proposals may not exceed 400 words (including a short bio of the presenter). Only one proposal per person is allowed.

2 **Panel** proposals may not exceed 800 words (including short bios of the panelists). Suggested panelists must have agreed to participate in the conference. Should one or more panelists be unable to participate, the Conference Organizing Committee reserves the right to substitute for the(se) panelist(s), or to merge panels.

We ask that each paper and panel proposal be accompanied by a set of guiding questions (1-2 for paper proposals and 3-4 for panel proposals) and an indication of the proposal's target audience.

If you submit a paper proposal and are also listed in a panel proposal, the Conference Organizing Committee reserves the right to choose which proposal better fits the overall composition of the conference programme. Every proposal will be reviewed by at least two members of the Conference Organizing Committee on a double-blind and confidential basis. The Conference Organizing Committee anticipates announcing the results of this call for papers, posters and panels proposals by March 2023.

Conference papers will be made available to conference participants prior to the conference. For this purpose, accepted papers must be submitted by 15 June 2023.

Enquiries

Please submit enquiries to sielconference2023@gmail.com.

More information can be found on the SIEL website (www.sielnet.org).

Non-exhaustive list of topics related to the conference theme

- IEL and the Russia-Ukraine war;
- the US-China trade war and its repercussions for IEL;
- sanctions under IEL;
- IEL rules on foreign as well as industrial subsidies and the alleged incompatibility of market-capitalist and state-capitalist economic systems;
- IEL and anti-coercion instruments to safeguard political sovereignty and independence;
- IEL and the access to raw materials;
- IEL and the weaponization of trade and investment agreements in pursuit of core societal values, including environmental sustainability, human rights, minimum labour standards, gender equality, and animal welfare;
- the rules-based settlement of trade and investment disputes in a multilateral, regional or bilateral context;
- trade and investment facilitation in an era of geo-economic fragmentation;
- IEL rules and procedures to monitor and regulate foreign investment;
- the future of the international investment regime, globally, regionally and sectorally;
- the rules and procedures of recent preferential trade agreements and the future of IEL;
- mega-regional trade agreements (AfCFTA, RCEP, USMCA, etc.) and their impact on IEL;
- IEL and the regulation of trade and investment relating to strategic economic goods and services, including energy and semiconductors;
- the future of multilateral versus plurilateral negotiations and their impact on the multilateral trading system;
- WTO institutional reform in the context of geo-political confrontation and geo-economic fragmentation;
- IEL and global value chains (GVCs), onshoring and friend-shoring;
- the developed/developing-country divide, the legacy of colonization and the future of the global economic system;
- the impact of geo-political confrontation and geo-economic fragmentation on recently concluded as well as ongoing negotiations on inter alia fisheries subsidies, e-commerce, food security and trade-related climate measures;
- the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on IEL;
- private legal practice in the field of IEL in times of geo-political confrontation and geo-economic fragmentation;
- teaching IEL and conducting related research in times of geo-political confrontation and geo-economic fragmentation.