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International Law and Global Inter-connectedness

Call for papers and panel proposals: Deadline 21 February 2022

The events of 2020 and 2021 continue to emphasize that human inter-connectedness is both granular and uneven. If discussions about international law and globalization in the 1990s and early 2000s focused on high-minded issues of economic integration and (selective) mobility, the COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us of the reality of our physical inter-connectedness as well as the importance of groups such as ‘essential workers’ for the continuing functioning of societies, domestic and international. The escalating climate crisis underscores our inter-connectedness with the environment; a connection that has profoundly shifted and is signaled with the recognition of the Age of the Anthropocene. Simultaneously, forms of inter-connectedness previously taken for granted, such as the global and regional mobility of individuals, goods and services, are facing unprecedented challenges.

These contexts pose significant questions for international law, international lawyers and international legal institutions. At the same time, they offer unique opportunities for re-making the international legal order. At the 29th ANZSIL Conference we encourage participants to reflect on whether and how international law shapes, undermines and re-makes inter-connectedness on a global scale.

We invite participants at the 29th ANZSIL Conference to re-evaluate the role of international law as a force in different forms of social, political and even biological connections including, for example, physical processes that tie us together, emerging regionalisms, border crossings, and transnational solidarities, exemplified by the rise of a global Black Lives Matter movement or Indigenous internationalisms. We encourage, in particular, consideration of the following questions:

- Which forms of inter-connectedness are ‘visible’ to international law and which are not?
- Which forms are enabled and which are undermined by international law?
- Which actors take part in shaping international regimes that assist or hinder inter-connectedness?
- How do these processes affect groups and individuals, especially in the Global South?
- How can international law – traditionally structured around states and, more recently, individuals – account for and regulate these different forms of inter-connectedness?

We hope that the Conference may shed light on these and other aspects of inter-connectedness from different perspectives, including interdisciplinary engagements and a focus on specialized areas of international law.



The Organizing Committee for the 29th Annual Conference invites paper submissions and panel proposals on any area of public and private international law relevant to the Conference theme. The Committee particularly welcomes panel proposals drawing on diverse areas of international law around a particular theme. Proposals for discussion-based panels are also welcome.

In the tradition of ANZSIL Conferences, the Conference Organizing Committee also invites and welcomes proposals on international law topics not connected to the conference theme and the submission of panel proposals from ANZSIL interest groups.

Submission of Paper Proposals

Those proposing papers for presentation at the Conference should submit a single Word document comprising:

- An abstract of no more than 250 words (papers with abstracts in excess of 250 words will not be considered) and
- A biographical note of no more than 200 words (for inclusion in the electronic Conference program) and a one-page curriculum vitae.

The information requested above should be provided in a single Word document entitled “ANZSIL Conference 2022 Paper Proposal: [Your Name] [Title of Paper]”. Please submit your paper proposal using the application form on the ANZSIL website.

Submission of Panel Proposals

Submissions for well-constructed panels relevant to the conference theme are strongly encouraged. Those proposing panels for presentation at the Conference should submit:

- A synopsis of no more than 250 words, explaining the rationale and theme of the panel; and
- Three or four paper proposals, including in each case the information requested above (250-word abstract, 200-word biographical note and one-page curriculum vitae).

The information requested above should be provided in a single Word document entitled “ANZSIL Conference 2022 Panel Proposal: [Your Name] [Title of Proposed Panel]”. Please submit your panel proposal using the application form on the ANZSIL website.

The Organising Committee welcomes the proposal of panels with innovative formats appropriate for an online as well as in-person audience.

Process and Dates

The closing date for proposals is **21 February 2022**. The Conference Organising Committee will endeavour to inform applicants of the outcome of their proposals by middle of March 2022. All presenters will be required to register for the Conference by early May to be included in the final Conference program. Further information about the Conference, including program and registration details, will be made available on the ANZSIL website at anzsil.org.au/events in due course.



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Conference Format

ANZSIL 2022 will be a hybrid event, comprising in-person conference panels at the ANU in Canberra, Australia (COVID-19 travel and other restrictions permitting) and online-participation. In order to maximise the participation of online participants it is anticipated that selected panels will be held in virtual format only.

It would be helpful for the purposes of conference organisation if you could indicate on your submission whether you intend to present your paper/ run your panel in-person or online

Conference Fee

The conference fee will be confirmed in early 2022. We anticipate charging a reduced in-person fee of around AU\$350 for ANZSIL members for the full conference, acknowledging that University funding is likely to be limited in 2022. The fee for virtual attendance will be around AU\$40 for ANZSIL members and free for students. Fee waivers will be available upon request in respect of virtual attendance for any person unable to pay the online registration fee for any reason.