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International Law in a fluid world

Le droit international dans un monde en mouvement

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## **ILA HELLENIC BRANCH**



Established in 1873, the **International Law Association (ILA)** aims to bring together scholars, lawyers, advocates and practitioners interested in public and private international law.

The **Hellenic Branch** is one of the 66 national – regional branches of the International Law Association around the world, providing a forum for discussion of various international legal issues. First established in 1911, it took its present form in 1998 and now is one of the oldest branches of the network, operating under the approval of the Executive Council.

Our work focuses on the field of international law, with actions such as (but not limited to) conferences, seminars, meetings in Greece and abroad, participation in ILA committees, as well as establishment of partnership with institutional factors of the international community who share the same objectives. We practice and promote both public and private international law, fields that are as prominent as ever before and constitute structural parts of the international community shaping the dynamics around us.

ILA Hellenic Branch members share a common passion in contributing to the development of international law and raising public awareness. Our members, under our statute, consist of "persons who have at least a post-graduate degree in international law or recognized professional involvement in international law matters as well as legal entities with their seat in Greece and objectives related to those of the Association". However, upon application and decision of the Board Directors, students with exceptional performance in the field of international law may as well be admitted as members.

We encourage academics, lawyers, practitioners and students who are interested in international legal studies to join the Branch and become a part of this important work of providing an intellectual space where crucial issues of international law can be discussed.



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## **CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

#### International Law in a fluid world

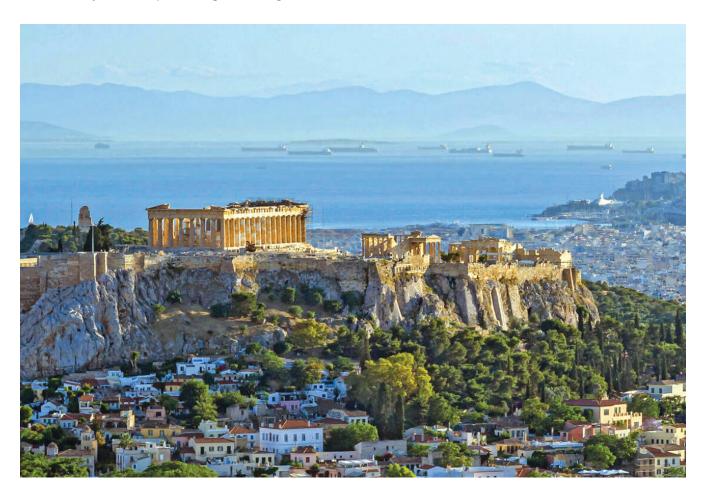
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#### 1. Greening International Economic And Energy Law: New Paths

As nations seek to balance their pursuit of prosperity with the imperative to mitigate climate change and preserve exhaustible natural resources, the legal framework that governs States' economic relations and global energy governance comes increasingly under stress. This Panel will discuss the fluid relationship of international environmental law with international economic law instruments, and the multifaceted challenges that States face in seeking a transition to a 'greener' economy and cleaner energy sources. In the field of international trade law, despite the inclusion of sustainable development and the protection of the environment in the preamble of the Marrakesh Agreement, the WTO does not explicitly accommodate environmental considerations within the scope of its core obligations. Regulatory initiatives aiming at promoting the use of renewable energy and preventing carbon leakage, such as green subsidies, carbon charges, and border adjustment mechanisms, create tensions with States' obligations under the WTO Agreements. Although there is increasing recognition of the need to integrate environmental considerations into preferential trade agreements, the efficacy and implementation of relevant provisions is contested. In the field of foreign investment protection, stringent domestic environmental regulations and screening mechanisms may clash with the obligations of host-States under applicable investment treaties.

To what extent are international economic law instruments equipped to adjust to the environmental crisis? Is the use of exceptions and defences the only way forward for States to adopt restrictive economic measures aiming at a greener economy? Can international economic law instruments facilitate the equitable distribution of the costs and benefits of transitioning to green economies? What is the role of transnational corporations and their responsibilities in the context of sustainability? Is WTO dispute settlement and ISDS the right forum for the discussion of environmental issues? Can international economic law facilitate the implementation and enforcement of international obligations relating to the environment? Addressing these challenges requires a comprehensive reevaluation of the relevant legal instruments and institutions, as well as innovative policy solutions.

