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SIEL 2018 Global Conference, Washington D. C., 12-14 July 2018

The Society of International Economic Law's Biennial Conference on "International Economic Law in Unsettling Times" will be held at the American University Washington College of Law in Washington D.C. on 12-14 July 2018. Over 100 speakers from academia and practice of international economic law will present on all areas of the field to over 300 expected participants. Invited speakers include Christine Lagarde, Hélène Ruiz-Fabri, Joel Trachtman, Teresa Cheng, Rufus Yerxa, Jonathan Fried, Herminio Blanco Mendoza, Jennifer Hillman, Ricardo Ramirez-Hernandez and Giorgio Sacerdoti.

Come and join the fun!

[The full program](#) is available on [the conference website](#) where you can also [register](#) for the conference.



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Trade Wars, Cooperation, Governance and SIEL*

It is an honour to have been President of SIEL during these past six years. Since its inception 12 years ago, SIEL has encouraged and fostered legal, political, economic and interdisciplinary analysis of international economic law, supported many discussions, meetings and conferences, and seen the creation of several regional and national autonomous international economic law societies.

Andrew Lang and Colin Picker were visionary in understanding the potential scope of international economic law (IEL), and just how significant its ramifications could be on the issues fundamental to contemporary life. They, along with an imaginative and hard-working "founding committee", launched the SIEL at its first conference ten years ago, to help spark discussions and invite reflections on IEL – which has come to occupy a central role in international relations. In today's world of economic and commercial tensions, brewing trade wars, the emphasis on sustainable development, issues of overcapacity and market distortions, new and re-negotiated regional trade agreements, investment dispute settlement reforms, and concerns about innovation and protection of intellectual property – to name just a few of the more pressing issues facing the field – IEL provides a framework for analysing these issues and proposing solutions to them. In their work, SIEL members have addressed these complex issues and contributed to the understanding and development of IEL.

IEL is multidisciplinary in nature, and that is one of the reasons why it has been essential for scholars in the field to develop rigorous and innovative analytical frameworks. It is not possible to find solutions to today's problems through isolated consideration of separate issues. Difficult economic issues can only be disentangled if the

ramifications of their vertical and horizontal relationships are analysed and understood together. Is it possible to deal appropriately with trade imbalances without addressing exchange rates, investment rules, and the role of the IMF? Is it possible to deal with trade wars without looking at rules on competition and public ownership or state-trading? Is it possible to enhance the participation of small and medium-enterprises in electronic commerce without supportive and transparent regulations, non-discriminatory rules on investment, and accessible banking systems? If we want to promote sustainable marine resources, must we also consider taxes and subsidies and transit rights? Is it possible to look at border trade restrictions without looking at trade remedies and direct investment? How can we implement equitable solutions to these problems and protect weaker actors in order to maintain sustainable development without balancing multidisciplinary considerations? The list could go on and on, but what is clear is that only cooperation between states and relevant actors can bring about some governance over these types of IEL issues.

Our next conference, on 12 to 14 July 2018, under the timely theme of "International Economic Law in Unsettling Times", will be held at the American University Washington College of Law, in Washington, D.C., at the new, outstanding Campus. The conference programme reflects SIEL's engagement in the multidisciplinary issues of international economic law. Several world-renowned keynote speakers and international experts will also be in attendance. We will start with a discussion and assessment from the IMF perspective of its role in today's international economic affairs. We have invited Managing Director Christine Lagarde, one of our most important

economic leaders, to participate in this discussion. This will be followed by a panel on NAFTA, where the negotiators and international experts Rufus Yerxa, Herminio Blanco and Jonathan Fried will debate the NAFTA state of play and the implications arising from new rules. We shall also have a panel on the problems faced by the WTO Appellate Body where ex-AB members Jennifer Hillman, Ricardo Ramirez and Giorgio Sacerdotti will be moderated by Padideh Ala'i. Joel Trachtman will give the SIEL Lecture on The Robert Hudec Legacy: Trade, Domestic Regulation, and Globalization. H el ene Ruiz-Fabri will discuss the Rule of Law, and we are honoured also to have Secretary of Justice Teresa Cheng, SC of Hong Kong SAR, who will deliver the closing statement. Finally, more than 300 experts will debate a long list of fundamental issues related to IEL.

