PEPA/SIEL Conference, UNCTAD/SIEL Award for Research in Investment & Development

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9th Conference of the Postgraduate and Early Professionals/Academics Network of the Society of International Economic Law (PEPA/SIEL) 2020 Jerusalem, 17-19 May 2020

The conference is organised by the Postgraduate and Early Professionals/Academics Network of the Society of International Economic Law (PEPA/SIEL) in collaboration with the International Law Forum and other sponsors at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. SIEL's Postgraduate and Early Professionals/Academics Network (PEPA/SIEL) is, among other things, interested in fostering collaboration and mentoring opportunities for emerging academics and professionals in International Economic Law (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 9th PEPA/SIEL conference will take place on 17-19 May 2020 at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Faculty of Law, in Jerusalem.

Call for Papers

The scope of the conference is broad, and we invite submissions on any IEL topic including, but not limited to:

- Law and practice in international economic governance and international organisations and tribunals such as the World Trade Organization, regional trade agreements and investor-state dispute settlement;
- International trade, investment, development, competition, intellectual property, monetary and financial law, including dispute resolution;
- The interaction of IEL branches with other branches of public policy and law relating to public health, gender, inequality, human rights, environment, sustainable development and food safety;
- Bilateral and regional economic integration and the multilateral trading system;
- Comparative economic law, focusing on how international economic law interacts with laws, institutions and actors at the domestic level;
- Interdisciplinary research incorporating economics, international political economy, history, philosophy, psychology or sociology, as well as empirical methods, both qualitative and quantitative;
- International developments and economic law, which may inter alia, refer to current disputes, ongoing negotiations, ‘trade wars’, the Appellate Body crisis, ongoing reform of the international investment system, Brexit and the EU, and the Belt Road Initiative.
- Digital trade, international financial regulation, cryptocurrencies, and monetary affairs.
- IEL issues relevant especially to corporations including, but not limited, to supply chains, trade compliance programs, export controls and corruption
- Educating and teaching IEL in turbulent times.

Submission Guidelines

Submissions should include (1) a CV (no more than 2 pages); (2) an anonymized research abstract (no more than 400 words), to be sent **no later than 31 January 2020** as attachments to pepasiel2020@gmail.com, in a single email, including the submitter’s surname in the message title.

Selection Process

Papers will be selected based on a double-blind review conducted by members of the Conference Committee. Successful applicants will be notified by 1 March 2020, after which they are expected to submit a conference paper (no more than 4000 words) and an updated abstract, by 15 April 2020, to the same e-mail. Abstracts will be made available online, and papers will be made available to conference speakers and discussants. Should you have any questions regarding application or participation, please feel free to contact pepasiel2020@gmail.com. More information: 9th PEPA/SIEL Call for Papers.

UNCTAD-SIEL Award for Research in Investment and Development

The UNCTAD Division of Investment and Enterprise (DIAE) and the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) jointly establish an award for the best early-career academic research work on international investment law and development. The award is reserved to PhD students or early-career researchers with no more than five years of professional experience.

UNCTAD and SIEL invite contributions that provide state-of-the-art knowledge and analysis of the national and international legal frameworks and practices related to cross-border investment, and their impact on development, including its economic, social, environmental or institutional aspects.

Reflecting the core value propositions of UNCTAD's research mandate, the winning papers should meet the following criteria: 1) original and innovative research; 2) topical issues with a discussion of policy implication; and 3) focus on development (i.e. how to ensure that international investment and multinational enterprises contribute to sustainable development). The paper must not have been previously published. Co-authorship is permitted provided all authors meet the stated conditions.

The Award is biennial and the first one will be conferred during the SIEL Conference in Milan, in July 2020.

For more detailed information please see the official rules here.

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