#### 2. The Future of International Humanitarian Law

As our global landscape continues to evolve dynamically, this Panel aims to foster interdisciplinary discussions among international lawyers, scholars, and practitioners on the challenges and opportunities facing the future of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Contributors are encouraged to examine the adaptability of IHL in the face of contemporary challenges and propose innovative, future-oriented approaches to address these evolving complexities.

For this panel we welcome papers that address a wide array of topics within the overarching theme. Potential areas of exploration include, but are not limited to: IHL-making in the 21st century; The emerging role of non-state actors in the making and implementation of IHL; The use of new technologies in contemporary armed conflicts; The interplay between IHL and other branches of international law; New domains of warfare and the relevance of IHL; The evolving nature of urban warfare; IHL and the triple planetary crisis; Strengthening the accountability mechanisms for violations of IHL.

This Panel seeks to facilitate a diverse and inclusive dialogue, encouraging submissions from scholars at various stages of their careers, legal practitioners, and policymakers. Accepted papers will contribute to shaping the discourse surrounding the future of IHL, offering insights that can inform legal frameworks and policy decisions in our increasingly fluid world.



## **3. Gendered Perspectives in International Law: Ways Forward**

The theory and practice of public international law has traditionally been shaped by male voices. While feminist legal theories and the advocacy of women's rights have been begun to redress this imbalance, there is still significant ground to be covered to ensure that international legal frameworks address the diverse experiences and challenges faced by women and individuals of all genders. In this call we invite papers that flesh out both the theoretical and practical challenges facing international law including, but not limited to, the following: Reimagining Feminist Legal Theory in the Context of Public International Law; Intersectionality in International Law; Gender-Based Violence and Human Rights; International Courts and Gender; Emerging Issues in LGBTQ+ Rights on the Global Stage; Gender and Climate Change; Challenges and Opportunities in Implementing International Gender Norms.

This panel invites new approaches to the concept of gender and how it will be applied and shape our understanding of international law in the future



#### 4. Global South/Global North: Moving Forward

The concepts of the 'Global North', the 'Global South' and the perceived 'divide' between them have emerged over the last decades as key go-to indicators or conceptual tools to unpack and/or criticize an increasingly unequal international order faced with collective, wicked problems, ranging from environmental degradation to forced migration as a result of conflict. The idea of a 'divide' has not gone uncontested. Critics have argued that the constant reshifting of power on a global scale means that we need analytical tools of a far finer grain. The 'divide' may be too crude or simplistic, as is the case with the idea of a unitary, homogeneous 'Global North' or 'South'. Conversely, it is hard to miss the resilience of the Global North/Global South divide-speak on an international level, evidenced in the context of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the resultant disparity in access to vaccination.

Indeed, the Global North/Global South divide has manifested itself in many guises in international legal scholarship. The Global North/Global South divide has first and foremost served as a methodological tool, seeking to expose the architecture of international law, its persisting colonial, capitalist legacies, and overbearing inequalities. It is also a call to arms for rethinking international law, in the direction of a just, participatory, inclusive world order, capable of addressing pressing global issues of common interest. The Global North/Global South divide has been used as a lens to examine various international law areas, including international trade, environmental, investment, human rights, migration and refugee law, as well as the sources of international law and modes of dispute settlement. Finally, the Global North/Global South divide speaks to the hidden hierarchies and exclusion mechanisms of our international legal profession. In order to sustain a Global South critique, it is imperative that the voice of the Global South is equally represented in academia and practice, and that barriers to such representation be lifted.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2024

