

**THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW INTEREST GROUP**

IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

February 14-15, 2020

TO BE HELD AT

THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW

CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference will comprise:

- Academic paper presentations drawn from an open call for papers
- Invited papers and keynote speakers
- Roundtable conversations with practitioners in private practice, academics, and government officials

I. Overall Concept and Theme

Theme: **Designing International Economic Law: Challenges and Opportunities**

Mounting political pressure and the threat of economic disintegration raise fundamental questions about the architecture of international economic law. The decade following the global financial crisis witnessed a burst of creativity with the rise of regional and mega-regional trade agreements, significant efforts toward multilateral reform of the international investment system, and increasing plurilateralism in international financial governance. Economic institutions are nonetheless still struggling to account for new realities, such as the blurring boundaries between economic and national security, the increasing salience of electronic commerce, the changing dynamics of global inequality, and the potentially catastrophic effects of climate change. The impending paralysis of the WTO Appellate Body and longstanding critiques of investor-state arbitration also raise broader questions about the role of dispute settlement in international economic law. This conference will bring together scholars and practitioners to reflect on the current moment, rethink past designs, and seek innovative paths forward.

We welcome unpublished paper proposals relating to the conference theme, but will also consider submissions on other topics in international economic law.

II. Unpublished Paper and Panel Proposal Submissions

The **deadline** for both unpublished paper and panel proposal submissions is **Monday, June 24, 2019**. Submissions should be sent to 2020IELconference@gmail.com per the instructions below. Submissions will be peer-reviewed with decisions issued in early July.

Papers:

Please submit an abstract of no more than 500 words and confirm that the paper will not be published before the conference. Please also provide a CV or resume, your current affiliation, and indicate whether you are a member of the ASIL International Economic Law IG.

Panels:

Please submit a proposal, in no more than 1500 words, on the approach, anticipated content and format of the panel, and proposed speakers with their affiliation and their field(s) of expertise. Please note that panel proposals may be combined or amended by the conference organizers to take into account the range of submissions.

All papers will be due on **January 20, 2020**, and should be sent to 2020IELconference@gmail.com for dissemination to other panelists, moderators and conference participants in advance of the event.

III. Conference Details

The conference will take place at the University of Miami School of Law in Coral Gables, Florida, on February 14-15, 2020. **Given the popularity of Miami as a travel destination during high season, participants should be prepared to make accommodation arrangements as soon as decisions are announced.**

For ASIL members, the registration fee is expected to be approximately \$100 (which will cover some meals). For non-members, the fee is expected to be \$140. Students will enjoy discounted rates to be announced.

Please understand that budget constraints prevent us from providing any travel or other financial assistance to conference participants.

We hope to see you in Miami in February!

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