

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

IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

September 22-24, 2022

TO BE HELD AT
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
IN FORT WORTH, TX

CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference will include:

- 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: Energy, Sustainability, and International Economic Law

The transition to clean and sustainable sources of energy is among the defining challenges of the twenty-first century. The evidence is increasingly clear that drastic actions, including a shift to renewable energy sources, will be required if the international community is to keep global temperature increases within agreed-upon limits. At the same time, short-term shocks in energy supplies, such as those resulting from Russia's recent invasion of Ukraine, are causing governments to seek new sources of oil and gas, even as they also feel pressure to decrease their overall dependence on fossil fuels. A transition to renewable energy, in turn, will create new pressures on supply chains and extractive industries.

International economic law will have to both shape and respond to these developments, raising a range of questions that implicate the full breadth of our discipline. These include the meaning and role of key concepts, such as "sustainable development"; the appropriate design of treaties and dispute settlement systems; the relationship between economic treaties and other regimes, such as international environmental law and human rights law; the governance of global supply chains; the

operation of international development banks and financial institutions; the role of Indigenous peoples and local communities in foreign investment and resource extraction; institutions for the transfer of technology and the management of intellectual property; and theoretical questions concerning global justice, sovereignty and statehood, the relationship between public and private law, and the future trajectory of international economic law.

We welcome unpublished paper proposals relating to the conference theme. We intend the theme to be understood broadly, taking full account of the wide range of expertise and practice areas represented among the Interest Group's membership. We also welcome proposals relating to specific economic sectors or regions.

II. Unpublished Paper and Panel Proposal Submission

The **deadline** for both unpublished paper and panel proposal submissions is **Monday, June 13, 2022**. Submissions should be sent to iecligbiennial2022@gmail.com where they 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 resume, your current affiliation, and indicate whether you are a member of the ASIL International Economic Law IG. Non-members are welcome to apply.

All papers will be due on **September 2, 2022** and should be sent to iecligbiennial2022@gmail.com for dissemination to other panelists, moderators and conference participants in advance of the event. Given the limited amount of time before the event, we emphasize that papers are **not** subject to any minimum word requirement.

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.

III. Conference Details

The conference will take place at Texas A&M University School of Law on September 22-24, 2022.

For ASIL members, the registration fee is expected to be about \$100 (covers some meals). For non-members, the expected fee is \$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 Texas!

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