9:00-10:45	OPENING CEREMONY Oracle: H.E. Judge Yuji Iwasawa, International Court of Justice	Ceremony Hall, NKUA
10:45-11:15	COFFEE BREAK	
11:15-12:45	PARALLEL SESSIONS SUSTAINABILITY	
PANEL1	AND CLIMATE CHANGE	NKUA, I. Drakopoulos Amphitheatre
	Chairs: Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, University of Cambridge & Emmanuella Doussis, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	
	Speakers: Damilola S. Olawuyi, Hamad Bin Khalifa University Markus Gehring, University of Cambridge Tenia Kyriazi, Middlessex University Dubai Ilaria Espa, Swiss Italian University Tejas Rao, University of Cambridge James Bacchus, University of Florida	
PANEL 2	THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW Chair: Fernando Loureiro Bastos, University of Lisbon Cyber as an Element of War Crimes under the International Criminal Court's F Trahan, New York University Seeing like a State: What is in a (IHL) Frame? Katharine Fortin, Utrecht University Where's Daddy? Automation of Warfare as Bad Faith Ka Lok Yip, Hamad Bin Khalifa University Digital weapons of mass destruction George Kyriakopoulos & Daphne Politikou, National & Kapodistrian Uni	
COMMITTEE (closed)	Space Law	Academias 45, A
COMMITTEE (open)	Global Health Law	Faculty Club, Fireside upstairs
12:45-14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:00-15:30 PANEL 3	PARALLEL SESSIONS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI): BLESSING OR CURSE? Chair: Maria Gavouneli, National & Kapodistian University of Athens Speakers: Lilian Mitrou, University of the Aegean Yannis Mastrogeorgiou, Special Secretary for Strategic Foresight, Presidency of the Hellenic Government	NKUA, I. Drakopoulos Amphitheatre
PANEL4	PROTECTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW Chair: Irini Stamatoudi, Nicosia University	NKUA, A. Argyriadis Amphitheatre

	Cultural Rights as the basis for the return of cultural property to its countries of origin Alexandra Xanthaki, UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights		
	Return of cultural property alienated in times of war to its countries of origin Roger O'Keefe, Bocconi University		
	Return of cultural treasures alienated in times of peace to their countries of origin Jakubowski, Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences	Andrzej	
PANEL5	GENDER PERSPECTIVES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW: WAYS FORWARD	Faculty Club, upstairs	
	Chair: Andreas Ziegler, University of Lausanne		
	Inspiration for Intersectionality in International Law: Lessons from Italy and South Africa Nina Cozzi & Alicia Haripershad, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory		
	The law and policy of gender provisions in multilateral and regional trade governance Maria Panezi, University of New Brunswick		
	Challenging gender stereotypes through judicial intervention: A feminist and queer analysis of abortion rights in European human rights jurisprudence Erika Miyamoto, University of Bologna		
	The gendered impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss Merryl Lawry-White, Consultant		
COMMITTEE (closed)	Comparative Diplomatic and Consular Immunities, Privileges and Inviolabilities	Academias 45, A	
15:30-16:00	COFFEE BREAK		
16:00-17:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS International		
COMMITTEE (closed)	Law and Sea-Level Rise	Academias 45, A	
COMMITTEE (closed)	Human Rights in Times of Emergency	Academias 45, B	
COMMITTEE (closed)	International Tax Law	Academias 45, C	
COMMITTEE (closed)	Business and Human Rights	NKUA, I. Drakopoulos Amphitheatre	
COMMITTEE (closed)	Rule of Law and International Investment Law	Faculty Club, upstairs	
STUDY GROUP (open)	International Law of Regional Organizations	Academias 47, Athens PIL	
18:00-21:00	ACROPOLIS MUSEUM GuidedTour		
	ILIAS LALAOUNIS JEWELRY MUSEUM		

Reception

## WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE 2024

9:00-10:45	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
COMMITTEE (closed)	International Migration and International Law	NKUA, A. Argyriadis Amphitheatre
COMMITTEE (closed)	Alternative Dispute Resolution in International Law Urbanization	Faculty Club, upstairs
COMMITTEE (closed)	and International Law	NKUA, I. Drakopoulos Amphitheatre
COMMITTEE (closed)	International Protection of Consumers	Academias 47, Athens PIL
COMMITTEE (closed)	Submarine Cables and Pipelines Under International Law	Faculty Club, Fireside upstairs
COMMITTEE (closed)	Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in all Stages of Armed Conflict	Academias 45, B
10:45-11:15	COFFEE BREAK	
11:15-12:45	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
PANEL6	BORDERS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW	NKUA, I. Drakopoulos Amphitheatre
FANLEO	Chair: Vassilka Sancin, University of Ljubljana, UN Human Rights Committee	
	Speakers:	
	Maria Klara Martin, Representative, UNHCR Greece	
	Eva Tzavala, Greek National Committee for Human Rights	
	Tamas Molnar, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights/ Corvinus University of	
	Budapest	
PANEL7	GREENING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND ENERGY LAW	NKUA, A. Argyriadis Amphitheatre
	Chair: Anastasios Gourgourinis, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	
	'Needs-driven' v. 'narrative driven' greening: What does sovereign debt law stand to learn from environmental reforms in international trade and investment agreements?	
	Panagiotis Kyriacou, Archipel, Geneva	
	'Legitimate expectations' beyond fair and equitable	
	Hiu Helen Pang, University of New South Wales	
	Energy transition and investor-State disputes: Exploring the role of scientific knowledge in	
	addressing climate policy challenges	
	Marina Konstantinidi, European Commission	
COMMITTEE (open)	International Tax Law	Academias 45, A
COMMITTEE (open)	Human Rights in Times of Emergency	Academias 45, B
COMMITTEE (open)	International Law and Sea-Level Rise	Faculty Club, upstairs

