



ASIL Background Information

About Us

The American Society of International Law is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization founded in 1906 and chartered by Congress in 1950. ASIL holds Category II Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and is a constituent society of the American Council of Learned Societies. The Society is headquartered at Tillar House in Washington, D.C.

The mission of the American Society of International Law is to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice.

The Society's nearly 4,000 members from more than 100 nations include attorneys, academics, corporate counsel, judges, representatives of governments and nongovernmental organizations, international civil servants, students, and others interested in international law.

Activities

Through its meetings, publications, information services and outreach programs, ASIL advances international law scholarship and education for international law professionals as well as for broader policymaking audiences and the public.

While its educational mission remains as central today as it was at the Society's founding, ASIL programs have adapted to dramatic changes in international law, as both an expansive topic and an evolving professional discipline. The Society celebrated its Centennial in 2006 under the theme "A Just World Under Law."

Publications

ASIL publications are recognized as indispensable information sources in the field of international law. Print periodicals include:

American Journal of International Law

International Legal Materials

ASIL Newsletter

Proceedings of the ASIL Annual Meeting

ASIL Insights, *International Law In Brief*, and *Judicial Monitor* are distributed electronically at no charge. Subscriptions to all ASIL publications are available at www.asil.org.

Electronic Research Tools

In addition to its print and electronic periodicals, ASIL offers a wealth of online resources on international law to members, students, legal scholars, media representatives, and the general public. Notable are *Electronic Information System for International Law* at www.eisil.org and *ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources* at www.asil.org/erghome.cfm.

Leadership

ASIL's Officers and Executive Council are leading the Society into an era of direct networking between members around the world – through conferences, meetings, and publications, as well as by means of electronic communications and information resources.

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