3rd Conference of the Postgraduate and Early Professionals/Academics Network of the Society of International Economic Law (PEPA/SIEL)

São Paulo (Brazil), 24 - 25 April 2014

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SIEL was founded in 2008 to act as an umbrella organisation to foster coordination, collaboration and debate between International Economic Law (IEL) scholars, practitioners and national or regional IEL organisations around the world. SIEL’s Postgraduate and Early Professional/Academics Network (PEPA/SIEL) is, among other things, interested in fostering collaboration and mentoring opportunities for emerging academics and professionals in IEL. PEPA/SIEL fulfils these goals through various activities such as organising conferences at which emerging IEL academics and professionals can present and discuss their research in a supportive and welcoming environment. We are pleased to announce that the third conference will take place on Thursday 24 and Friday 25 April 2014 in São Paulo (Brazil).

Call for Papers

This conference offers postgraduate students (students enrolled in Masters or PhD programmes) and early professionals/academics (generally within five years of graduating) studying or working in the field of IEL an opportunity to present and discuss their research. It also provides a critical platform where participants can test their ideas about broader issues relating to IEL. One or more senior practitioners or academics will comment on each paper after its presentation, followed by a general discussion.

We invite submissions on any IEL topic including, but not limited to:
- trade, investment and monetary/financial policies;
- the interaction of international trade law, investment law and competition law with other branches of law governing intellectual property, human rights, environment and sustainable development;
- bilateral and regional economic integration and the multilateral trading system;
- comparative economic law, focussing on how international economic law interacts with laws, institutions and actors at the domestic level;
- law and practice in international economic governance and international organizations; and,
- philosophy, sociology, politics and economics of international economic law.
How and when to submit

Submissions should include a CV and a research abstract (no more than 400 words) and be sent no later than 12 January 2014 to pepa2014conference@gmail.com. Papers will be selected based on a double blind review conducted by a senior practitioner or academic and a conference organiser. Successful applicants will be notified by 31 January 2014, after which they are expected to submit a conference paper (no more than 4000 words) by 31 March 2014. Papers will be made available online via the SIEL website (www.sielnet.org).

General practical information about participating and attending the Conference

The deadline for registration is 17 February 2014. Registration has to be done online at the SIEL website (the registration page will be available shortly). Registration costs 45 GBP for non-SIEL Members, and 35 GBP for SIEL Members. SIEL Membership details may be found at the SIEL website (student membership is 5 GBP). The Registration fee covers conference materials and coffee breaks on both days.

Cancellations of participation must be made in writing to pepa2014conference@gmail.com. The deadline for cancellation is 6 April 2014. The registration fee minus an administrative fee of 10 GBP and any incurring bank fees will be refunded if the cancellation is done before or on the given date. Later cancellations will not be refunded.

A limited number of conference fee waivers is available for applicants facing financial hardship. Applicants for a conference fee waiver are kindly invited to add a short letter of no more than 3 paragraphs to their conference application, stating the reason for their waiver request. Successful applicants will be notified by 30 January 2014.

Subject to space availability, registration of participants not presenting a paper will be accepted. The regular fee will be applied. Please contact pepa2014conference@gmail.com.

If you should have any (further) questions regarding participation, please feel free to contact pepa2014conference@gmail.com.

Organisers

Conference Co-Chairs: Michelle Ratton Sanchez Badin, Vera Thorstensen, Freya Baetens and José Caiado