

**11th Conference of the Postgraduate and Early Professionals/Academics Network of the
Society of International Economic Law (PEPA/SIEL)**

8-10 June 2022

We are pleased to announce that the 2022 PEPA/SIEL Conference will be held at Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham in hybrid form on Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th June 2022. SIEL's Postgraduate and Early Professionals/Academics Network (PEPA/SIEL) is interested in fostering collaboration and mentoring opportunities for emerging academics and professionals in international economic law. PEPA/SIEL fulfils these goals through various activities, including organising conferences at which emerging academics and professionals in the field of international economic law can present and discuss their research in a supportive and welcoming environment. We are also pleased to announce that this year's conference will also launch the 1st edition of the Baetens-Caiado Prize. Further details will be announced in due course.

Call for Papers

This conference offers graduate students (students enrolled in Masters' or PhD programmes) and Early Career professionals and academics, studying or working in the field of IEL, an opportunity to present and discuss their ongoing research. It also provides a welcoming platform where participants can critically discuss and test ideas about broader issues relating to IEL. Every panel will include on average three papers. One or more senior practitioners and academics will comment on each paper, which will then be followed by a general discussion.

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

- law, practice, and theory of international economic governance and international organisations;
- international trade, investment, competition, financial and monetary law and policy, including all methods of dispute settlement;
- the interaction of IEL with other branches of law: intellectual property, human rights, environment, sustainable development, food and public health;
- new approaches to the philosophy, sociology and politics of IEL;
- new developments in IEL, including the impact of Brexit, COVID-19 and cryptocurrencies; and
- regional perspectives on IEL, including Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL).

How and when to submit

Please submit your paper abstract (no more than 400 words) including a short bio (no more than 300 words) [here](#) by **11:59 pm GMT on 15 March 2022**.

Decisions about selected abstracts will be notified by **25 March 2022**. Authors of selected abstracts are expected to submit a working paper (4000-5000 words) to pepasiel2022@contacts.bham.ac.uk by **11:59 pm GMT on 15 May 2022**.

This hybrid conference will take place both online and in-person at the University of Birmingham over three days. Papers to be presented during the conference will be made available to panellists and discussants one week prior to the conference to facilitate maximum engagement with presentations. The attending audience will also be provided with access to the abstracts in due course.

General practical information about participating and attending the Conference

The deadline for registration is **25 May 2022**. Registration has to be done online at the SIEL website. Registration costs **£60 for non-SIEL Members**, and **£40 for SIEL Members**. The registration fee for non-SIEL Members includes a one-year SIEL Membership fee. SIEL Membership details may be found at the SIEL website. The registration fee covers conference materials, coffee breaks and lunch on both days.

A limited number of conference fee waivers and scholarships will be available for applicants facing financial hardship. Applicants are kindly invited to add a short statement of no more than 400 words to their conference submission, stating the reason for their request. Successful applications will be notified by **25 March 2022**. Decisions on waivers and scholarships will aim to promote gender and geographic diversity.

Subject to space availability, registration of participants not presenting a paper will be accepted. The regular fee will be applied. Please contact pepasiel2022@contacts.bham.ac.uk for further information.

Conference Co-Chairs:

Mariela de Amstalden, Henok Asmelash, Freya Baetens, Ilaria Espa and Suresh Nanwani