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## THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

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*Sapienza University of Rome*

*May 16-17, 2014*

### **Conference Overview**

On May 16-17, 2014, the *Sapienza* University in Rome, Italy, will be hosting a conference on “The Political Economy of International Law” (PEIL Conference). Political Economy seeks to study the “why” questions (why do we have laws, institutions, independent courts) using as explanatory variables the “who” questions (who are the actors – legislators, executives, judges, interest groups – that participate in shaping the law) and “what” motivates them (their preferences) on the one hand and their constraints (power, resources, given institutions and law etc.) on the other hand. A change of the law is attributed to changes in the constraints. Political Economy explains why we sometimes are unable to achieve the best possible outcome (e.g. preventing climate change) and suggests how to move in a way that would be efficient and democratic. This conference will explore the idea that Political Economy and International Law can interact and balance each other out in a way that can be beneficial to the whole humanity. We, the international lawyers, have indeed the knowledge of the institutions and the experience to seek to reduce the powers of interest groups and to improve the power and welfare of the peoples and of civil societies (or should we speak about a global civil society?). Political Economy as a social science tool can assist lawyers to understand the underlying problems structure and find solutions.

### **Speakers**

Professors Anne van Aaken, Alessandra Arcuri, Eyal Benvenisti, Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Tomer Broude, Barbara Delcourt, Alessandra Gianelli, Meredith Kolsky Lewis, Christina Leb, Tobias Lehmann, Panagiotis Merkouris, André Nollkaemper, Giuseppe Palmisano, Niels Petersen, Andreas von Staden, Paul Stephan, Attila Tanzi, Joel Trachtman and Ramses Wessel

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## **Programme of the PEIL Conference**

***Friday, 16 May 2014***

**From 8.30 – Arrival and Registration**

**9.15-9.30 – Welcome Address by the Rector of *Sapienza* University of Rome, Luigi Frati**

**9.30-11.00 - First Session: Introduction to the General Theme**

Chair: Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (Geneva)

Opening Keynotes by Anne van Aaken (University of St. Gallen), Joel P. Trachtman (Tufts University)

**11.00-11.20- Coffee Break**

**11.20 -12.50 - Second Session (First Part): PE and the Sources of IL**

Chair: Joel P. Trachtman (Tufts University)

- *The PE of Customary Law* - Speakers: Alessandra Gianelli (University of Teramo), Niels Petersen (Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn)
- *The PE of Jus Cogens* - Speaker: Paul B. Stephan (Virginia University)

**12.50-14.00 – Lunch Break**

**14.00-15.15 - Second Session (Second Part): PE and the Sources of IL**

- *The PE of International Treaties* – Speaker: Panagiotis (Panos) Merkouris (University of Groningen)
- *The PE and the Decisions of International Organizations* - Speaker: Ramses A. Wessel (University of Twente)

**15.15-16.45 - Third Session (First Part): PE and the Enforcement of IL**

Chair: André Nollkaemper (University of Amsterdam, UvA)

- *PE and the Theories on Compliance with IL* - Speakers: Barbara Delcourt (Libre Université de Bruxelles), Meredith Kolsky Lewis (Universities of Wellington and Buffalo)
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- *PE and the International Adjudication* – Speaker: Paul B. Stephan (Virginia University)

**16.45-17.00 – Coffee Break**

**17.00-18.00 - Third Session (Second Part): PE and the Enforcement of IL**

- *PE and the Enforcement of International Human Rights Judgments* - Speaker: Andreas von Staden (University of Hamburg)
- *PE and the Enforcement of IL by National Courts* - Speaker: Eyal Benvenisti (University of Tel Aviv)

**20.00 – Conference Dinner at the Casa dell’Aviatore, Viale dell’Università, 20, Roma (Booking required in advance)  
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***Saturday, 17 May 2014***

**9.30-11.00 - Fourth Session: PE and the Responsibility of States**

Chair: Tomer Broude (University of Jerusalem)

- *The PE of Shared Responsibility in International Law* - Speaker: Anne van Aaken (University of St. Gallen)
- *The Problem of Many Hands in the Law of International Responsibility* - Speaker: André Nollkaemper (University of Amsterdam, UvA)
- *The Legal Accountability of States for A Sustainable Development* - Speaker: Attila Tanzi (University of Bologna)

**11.00-11.30 – Coffee Break**

**11.30- 13.00 - Fifth Session (First Part): PE and Substantive Fields of IL**

Chair: Meredith Kolsky Lewis (Wellington and Buffalo)

- *PE and International Economic Law* - Speaker: Tomer Broude (University of Jerusalem)
  - *PE and International Investment Law* - Speaker: Tobias Lehmann (University of St. Gallen)
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- *PE and International Water Law* - Speakers: Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (University of Geneva) and Christina Leb (World Bank, Washington)

**13.00-14.15 – Lunch Break**

**14.15- 15.15 - Fifth Session (Second Part): PE and Substantive Fields of IL**

- *PE and the International Protection of Social Rights* - Speaker: Giuseppe Palmisano (Institute for International Legal Studies - National Research Council of Italy)
- *PE and International Health Law* - Speaker: Alessandra Arcuri (Erasmus University of Rotterdam)

**15.15-16.45 - Sixth Session: Conclusions**

Chair: Anne van Aaken (University of St. Gallen)

Closing Keynote by Eyal Benvenisti (University of Tel Aviv)

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