It was a pleasure working closely with Holger, Shin-Yi, Junji, Amy, Maria Laura, Susan, Johanna, Markus, Meredith, Jos e, Colin, Freya and Krista, from and with whom I have learned enormously and come to appreciate the importance of international economic law and the role and responsibilities of SIEL in the field. SIEL has grown exponentially and can only continue to evolve with the devoted dedication of its officers. We must continue SIEL's work in contributing to world governance of sustainable and economic development in international relations. And as someone once said a long time ago "we should not ask ourselves what SIEL can do for our own personal career but rather we should ask what we can do to help SIEL continue to grow and evolve".

* The views expressed are personal to the author and do not bind SIEL or the WTO

Gabrielle Marceau

AGM 2018, Washington D.C.

Publications by SIEL members

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- C. The EU and its Partners in Global Governance: Trade, Investment, Tax and Sustainable Development Conference
- D. International Investment Law & Competition Law Conference

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Announcement of the AGM 2018

Saturday, 14 July 2018 in Claudio Grossman Hall, American University Law School, Washington, DC at 14.00-15.00 (GMT-4h)

The agenda for the meeting can be downloaded by clicking [here](#). At this meeting, there will be a number of officer positions and Executive Council positions to fill. We encourage those interested to nominate a colleague or self-nominate herself/himself by writing to Krista [Nadakavukaren Schefer](#) or [Shin-yi Peng](#) to indicate interest in being on the ballot.

All candidates will be asked to submit a CV and statement of interest. The Nominating

Committee will screen applicants and prepare the ballot with as many names as qualify. This ballot will then form the basis for elections which will take place during the Biennial Conference.

A proxy form and instructions will be sent prior to the elections for those of you who cannot attend the Conference and/or AGM and wish to designate a proxy to vote for you.

Sincerely,
Krista Nadakavukaren Schefer

Publications by SIEL members

Mavluda Sattorova, [The Impact of Investment Treaty Law on Host States: Enabling Good Governance?](#)

(Hart Publishing, 2018)

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R. Leal-Arcas and J. Wouters (eds.), [Research Handbook on EU Energy Law and Policy](#) (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2017)

Conferences

A. G2 Conference on Dispute Resolution and International Economic Law, 11 July 2018, Washington D. C.

[Georgetown's Institute of International Economic Law and the Graduate Institute, Geneva's Center for Trade and Economic Integration](#) will be hosting a one-day conference on dispute resolution and international economic law. The conference will be the 18th year in which the two institutions (the "G2") have organized summer events, and this year the meeting will take place on the Georgetown Law campus, in anticipation of the SIEL conference of 12-14 July. The program is available [here](#).

B. Law and Development Conference, "Law and Development: Theory and Practice", 6-7 July, Humboldt University

The Law and Development Institute (LDI), Humboldt University Faculty of Law, and

Walter de Gruyter co-host the 2018 Law and Development Conference "Law and Development: Theory and Practice" to be held in Humboldt University, Berlin on July 6-7, 2018. The Conference is the ninth annual conference in law and development that the LDI co-hosts with leading universities and institutions and the first to be held in Continental Europe. 17 leading scholars from North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America present papers over two days. The select papers will be published in the 2019 Special Issue of Law and Development Review. [The Conference Program](#) and [registration](#) are available online.

C. The EU and its Partners in Global Governance: Trade, Investment, Tax and Sustainable Development, 14-15 June, Chinese University of Hong Kong

The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies are jointly organizing a conference on "The EU and its Partners in Global Governance: Trade, Investment, Tax and Sustainable Development." The event will take place at the Chinese University of Hong Kong on 14-15 June 2018. The conference program is available [here](#).

D. International Investment Law & Competition Law', 27-28 September, University of Zaragoza

The Faculty of Law of the University of Zaragoza is hosting, in the context of the Investment Law Initiative, a Colloquium on 'International Investment Law & Competition Law', which will take place on 27 & 28 September 2018, in Zaragoza, Spain. More information and registration form are available [here](#).

