

1st Conference of the Postgraduate and Early Professionals/Academics of the Society of International Economic Law (PEPA/SIEL)

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SIEL was founded in 2008 to act as an umbrella organization to foster coordination, collaboration and debate between IEL scholars and practitioners and national or regional IEL organizations around the world. SIEL's Post-graduate and Early Professional/Academics Group (PEPA/SIEL) is, among other things, interested in fostering collaboration and mentoring opportunities for emerging academics and professionals in IEL. PEPA/SIEL will seek to fulfil these goals through various activities such as by providing a forum where emerging IEL academics and professionals can present and discuss their research in a supportive and welcoming environment. We are pleased to announce our first such event, with others anticipated in the future, especially in other regions of the world.

Call for papers

This conference offers post-graduate students (students enrolled in Masters/PhD) and early professionals/academics (generally within five years of terminal degree) studying or working in the field of International Economic Law (IEL) an opportunity to both present and discuss their research, as well as providing a critical platform to test their ideas about broader issues relating to IEL. Invited speakers will be asked to prepare and present a paper, on which a senior practitioner or academic will comment, followed by a general discussion.

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

- trade, investment and monetary/financial policies;
- the interaction of, for example, international trade law and investment law with other branches of law governing, for example, intellectual property, human rights, environment and sustainable development;
- regional economic integration;
- comparative economic law, focussing on how international economic law interacts with laws, institutions and actors at the domestic level;
- the roles of law and legal practices in international economic governance and international organizations; and
- the philosophy, sociology and economics of international economic law.

How and when to submit

Submissions should include a brief biography (150 words max.) and a research abstract (no more than 400 words) to be sent no later than 30 October 2011 to jose.caiado@ile-graduateschool.de. Papers will be selected based on a double blind review conducted by a senior practitioner or academic and a conference organizer. Successful applicants will be notified by 30 November 2011; after which they are expected to submit a conference paper (no more than 4000 words) by 31 December 2011. Papers will be made available online in a special section at the SIEL website (<http://www.sielnet.org/>).

General practical information about participating and attending the Conference

The deadline for registration is 10 December 2011, and it should be done online at the SIEL website (the registration page will be available shortly). Registration costs 45 Pounds for non-SIEL Members, and 35 Pounds for SIEL Members. SIEL Membership details may be found at the SIEL website (student membership is 5 Pounds). The Registration fee covers conference materials and coffee breaks on both days.

A limited number of conference fee waivers is available for applicants facing financial hardship. Applicants for a conference fee waiver are kindly invited to add a short letter to their conference application, stating the reason for their waiver request. Successful applicants will be notified by 30 November 2011.

Unfortunately, the organization cannot cover travel, accommodation and any other expenses. Subject to space availability, registration of participants not presenting a paper will be accepted, for which the regular fee will apply. For more information, please write to José Caiado at the email address below.

If you are interested in participating in this conference but have remaining questions, please contact José Caiado (jose.caiado@ile-graduateschool.de)

Organizers

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