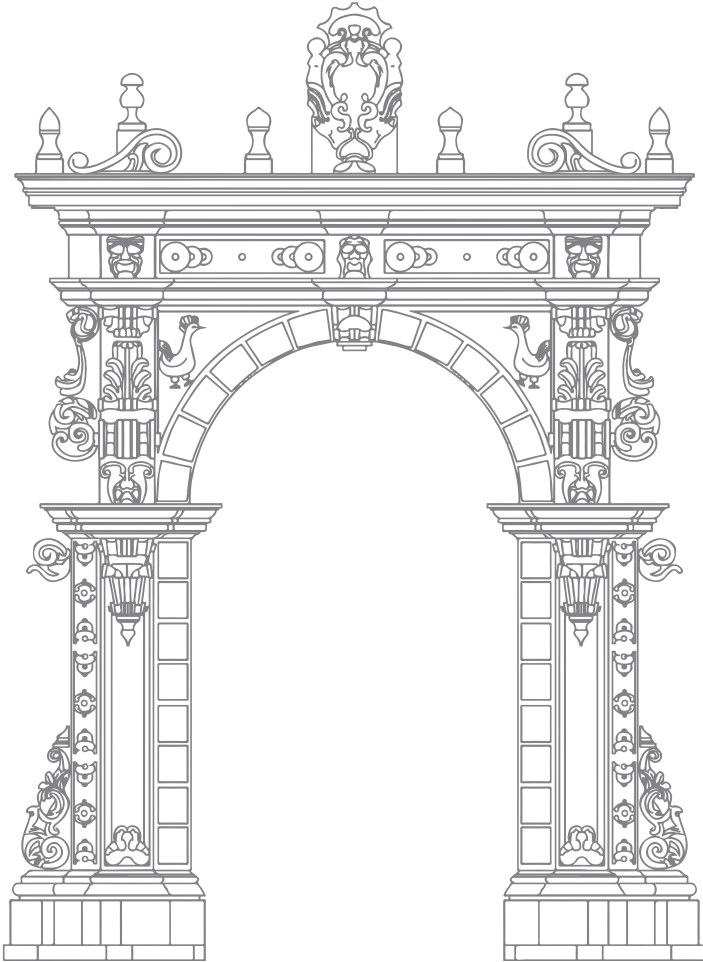




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Have a look at ESIL places in Catania



We are delighted to welcome this vibrant community of scholars from across Europe—and beyond—to engage in meaningful reflections on the challenges facing international law in an era of overlapping and multilayered crises.

This year's Research Forum brings together many early-career researchers, presenting their work at various stages of development, and offering them the opportunity to engage with leading international scholars—pillars of our ESIL community—who will provide valuable insights and feedback.

The 2025 Research Forum is further enriched by the inspiring contributions of the Early Career Network, which has carefully designed a series of mentoring events, both formal and informal, to support young researchers in navigating academia.

We hope that the University of Catania provides the perfect setting for two days of stimulating discussions, meaningful connections, and inspiring exchanges.

And now, we are ready to begin.

Benvenuti a Catania!

Adriana Di Stefano,

University of Catania

Keynote speakers



Anne Lagerwall is a professor of international law at the Université libre de Bruxelles and the director of the Center for International Law in that university. She is the co-editor-in-chief of the *Belgian Review of International Law*. Her research focuses on the law related to international peace and security (prohibition to resort to force, duty not to recognize a situation deriving from an unlawful military intervention, respect for human rights in occupied territories, immunities in the case of international crimes). She also articulates analyses of these rules

inspired by critical approaches to international law, which tend to reveal the power structures underlying the creation and application of international law.



Luisa Marin is Senior Assistant Professor in EU Law at the University of Insubria (2022- now). Previously, she was an Assistant Professor at the University of Twente (2007-2019). Upon her return to Italy, she held positions at the University of Padova and Catholic University of Piacenza, and has been awarded a Marie Curie Grant at the Law Department of the European University Institute. Among her latest works, the monograph *“Solidarity and Crises in the European Union: a constitutional principle in the pandemic and energy crises”* published in 2024, and

the special issue “The external borders of the European Union: Between a rule of law crisis and accountability gaps”, co-edited with Salvatore Nicolosi and Mariana Gkliati and published in the European Law Journal in 2024 and featuring 13 articles by leading scholars in the field. Her interests cover different topics of EU law, spanning from the constitutional dimension of European integration to the policies of the EU’s AFSJ and the general principles of EU law. Luisa is regularly a reviewer for academic journals and edited books and sits in the Committee of Referees of the journal Freedom, Security and Justice.

