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### A. SIEL 2016 Call for Venue

The [SIEL 2016 call for venue](#) is out. SIEL is seeking a suitable venue and institutional host for the **Fifth Biennial SIEL Conference**, to be held in 2016. SIEL's first three conferences were hosted by the Centre on Trade and Economic Integration, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland in July 2008, the University of Barcelona and its IELPO Programme at the premises of the University of Barcelona,

Spain in July 2010, and by the Centre for International Law of the National University of Singapore in July 2012. The fourth conference will be hosted by the World Trade Institute of the University of Bern, Switzerland in July 2014. Proposals from interested institutions should be submitted by **15 March 2014**. Should you have any questions while considering this call, please do not hesitate to contact [Colin](#), [Meredith](#) or [Markus](#).

### B. President's Corner

#### The success of the Bali WTO package is an alleluia for global economic governance!

On 7 December, after months of intense negotiations and all night shuttle diplomacy, the Indonesian Trade Minister Gita Wirjawan and WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo gavelled the WTO "Bali Package" - in Bali, Indonesia, a city where miracles are known to happen! The amazing efficiency of the Indonesian government also played more than a small part in making it happen. The Bali Package is the first fully multilateral WTO deal since 1995, and it has the potential to revolutionize international economic relations. Although these numbers can be contested, the press reports that some \$500 billion of potential benefits could result from the conclusion of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, which deals with borders and customs restrictions and aims to cut red tape and speed the movement of goods across international frontiers. But there is more. The Bali Package comprises 15 additional instruments, including agreements institutionalizing a new monitoring mechanism for development; enhancing market access rights and providing more flexibility for least-developed countries. The package also contains a series of agriculture-related provisions to improve inter alia the functioning of tariff-rate quotas, reduce the use of export subsidies and protect food security.

With the Bali Package, WTO Members have won the challenge of rejuvenating the WTO's role as a central forum for multilateral trade negotiations at a time when many feared that huge FTAs and other mega-agreements, such as the TPP, the TTIP, were taking Members' negotiating energy away from the WTO. In DG Azevêdo's own words, "for first time in our history, the WTO has truly delivered. We're back in business. We have put the world back into the World Trade Organization." This is, quite simply, true. After all, the real goal of the Uruguay Round was not only to create an international trade organization but also, and perhaps more importantly, to establish an institution capable of "delivering" on the promise of international cooperation towards freer trade and, ultimately, higher standards of living. Having said that, the complex political and legal relationship between the multiple level commitments in bilateral and multilateral agreements will have to be confronted and resolved, ideally before the WTO dispute settlement system is called upon to adjudicate related disputes.

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But there is even more. The gaveling of the Bali Package gave the breath of life and hope to the entire multilateral system, proving that global (economic) governance is still possible and that international consensus can be achieved. This is the true triumph of Bali: through the WTO, 160 Members have managed to come together and arrive at consensus on some difficult but very important issues. The Bali Package clearly is the result of extensive negotiations and concessions by all Members, but it also reinforces Azevêdo's triumphal landing on the WTO throne, and confirms the arrival of a new era in which emerging and least-developed economies as well as their group representatives will play an increasingly significant role in international trade governance. Bali represents an exciting example of international-economic-law-in-the-making – one of the focuses and *raison d'être* of SIEL.

**Gabrielle Marceau**  
SIEL President

## Job Openings

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- B. Doctoral Programme in Human Rights

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- B. Red

## IEL Activities

- A. International Trade Update Anniversary at Georgetown

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- C. 2013 SIEL/CUP Essay Prize
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## Job openings

### A. Lecturer at King's College London

The Dickson Poon School of Law at King's College London working in partnership with Royal Dutch Shell is looking to make one permanent appointment at the Lecturer level in the area of International Dispute Resolution. More information can be found [here](#).

### B. Doctoral Programme in Human Rights

The **Hebrew University of Jerusalem** and the **Freie Universität Berlin** have announced a new joint 3-year interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme entitled 'Human Rights under Pressure – Ethics, Law and Politics' (HR-UP), co-directed by Prof. Tomer Brode of the SIEL Executive Council and funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Einstein Foundation Berlin. HR-UP offers young researchers a unique opportunity to conduct cutting-edge research on the most pressing contemporary challenges for human rights, including issues arising from globalization and international economic law. **Doctoral researchers** admitted to the programme will receive competitive fellowships and mobility funds for research terms at the partner university. They will be jointly supervised by senior researchers from Germany and Israel, and participate in both jointly and locally held courses, including a two-week introductory intensive course in Jerusalem, joint interdisciplinary colloquia, research 'master-classes', and three annual summer schools in Berlin. The programme also includes **two post-doctoral positions** (one in each university). The deadline for applications is 27 January 2014. More information is available [here](#).

## Regional and network activities

### A. SIEL Postgraduate and Early Professionals and Academics Network (PEPA)

A call for papers has been issued for the **3rd PEPA Conference** (Sao Paulo, Brazil, 24 - 25 April 2014). Submissions should include a CV and a research abstract (no more than 400 words). They are to be sent no later than **12 January 2014** to the [conference organizers](#). 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 31 January 2014, after which they are expected to submit a conference paper (no more than 4000 words) by 31 March 2014. More information can be found [here](#).

### B. Red Latinoamericana de Derecho Económico Internacional

The Red Latinoamericana de Derecho Económico Internacional **held its second conference** on 28/29 October 2013 at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. Organized with the support of SIEL, the WTO, Latin American Society of International Law and the WTI the two-day conference united practitioners, representatives of the Andean Community, Mercosur, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the WTO and the World Bank and academics from 12 countries. Numerous presentations of experienced academics and practitioners shed light on all aspects of international economic law of interest to the region and junior researchers had the opportunity to present their work in a poster session. The proceedings of the first conference have now been published as Alvarez Zárate, Grando, Hestermeyer (ed.), 'Estado y Futuro del Derecho Económico Internacional en América Latina', Bogotá: Universidad Externado de Colombia 2013.

## IEL Activities

### A. International Trade Update Programme at Georgetown

On 27-28 February 2014, Georgetown University Law Center in Washington DC will host the 35th anniversary edition of the International Trade Update continuing legal education programme for the US and international trade and customs bar. Highlights include a roundtable of leading policy makers from trade remedy authorities, a keynote discussion with Prof. **John Jackson** and luncheon address by **Jan Woznowski**, a roundup on Congress's trade agenda in 2014, and other sessions on the latest in trade and customs law practice. More information is available [here](#). Full-time students and Georgetown faculty may attend without charge; \$200 registration for other full-time faculty.

## Other activities

### A. 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](#).

### B. New Positions/Titles

[Lisa Toohy](#) is the newest member of SIEL Executive Council. She was elected at the General Meeting that took place on 19 December 2013.

If you have any upcoming changes, be they temporary or permanent, that you would like us to list, please email either [José](#) or [Freya](#) with the details.

### C. 2013 SIEL/CUP Essay Prize

SIEL is pleased to announce the results of the 2013 SIEL/CUP Essay Prize Competition. The essay by **Caitlin Conyers** entitled 'The Ideational Dimension of Currency Manipulation: A Fundamental Transformation of the WTO's Mandate?' has been designated 'Highly Commended'. The essay is available on the SIEL [website](#).

### D. 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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