

“INSURGENCY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW”

Special Workshop of the ESIL Interest Group on Peace and Security
to be held during the 3rd Biennial Conference of the European Society of International Law
Heidelberg, 4-6 September 2008

CALL FOR PAPERS : Deadline : Sunday, 20 April 2008

The newly created ESIL Interest Group on Peace and Security (IGPS) (<http://igps.wordpress.com/>) has the pleasure to announce its first Workshop which will take place during the third biennial conference of the European Society of International Law in Heidelberg. The IGPS Coordinating Committee invites the submission of abstracts from ESIL members or other scholars interested in participating in this special workshop.

1. The Theme of the Workshop : “Insurgency and International Law”

The theme of this workshop reflects a number of heated debates in public international law. Earlier practice and recent events, such as the failed attempt of armed rebels to overthrow the Government in Chad, the incursion of Turkish troops into northern Iraq to target PKK militants or the Colombian cross-border raid against the FARC inside Ecuador, provide evidence that the struggle between established governments and insurgent movements can all too often generate regional destabilisation and turn into a threat to peace and security. The objective of this workshop is to examine how various fields of international law deal with insurgent movements. The workshop will also explore whether and to what extent existing rules of international law need to be revisited in order to adequately address the causes and problems of insurgency.

Although this call for papers is open-ended in terms of possible topic submissions, special consideration will be given to proposals in one or more of the following areas:

- The meaning of “insurgency” in international law;
- The legitimacy of insurgent movements and/or Governments that face them;
- The applicability of the “due diligence” rule and the obligations of third States;
- Questions concerning the use of force: self-defence, hot pursuit, invited intervention, etc.;
- Questions concerning the applicability of jus in bello rules to insurgent movements;

Case studies will also be considered.

2. Organisation and Publication Options

The Workshop panel will consist of four or five participants and a chairperson. The Languages used will be English and French. The workshop will be held in connection with the main programme of the conference. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for Thursday afternoon, 4 September. The exact time and venue will be announced at a later stage.

The *Revue Belge de Droit International* has expressed an interest in publishing this workshop. Papers can be published in French or English. Before publication, all papers will be submitted to peer-review.

3. The application process

Papers presented at the workshop will be selected through a competitive process involving the submission of abstracts. The selection process will be based exclusively on the scholarly merits of the submitted proposals. The call is open to all international law scholars. An individual may submit one application only. Each submission should include the following:

- A) An abstract of no more than 600 words in English or French specifying the intended language for the paper; and
- B) A short CV in English or French including the author's name, institutional affiliation, contact information and e-mail address.

All applications should be submitted to igps@esil-sedi.eu

The deadline for submission of proposals is Sunday, 20 April 2008. The outcome of the selection process will be notified to all applicants by Monday, 5 May 2008. After selection, every presenter will be expected to produce by Friday, 4 July 2008 a draft paper of 3,000 words for circulation among the other workshop participants. The IGPS is pleased to announce that the ESIL conference registration fee will be waived for panellists. Transport and accommodation expenses will have to be borne by the selected participants and/or their host institutions. The IGPS regrets that it is not in a position to offer financial assistance for this workshop.

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