



## **5th Conference of the Postgraduate and Early Professionals/Academics Network of the Society of International Economic Law (PEPA/SIEL) 2016**

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Organised by PEPA/SIEL in collaboration with the Research Unit in Law of the University of Luxembourg

SIEL's Postgraduate and Early Professionals/Academics Network (PEPA/SIEL) is, among other things, interested in fostering collaboration and mentoring opportunities for emerging academics and professionals in International Economic Law (IEL). PEPA/SIEL fulfils these goals through various activities such as organising conferences at which emerging IEL academics and professionals can present and discuss their research in a supportive and welcoming environment.

We are pleased to announce that the fifth conference will take place on 14-15 April 2016 in Luxembourg.

### **Call for Papers**

This conference offers graduate students (students enrolled in Master or PhD programmes) and early professionals/academics (generally within five years of graduating) studying or working in the field of IEL an opportunity to present and discuss their research. It also provides a critical platform where participants can test their ideas about broader issues relating to IEL. One or more senior practitioners and academics will comment on each paper after its presentation, followed by a general discussion.

We invite submissions on any IEL topic including, but not limited to:

- Law and practice in international economic governance and international organizations;
- International trade, investment, competition, monetary and financial law;
- The interaction of IEL branches with other branches of law governing intellectual property, human rights, environment, sustainable development, food safety;
- Bilateral and regional economic integration and the multilateral trading system;
- Comparative economic law, focusing on how IEL interacts with laws, institutions and actors at the domestic level;
- International economics, philosophy, sociology, politics.



### How and when to submit

Submissions should include a CV and a research abstract (of no more than 400 words) and be sent no later than 16 November 2015 to [pepa2016conference@gmail.com](mailto:pepa2016conference@gmail.com). Papers will be selected based on a double blind review conducted by a senior practitioner or academic and a conference organiser. Successful applicants will be notified by 15 December 2015, after which they are expected to submit a conference paper (no more than 4000 words) by 15 March 2016. Abstracts will be made available online via the SIEL website ([www.sielnet.org](http://www.sielnet.org)).

### General practical information about participating and attending the Conference

The deadline for registration is 15 February 2016. Registration has to be done online at the SIEL website. Registration costs 45 GBP for non-SIEL Members, and 35 GBP for SIEL Members. SIEL Membership details may be found at the SIEL website (student membership is 5 GBP). The registration fee covers conference materials and coffee breaks of both days.

Cancellation of participation must be made in writing to [pepa2016conference@gmail.com](mailto:pepa2016conference@gmail.com). The deadline for cancellation is 25 March 2016. The registration fee minus an administrative fee of 10 GBP and any incurring bank fees will be refunded if the cancellation is done before or on the given date. Later cancellation will not be refunded.

A limited number of conference fee waivers is available for applicants facing financial hardship. Applicants for such a waiver are kindly invited to add a short letter of no more than 3 paragraphs to their conference application, stating the reason for their waiver request.

Please understand that we will not be able to provide any travel or other financial assistance to conference participants.

Subject to space availability, registration of participants not presenting a paper will be accepted. The regular fee will be applied. Please contact [pepa2016conference@gmail.com](mailto:pepa2016conference@gmail.com).

Should you have any question regarding application or participation, please feel free to contact [pepa2016conference@gmail.com](mailto:pepa2016conference@gmail.com).

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