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Day 1 | Thursday, 20 March 2025

8.30 - 9.00 Reception and Registration

9.00 - 9.15 Welcome addresses - Villa Cerami, Aula Magna

Salvatore Zappalà, Dean of the Faculty of Law

Adriana Di Stefano, University of Catania

9.15 - 10.15 KEYNOTE LECTURE | Anne Lagerwall, ULB

Permacrisis: a game changer for international law?

10.15 - 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 - 12.30 Panel 1, Panel 2

Panel 1 | Permacrisis in International Law: Transformative Catalyst or Empty Rhetoric? (Villa Cerami, Aula Magna)

Chair: **Neha Jain**, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Antoine De Spiegeleir, European University Institute, Florence

The Lawyer Who Cried Wolf: Catastrophic Framing in an Age of Permacrisis

Alexander Köhler, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa

When Crisis Comes Home: A Critical Inquiry into Permanent Crisis as a New Phenomenon

Rémi Fuhrmann, University of Glasgow

Moralising Civil Wars: The Laws of War and the Red Cross Turn to Internal Conflicts, 1921-1949

Discussant: **Markus Beham**, University of Passau

Panel 2 | Human Rights in an Era of Permacrisis: Resilience or Retreat? (Auditorium ex Chiesa di Santa Maria della Purità)

Chair: **Helmut Aust**, Freie Universität Berlin

Carolina Braglia Aloise Bertazzoli, Central European University, Vienna

Socioeconomic Rights in Permacrisis: An Analysis of the Jurisprudence of Regional Human Rights Bodies

Johanna Bücker, MPI for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Freiburg

Derogation Powers and Continuing States of Emergency under the ECHR

Helga Molbaek-Steensig, European University Institute, Florence

Artificial Intelligence in Adjudication as a Creature of the Permacrisis

Discussant: **Ganna Yudkivska**, Judge ECtHR (2010-2022)

12.30 - 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30- 16.00 Panel 3, Panel 4

Panel 3 | The Impact of Permacrisis on Sources and Structures of International Law (Villa Cerami, Aula Magna)

Chair: **Federica Paddeu**, University of Cambridge

Stefan Robert McClean, Bocconi University, Milan
The Unknown Source: Obligations for Third States arising from Breaches to Communitarian Norms

Triantafyllos Kouloufakos, KU Leuven
Just Another Hack: A Cyber-attack-induced Permacrisis and the Inadequacy of State Responsibility

Nahide Basri, University College London
Regulating and Restraining Surveillance during Occupation Situations

Discussant: **Helmut Aust**, Freie Universität Berlin

Panel 4 | Crisis, Complexity, and the Interpretation of International Law (Auditorium ex Chiesa di Santa Maria della Purità)

Chair: **Christian Tams**, University of Glasgow

Jana Ruwayha, University of Geneva
Beyond Reversibility? How Permacrisis Sparks Disruption and Forges a New Equilibrium in Democratic Legal Orders

Violetta Sefkow-Werner, University of Zurich
Revisiting the No Harm Rule in International Environmental Law: Its Relevance and Application to Global Climate Protection

Johannes Tropper, University of Vienna
Permacrisis and its Implications for Impartiality in International Dispute Settlement

Discussant: **Daniel Peat**, Leiden University

16.15 - 17.45 Panel 5, Panel 6, Panel 7

Panel 5 | The Normalization of International and EU Crises (Villa Cerami, Aula Magna)

Chair: **Ganna Yudkivska**, Judge ECtHR (2010-2022)

David McKeever, United Nations
'In all forms and manifestations'. The UN Security Council's Legislative Response to the Permacrisis of (International) Terrorism

Francesca Finelli, University of Luxembourg and University of Pisa
The Normalization of Sanctions in the Russia/Ukraine Permacrisis: The Use of Designations Against Russian Targets Post-February 2022

