



# American Society of International Law

## Program Ideas Sought

From April 3-6, 2024, the American Society of International Law will convene its 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. The ASIL Annual Meeting Committee (chaired by Julian Arato, Christina Beharry, and Hannah Garry) welcomes submission of ideas for sessions within the theme, “**International Law in an Interdependent World.**”

### Description of Annual Meeting theme:

There is more international law than ever today – more instruments and disciplines, more institutions, and more judicialization. Meanwhile, nations have become increasingly interdependent on account of global economic integration, technological and communicative connectivity, the need to manage cross-border and global resources, and concerns over collective security. Under one common story, these developments are related: international law tends to contribute to international integration and human interconnectedness, all of which should reduce the potential for conflict and lay the groundwork for greater human flourishing. Real world developments, however, seem to bely such a hopeful narrative. For all that our rules-based international order has achieved, the last decade has witnessed a resurgence in classical conflicts – from trade wars to open cross-border military aggression and great power conflict. Undeniable gains in prosperity and growth have been attended by rising inequality and disregard for human rights. Our interdependence has also generated its own novel problems, from insecurity in digital networks and cross-border infrastructure to financial contagion, pandemics, and climate crises.

This Annual Meeting will interrogate the role of international law in such an interdependent world. Both progressive and critical analyses have some purchase. Has international law actually contributed to human connectedness and flourishing and, if so, how? Can we still envision this pursuit while limiting social and political stratification within and among nations? How can international law respond to new challenges posed by greater integration, including the very weaponization of interdependence? This meeting will reevaluate and reimagine the purpose, place, and power of international law in response to these developments.

We invite topics across a broad spectrum of sectors as well as across practice areas, academia, and civil society. We encourage submissions that address niche and overlooked aspects of international law, together with the core areas implicated by today’s pressing crises, in order to explore the full range of challenges facing international law and society today, including those identified in the “Cross-Cutting Topics” included below.

Sessions that are selected will be assigned to a substantive track:

- International Human Rights, Humanitarian Law, and Criminal Justice
- Transnational Litigation, Arbitration, and Dispute Resolution
- International Trade, Investment, Finance, and Tax
- International Organizations, Global Governance, Global Health, and Technology
- Security, Foreign Relations, and Use of Force
- Environment, Sea, Space, and Sustainable Development

### **2024 AM Co-chairs:**

Julian Arato, University of Michigan Law School

Christina Beharry, Foley Hoag LLP; and

Hannah Garry, University of Southern California Gould School of Law

### **Instructions for Submitting Session Ideas:**

To suggest a session to the Committee, please go to [www.asil.org/AM](http://www.asil.org/AM) and click on the “Proposal Submission” tab and complete the form found there by no later than **5pm ET, Wednesday, July 19, 2023**.

Submissions should include:

- a suggested title for the session; and
- a draft description of the session, including the format and overall educational/informational goal of the session.

Submitters may also wish to include ideas for speakers to be considered, but this is not required. Please do not contact potential speakers in advance!

### **Selection criteria:**

The Annual Meeting Committee welcomes submissions addressing this year’s theme both within and across the many subfields of international law. Drawing on the submitted ideas, the Committee will create a program with the following goals in mind:

- coverage of a breadth of timely topics of interest to ASIL members;
- participation by individuals from a variety of backgrounds; and
- a vibrant exchange of ideas through the use of innovative program formats.

The Committee will prioritize submissions that utilize formats other than traditional panels, such as interviews, question-and-answer roundtables, lectures, debates, poster sessions, or the use of multimedia or interactive audience participation features.

The Committee will also prioritize novel or cutting-edge topics in international law. In addition, the Committee is committed to expanding diversity in the issues and voices represented at the Annual Meeting.

### **Important note on how the ASIL Annual Meeting program is crafted:**

The Annual Meeting Committee appreciates the work required to submit an idea for a substantive session, and it takes seriously the submitters’ views on areas of focus and format for the Annual Meeting. Nonetheless, given the number of submissions expected, the inevitable similarities between some proposals, and the goals and themes articulated above, not all session ideas can be accepted into the program as submitted. **Please understand that the Committee reserves (and commonly must exercise) the right to accept but significantly modify session submissions, which may result in omitting proposed participants (including the author), adding new participants, combining multiple submissions, or modifying a session’s description, focus, or goals.**