12:45-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

PANEL8	MOVING HUMAN RIGHTS LAW PROTECTION FORWARD	NKUA, A. Argyriadis Amphitheatre
	Chair: Photini Pazartzis, Constantine G. Karamanlis Chair in Hellenic & European Studies, Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University, <i>fm</i> Chair, UN Human Rights Committee	
	Speakers:	
	Alison Renteln, University of Southern California	
	Gentian Zyberi, University of Oslo, UN Human Rights Committee	
	Eleni Polymenopoulou, Hamad Bin Khalifa University	
PANEL9	GLOBAL SOUTH/GLOBAL NORTH: MOVING FORWARD	NKUA, I. Drakopoulos Amphitheatre
	Chair: Erika de Wet, University of Graz	
	Technology Transfer, Open-Source Software and the Language of International Law:Beyond Global North v South?	
	JenniferTridgell, University of Cambridge	
	Common Concern, Divided Demands: Analyzing State Submissions in Recent Climate Change Advisory Opinions	
	Paula Wojcikiewicz Almeida, Lucas Vollers & Lívia Rosas Lamour, Getulio Vargas Fou	Indation
	Plurilateralism: A New Form of International Economic Ordering?	
	Georgios Dimitropoulos, Hamad Bin Khalifa University	
PANEL 10	GLOBALHEALTHLAW	Faculty Club, upstairs
	Chair: Brigit Toebes, University of Groningen	
	Speakers:	
	Gian Luca Burci, Graduate Institute Geneva	
	Stefania Negri, University of Salerno	
COMMITTEE (open)	Space Law	Academias 47, Athens PIL Faculty
COMMITTEE (open)	Rule of Law and International Investment Law	Club, Fireside upstairs

18:00-21:00 EMBASSIES EVENING

14:00-15:30 PARALLEL SESSIONS

## THURSDAY, 27 JUNE 2024

9:00-10:45	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
COMMITTEE (closed)	Use of Force: Military Assistance on Request	NKUA, A. Argyriadis Amphitheatre
COMMITTEE (open)	Enforcing the Rights of Children in Migration	Academias 45, B
COMMITTEE (closed)	Protection of People at Sea	Faculty Club, Fireside upstairs
COMMITTEE (open)	International Monetary Law & International Securities Regulation	Academias 45, A
10:45-11:15	COFFEE BREAK	
11:15-12:45	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
PANEL 11	THE SEAS OF OUR FUTURE Chair: Nilüfer Oral, National University of Singapore, International Law Come Speakers: Irini Papanicolopulu, British Academy Global Professor of International Law, Anna Petrig, University of Basel Vasco Becker-Weinberg, MEP, Portuguese Institute of the Law of the Sea Al Proelss, University of Hamburg Philippe Hermes, Tethys Naval	SOAS
COMMITTEE (open)	International Monetary Law	Faculty Club, upstairs Faculty
COMMITTEE (open)	International Protection of Consumers	Club, Fireside upstairs
COMMITTEE (open)	Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in All Stages of Armed Conflict	Academias 45, B
12:45-14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14.00-15:30	Oracle: Monica Feria-Tinta, Twenty Essex	NKUA, I. Drakopoulos Amphitheatre
15:30-16:00	COFFEE BREAK	
16:00-17:30 PANEL 12	PARALLEL SESSIONS MOVING DISPUTE SETTLEMENT FORWARD Chair: Stratis Georgilas, G-H Law Chambers Speakers: Lesther Ortega Lemus, international consultant Steven Fietta, Fietta Law Firm Alejandra Torres Camprubí, Torres Iuris	NKUA, A. Argyriadis Amphitheatre
DISCUSSION	ERC: Legend and reality	NKUA, I. Drakopoulos Amphitheatre

COMMITTEE International Migration and International Law (open)