Call for Papers

A. Joint North American Conference on International Economic Law, Montreal, Canada, 21-22 September 2018

The ASIL International Economic Law Interest Group, the Canadian Council on International Law, and The Centre for International Governance Innovation, together with McGill University Faculty of Law are organizing a Joint North

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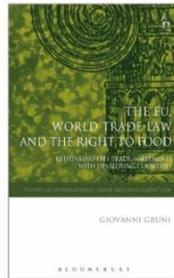
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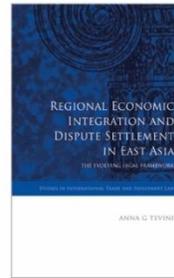
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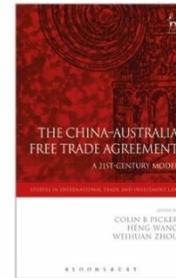
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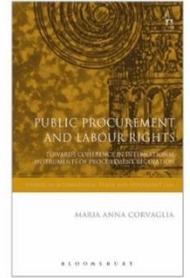
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American Conference on International Economic Law that incorporates the 2018 ASIL IEcLIG Biennial. It will be held at McGill University Faculty of Law, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 21-22, 2018.

The conference theme is "Managing International Economic (Dis)Integration: Challenges and Opportunities." We invite unpublished paper and panel proposals relating to the conference theme, but will also consider submissions on other topics in international economic law. The complete call for papers is available [here](#). The submission deadline is June 4, 2018.

B. Religion and Ethnicity on the International Bench

On 4 and 5 October 2018 (TBC), the third conference in the Identity on the International Bench Series is taking place in The Hague, organized by the PluriCourts Centre of Excellence, Oslo University.

The aim of this conference is to analyse when and how adjudicators' identity and, in particular, features relating to religion and ethnicity (including race, language and membership of minority groups, etc.) affect the composition of international courts and tribunals, judicial reasoning and decision-making, as well as the resulting implications for the legitimacy of the international adjudicatory institutions.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 31 July 2018

For the full Call for Papers, please see [here](#). For more information, please feel free to contact: [Prof. dr. Freya Baetens](#).

Winner of the SIEL/JIEL/OUP Prize

Congratulations to Rafael Lima Sakr (LSE) on winning the 2017-2018 SIEL/JIEL/OUP Prize for his essay entitled '[Beyond History and Boundaries: Rethinking the Past in the Present of International Economic Law](#)'.

Winner of the SIEL-Hart Prize

Congratulations to Nneamaka Vannion winning the inaugural SIEL-Hart Prize for her thesis entitled 'Narratives and Counter-Narratives in Pharmaceutical Patent Law Making: Experiences from 3 Developing Countries' that was defended at Warwick University in 2017. The winning thesis will be published within the Hart series [Studies in International Trade and Investment Law](#).

ELSA Moot Court Competition

[ELSA Moot Court Competition Final Oral Round, 19-24 June, Headquarters of the WTO, Geneva](#)

The 16th edition of the ELSA Moot Court Competition on WTO Law is reaching its final stage. With all the Regional Rounds having concluded in the last week of April, the preparations for the Final Oral Round at the headquarters of the WTO in Geneva, Switzerland are well under way. From the Regional Rounds, eight European teams, two North American teams, two Latin American Teams, eight Asian teams, four African teams and one Middle-Eastern team will be present at the Final Oral Round. The Final Oral Round will be held from 19 - 24 June, with the Grand Final of the competition to be held on 23 June.

This edition will mark the final year of its current naming. At ELSA's International Council Meeting, held in Lviv Ukraine, it was decided to rename the competition to the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition. The name change will be in memory of Professor Jackson, who was instrumental in the development of the dispute settlement system that the competition mimics as an academic exercise.

SIEL/PEPA thanks EUC and calls for Venue Proposals

On 13 and 14 April, the 7th Conference of the Postgraduate and Early Professionals/Academics Network of the Society of International Economic Law (PEPA/SIEL) took place in Cyprus.

A warm word of thanks to the local organisers (Dr Venetia Argyropoulou and Prof. Konstantinos Tsimaras from the European University of Cyprus), the discussants and the speakers who made this conference a success.

Particular congratulations to Daley Birkett and Dini Seiko who won the Edward Elgar Best Paper Prize for their paper 'UN Sanctions and the Governance of Sovereign Wealth Funds: Investigating the case of the Libyan Investment Authority'.

As SIEL/PEPA is hosted by a different institution every year, the call for venue proposals for the 2019 edition of SIEL/PEPA is now open. The deadline for submissions of venue proposals is 31 July 2018. For applications and questions, please feel free to contact [Jose Caiado](#) and [Freya Baetens](#).

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Please note that the next SIEL newsletter is scheduled for September 2018. Should you wish to include an item in the next issue, please contact us by the beginning of September.

Thanks for your support and interest. Susan Isiko Strba, Maria Laura Marceddu & Johanna Jacobsson.