



Boğaziçi University International Law Conference

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW IN A FRACTURED GLOBAL ORDER

13 - 14 June 2026, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul

Turbulence is evident across the global economic order. Trade wars are in vogue, global debt is spiralling, de-dollarisation is gaining momentum, technological armageddon is on the horizon, and the value of globalisation is in doubt. Established after WWII, the order faces demands for revision from rising actors - once again! - while, concurrently, declining powers, now dissatisfied with the system they established, actively seek to dismantle it.

Yet, despite the turbulent moment, or perhaps because of it, it remains unclear whether a normative shift is on the cards or if the alternative economic models mooted are all that different from the current one. Will the emergent economic order reproduce familiar inequalities and unfair structures or will we witness a break from the normative commitments of and to global capitalism? A meaningful challenge to the predations of the past and present must go beyond a mere call for reform or the celebration of multi-polar competition. Rather, a reimagination of the global economy requires a complex disruption of the legal and institutional architecture that has sustained global capitalism.

To better understand the catalysts of the changing order as well as the possibilities before us, BILC 2026 invites diverse epistemic interventions into the debate. We aim to better understand the challenges before us as well as the viability of the new ideas and frameworks proposed for international economic law. Are the parameters truly shifting; is the order transforming; and, ultimately, is a just alternative possible?

We invite interventions from scholars of international law, international relations, and germane fields exploring the future of international economic law.

Themes, *inter alia*:

1. *Racial, colonial, and societal inequalities in IEL*
2. *Future of trade rules/institutions in the age of trade wars*
3. *International finance law in a transforming economic order*
4. *Future of ISDS between state sovereignty, indigenous rights and investor protection*
5. *Decolonising the epistemological foundations of IEL*
6. *Corporate social responsibility: wishful thinking or necessary foundation in IEL?*
7. *Future of international economic cooperation between globalisation and regionalism*
8. *Global labour, migration and refugee law*
9. *Carbon capitalism and the limits of 'green growth'*
10. *Growth dependency, economic development and international law*

- 11. Emerging technologies and strategic economic resources under contestation*
- 12. Climate Apartheid: vulnerabilities and responsibilities in international economic law*
- 13. Law, land, and food systems: towards an ecological political economy of IL*
- 14. Digital capitalism and the geopolitics of technological infrastructures*
- 15. Security, sanctions, and the weaponisation of interdependence in international economic relations*

Conference Format

Each panel will comprise three to four presenters and a moderator. Each presenter will be allotted 15 minutes for their paper.

The conference will be held in English only.

Submission procedure

The deadline for abstract submission is March 15, 2026. Please submit your abstract (max. 300 words) via our website (<https://bilc.bogazici.edu.tr/abstract-submission>). Abstracts will be selected on the basis of their originality and relevance to the conference theme.

Time and Venue

The Conference will be conducted in person on June 13-14, 2026, at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Türkiye.

Costs

There is no participation fee. Funding for travel and accommodation expenses is available for a limited number of selected papers.

Important Dates

Call for Papers: 25 November 2025

Deadline for Abstract Submission: 15 March 2026

Announcement of Accepted Papers: 1 April 2026

Deadline for Full Paper Submission: 1 June 2026

Conference: 13-14 June 2026



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