FacultyClub, upstairs

Faculty Club, Fireside upstairs

COMMITTEE Business and Human Rights (open)

19:30-21:00 GALA DINNER

## FRIDAY, 28 JUNE 2024

09:30-10:45	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
COMMITTEE (open)	Protection of People at Sea	Faculty Club, upstairs
COMMITTEE (open)	Urbanization and International Law	Academias 45, B
COMMITTEE (open)	International Securities Regulation	Bank of Greece
COMMITTEE (open)	Comparative Diplomatic and Consular Immunities, Privileges and Inviolabilities	Academias 45, A
10:45-11:15	COFFEE BREAK	
11:15-12:45	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
FINAL PANEL	MOVING PEACE AND SECURITY FORWARD Chair: Patrícia Galvão Teles, Autonomous University of Lisbon, International La Speakers: Sir Michael Wood, Twenty Essex Leila Sadat, Washington University in St. Louis Konstantinos Antonopoulos, Democritus University of Thrace August Reinisch, University of Vienna, International Law Commission	NKUA, A. Argyriadis Amphitheatre aw Commission
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COMMITTEE (open)	Enforcing the Rights of Children in Migration	Academias 45, B
12:45-13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30-16:00	Oracle: Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos,	Ceremony Hall, NKUA
	Dean of the Faculty of Law, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens fm	
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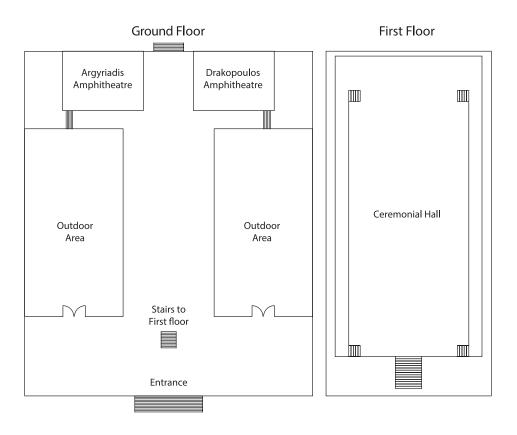


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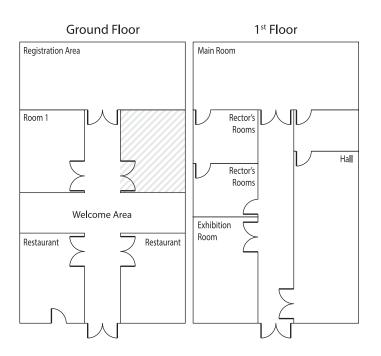




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Faculty Club Academias 48

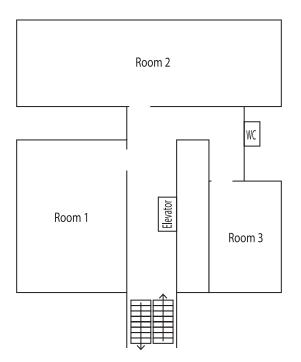




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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Secretariat and Information Desk during the Conference

The Secretariat desk will operate as follows:

Tuesday 25 June 2024	08:00-17:00
Wednesday 26 June 2024	08:30-17:00
Thursday 27 June 2024	08:30-17:00
Friday 28 June 2024	09:00-15:30

#### **Internet facilities**

There will be free Wi-Fi connection at each venue of the Conference

#### How to get to the "city campus" of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

The area of city campus of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens is very well served by public trans- port and easily accessible from the airport and city center. The campus is close to the metro station 'Panepistimio' (red line) with several bus stops and taxi stations around the corner. All venues are in close vicinity to each other; only the Law Library is two blocks away but within comfortable walking distance (5').

## SOCIAL EVENTS

#### Acropolis Museum Guided Tour and Welcome Reception

Date: Tuesday 25 June 2024 Time: 17.45-21.00 Pickup Point: University Faculty Club

#### Gala Dinner at the Yacht Club of Greece

Date: Thursday 27 June 2024 Time: 19.15-22.30 Pick up point: Titania Hotel

#### Delphi Archaeological Site and Arachova

Date: Saturday 29 June 2024 Time: 08.30 – 17.00 Pick up point: Titania Hotel









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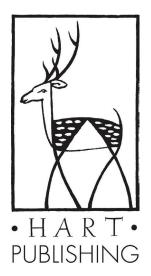
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