Emmanuel Nartey, University of East London
The Russia-Ukraine Conflict and the Permacrisis of International Law

Discussant: **Machiko Kanetake**, Utrecht University

Panel 6 | Permanent Crisis and Its Impact on International Economic Law (Auditorium ex Chiesa della Purità)

Chair: **Daniel Peat**, Leiden University

Alina Papanastasiou, University of Cambridge

Defining Stability in Times of Persistent Instability: Rethinking Investment Treaty Protection against Regulatory Change in the Age of 'Permacrisis' and 'Polycrisis'

Laurence Marquis and Antoine Comont, Laval University, Québec

The Legitimacy Permacrisis of Dispute Settlement Mechanisms in International Economic Law: A Comparative Approach to Reform Projects at the WTO and UNCITRAL

Livia Hinz, Unitelma Sapienza Rome

Facing the Twin Challenges of Debt Sustainability and Climate Change: The Role of Multilateral Development Banks

Discussant: **Edouard Fromageau**, University of Aberdeen

Panel 7 | Permacrisis and the Future of Climate Change Law: Resilience and Adaptation in Global Environmental Governance

(Villa Cerami, Aula Giardino)

Chair: **Veronika Fikfak**, University College London

Niklas Sebastian Reetz, European University Institute, Florence

Balancing Cooperation and Confrontation in the Climate Crisis

Christos Zois, Sciences Po Law School, Paris

Critical Futurities: Reconsidering the Rights of Future Generations in the Age of Permacrisis

Martina Sardo, University of Palermo and **Francesca Tammone**, University "Magna Grecia" of Catanzaro

Responding to the Environmental Chronic Emergencies through International Law

Discussant: **Christina Binder**, Bundeswehr University Munich and University of Vienna

18.00 - 20.00 Aperitivo - Enoteca Civita, via Carnazza Amari 14, Catania

20.30 Dinner Reception - Ristorante Basalto, via San Tommaso 22, Catania

Day 2 | Friday, 21 March 2025

08.30 - 10.00 Panel 8, Panel 9

Panel 8 | International Environmental Law in a State of Permacrisis (Rectorate Building - Aula Magna)

Chair: **Veronika Fikfak**, University College London

Outi Penttilä, Finnish Environment Institute, Helsinki
The Age of an Ecological Crisis: The Making of International Environmental Law

Eva Baudichau, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden *Entangled in Crisis: International Law's Response to the Overlapping Realities of War and Environmental Degradation*

Lena Helińska, Jagiellonian University, Kraków
Hazy Terms vs. Clear Solutions: Is Sustainability the Most Optimal Lens for Crisis Prevention and Management?

Discussant: **Giulio Bartolini**, Università Roma Tre

Panel 9 | Adapting Transnational Justice to Permacrisis (Rectorate Building - Room 3)

Chair: **Gleider Hernández**, KU Leuven

Matteo Colorio, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa
Polycentric International Criminal Justice: Adjusting to Permacrisis?

Nina Bries Silva, European University Institute, Florence
Criminal Responsibility for Environmental Crimes or Disharmonies to Mother Earth: Between Opportunities and Confrontations in the Age of Permacrisis

Alexandros Lymperopoulos, European University Institute, Florence
Risk: A Necessary Tool for International Trade Law in Times of Uncertainty?

Discussant: **Daniel-Erasmus Khan**, Bundeswehr University Munich

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 - 11.45 | **Closing Session** (Rectorate Building - Aula Magna)

Chair: **Rosario Sapienza**, University of Catania

LUISA MARIN, University of Insubria

The EU in the Age of Permacrisis: The Role of Solidarity in Fostering Constitutional Resilience

12.00 - 13.00 **ESIL Early Career Network Event: 'How to' Series**
(Rectorate Building - Aula Magna & Online via zoom)

How to Secure Research Funding?

Guest Speaker: **Veronika Fikfak**, University College London

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The Museo dei Saperi e delle Mirabilia hosts the international archaeological exhibition 'Da Babilonia a Baghdad - Sulle Tracce di Hammurabi', located in the Rectorate Building of the University of Catania. The exhibition will be open to 2025 ESIL participants on Friday, March 21, from 13.00 to 14.30. If you are interested in a short guided tour, please refer to the ESIL registration desk.

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