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A. SIEL 2014 Biennial Conference

The Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) is pleased to announce that the SIEL 2014 conference will be hosted by the World Trade Institute (WTI) of the University of Bern, Switzerland. The WTI is a centre of interdisciplinary research, training and advisory services in international trade regulation, which aims at making a durable contribution to global capacity building in trade governance. It was established in 1999 to train future practitioners and researchers from all over the world and counts with an international and multidisciplinary group of some 50 academics, 40 students and professionals from

the disciplines of law, economics, and international relations. WTI Director Professor Thomas Cottier submitted the WTI/Bern proposal. The SIEL 2014 conference will be held from 10-12 July 2014. Please refer to either the [SIEL](#) website or [WTI's](#) website for updates. The conference Call for Papers/Panels and other information will be posted sometime mid-2013. We are grateful to SIEL's venue selection committee and Executive Council for their assistance in the venue selection process, and to all of the institutions and individuals that submitted proposals.

B. President's corner

Should we modify the parameters of what we consider to be "international economic law" to reflect the new agenda called for by the reality of the expanding role of emerging economies? The rise of China, Brazil and other emerging economies is very obvious in a WTO which has traditionally adapted quickly to changing power realities, in part because of its consensus rule and its automatic dispute settlement system. It is also obvious in other international fora. If this shift in power is the source of some of today's international tensions, the solutions to, for example, the international financial crisis, or reaching a world agreement on climate change may rest (at least in part) with greater acceptance by OECD countries of the impact of their past actions and more responsibility being accepted by emerging economies. This new power balance would seem to call for some new rights and obligations and new agenda items for international economic law. Our reflections, research and exchanges should expand to include matters of primary interest to new players and to the new relations between traditional and new players. I am thinking, for example, about instigating discussion and possible new approaches on such issues as traditional subsidies versus state capitalism and competitive neutrality; energy state-trading enterprises and sovereignty over natural resources; new forms of foreign direct investment and regulatory expropriation; import measures versus export restrictions relating to climate change; international migration and free movement of people; and the several dimensions of the right to development that may appear to clash with other fundamental rights and obligations. SIEL should be creating opportunities for such (epistemic) exchanges and leading the debate on the evolution of international economic law. G.M. (The views expressed here are not to be attributed to the WTO)

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Regional Groups, Networks Activities & Call for papers

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Regional and networks activities

A. ANZSIL International Economic Law Interest Group

On 1 March 2013, Melbourne Law School's [Institute for International Law and the Humanities \(IILAH\)](#) hosted the Annual Symposium of the International Economic Law Interest Group (IELIG) of the [Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law \(ANZSIL\)](#). Convened as part of IILAH's Global Trade program by Professor Tania Voon of the Melbourne Law School, the day was also facilitated by IELIG Co-Chair Lisa Toohey and Vice-Chairs Ravi Kewalram and Oliver Toohey. As in previous years, the Symposium provided an opportunity for representatives of government, private practice and academia with an interest in international economic law to meet and discuss a range of important issues currently facing Australia and the world in this field. The program included an impressive list of speakers from the public and private sectors and Australian and New Zealand universities, such as Tracy Reid, Professor Anne Orford of Melbourne Law School, and Professor Luke Nottage.

B. African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN)

The African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN) in conjunction with the Mandela Institute at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, hosted the 2nd African International Economic Law Network Conference on the 7-8 March 2013. The central theme of this conference was 'Trade governance: Integrating Africa into the world economy through international economic law'. Delegates to this conference included prominent academics, emerging academics, African government representatives, regional economic communities, international organizations, international lawyers from law firms and economists. Several papers were delivered in light the themes of Investment, Trade in Goods, Agriculture and Services, and Intellectual Property and Competition on issues that affect Africa and also set an agenda for Africa's integration into the global economy which culminated in robust debates and information sharing. The concluding remarks by Professor James Gathii were to the effect that Africa's development and integration into the global economy lies in the hands of the African people. In as much as there are many challenges ahead, the hosting of such a conference by the AfIELN to bring voices of Africa together to discuss issues that affect the continent was a major milestone in that regard even though due to the complexity of the subject matter, the goal could not be achieved in the two days of the conference.

C. 2013 PEPA/SIEL Conference

Living up to the success of the 2012 Hamburg Conference, the Second PEPA/SIEL Conference took place in Göttingen, Germany, on January 25/26 2013. The conference was hosted by the Institute for Public International Law and European Law of the University of Göttingen, and invited over 60 participants among junior academics and practitioners and senior commentators from all over the world to present and discuss their work. A selection of papers will be published in a collected edition as well as the student driven Goettingen Journal of International Law, later this year. PEPA expresses its gratitude to Lars Borchart, Matthäus Fink, Jan-Carl Lüers, Christian Maurer & Alper Tasdelen from the Institute for Public International Law and European Law of the University of Göttingen for their great job in the conference committee. More information about the Second PEPA/SIEL Conference can be found in [our SIEL page](#).

D. Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN)

The 3rd Biennial Conference of AIELN will be held at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, Korea from 18 to 19 July 2013. The theme of the Conference is "The WTO at 20 and the Future of the IEL on Trade, Investment and Finance". The Organizing Committee has completed the paper selection process, and are in the process of working out the Programme. For more information, please contact [Professor Won-Mog Choi](#).

Call for Papers

A. Business and Human Rights

The European Society of International Law (ESIL) Interest Group on Business and Human Rights is calling for papers for its panel on 23 May 2013 at the 5th ESIL Research Forum, Amsterdam. Papers may consider perspectives on Advocacy, Litigation, and Policy and law making. To participate, please submit a 300 words abstract to [Dr. Olga Martin-Ortega](#) by 15 April 2013. Candidates are requested to include their name and affiliation in the email but not in the abstract itself. More information can be found [here](#).

B. Asian Society of IL (ASIASIL)

ASIASIL has issued a call for papers for its [4th Biennial Conference](#), to be hosted by the [Indian Society of International Law](#) in New Delhi, November 14-16, 2013. The theme is "Asia and International Law in the 21st Century: New Horizons." Organizers junior scholars, academics or practitioners, government officials and NGO officers to apply for positions as panelists. Papers may provide an Asian perspective on these topics, and/or international or comparative approaches. Submission deadline is Monday, 15 April 2013, 2300 hrs, India Time. Click [here](#) for more information and the submission form.



2013 Pepa Conference

Call for Venue

Universities and institutes interested in hosting the 2014 edition of the PEPA Conference are welcome to contact [Freya Baetens](#) and [José Caiado](#).

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C. Red Latinoamericana de Derecho Económico Internacional

Save the date: RED's 2013 biannual conference, will take place on 28-29 October 2013 in Lima, Peru. The call for papers has been published on the [RED's blog](#) and its LinkedIn group. Deadline for submissions is 30 May. Submissions must be in Portuguese or Spanish (the languages of the conference) and address one of the following topics: International Economic Law (Trade, Investment, Finance, and Monetary Law) in Latin America or with a focus on Latin America and its links with other regions; the institutions of regional integration in Latin America, their fragmentation and/or coherence with other global institutions; general theory of international economic relations. To submit your proposal, please e-mail it to: jmalvarez@etb.net.co. More information can be found [here](#).

Job openings

A. PIL Lecturer in the Netherlands

Opening for Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Public International Law at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies of the University of Leiden. More information can be found [here](#).

B. PhD Research Scholarship in IEL

Applications are invited by 18 March 2013 for a scholarship to undertake a three-year PhD on a full-time basis commencing 1 July 2013 at Melbourne Law School. The PhD candidate will be hosted by the newly established Global Economic Law Network at Melbourne Law School. Further details on the project, as well as the contact for enquiries, are available [here](#).

C. DISSETTLE

The DISSETTLE program [invites applications](#) for generous scholarships for PhD positions and short term research stays to conduct research on the use of economics in disputes in international trade and investment at the University of Warsaw, Poland.

Other activities

A. '10 Years Equator Principles'

The Graduate Program 'Law and Economics of Money and Finance' together with the Cluster of Excellence 'Normative Orders' of the Goethe University Frankfurt are convening the symposium '10 Years Equator Principles'. The symposium will take place on 14/15 March 2013 at the House of Finance of Goethe University Frankfurt. Please [contact](#) the LEMF program for more information.

B. FDI Moot 2013

Registration for FDI Moot 2013, which will take place between 24-26 October 2013 at the Frankfurt International Arbitration Center, is now open (deadline for registration is 31 May 2013). In the past three years, SIEL has contributed to the Thomas Waelde Fund aimed at providing funding for developing countries teams. More information can be found [here](#).

C. Yearbook on Inv. Law & Policy

The latest Yearbook of International Investment Law and Policy published by the Oxford University Press is just out and can be found [here](#).

D. IEL Publisher Discounts

Since its inception, the SIEL has negotiated SIEL member discounts with a wide variety of publishers, all of whom have been very supportive of the SIEL. More information on discounts available from individual publishers can be found [here](#).

E. New Positions/Titles

[Galina Zukova](#) has joined the International Arbitration practice group of White & Case in the Paris office.

[Meredith Kolsky Lewis](#) has joined the SUNY Buffalo Law School as Associate Professor and Director of the Canada-US Legal Studies Centre; she also remains on the law faculty of Victoria University of Wellington.

[Colin Picker](#) has been appointed as Associate Dean (International) at the University of New South Wales Law School.

[David Caron](#), a renowned NAFTA Chapter 11 Arbitrator, will be the new Dean of The Dickson Poon School of Law at King's College London.

F. Other

SIEL seeks to publicize IEL events – be they conferences, “calls for papers”, IEL competitions, IEL programmes and so on. Please send us such information for posting. To view a list of past SIEL posts, please visit the [SIEL website](#). As members of a member-run organization, please consider getting in touch with Meredith Lewis and Colin Picker, SIEL Executive Vice-Presidents, with specific ideas for SIEL projects and services. We are committed to expanding SIEL activities and services wherever appropriate - be it alone or in partnership with other IEL organizations around the world. Indeed, at the moment we are in the process of developing new projects and services and once they are finalized we will let you know.

Thanks for your support and interest.

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