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28th Annual Conference of the
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Online, July 2021 (dates tbc)

Inertia or Innovation? Reshaping International Law for a Complex Future

Call for papers and panel proposals: Deadline 1 March 2021

How can we reshape international law in order to respond to and engage with our complex future? Recent developments have presented distinct challenges to the effectiveness and legitimacy of international law in the form of populism, polarisation and pandemics. More systemically, the architecture of international law – its processes, institutions and values – is being challenged by environmental change on a scale that has precipitated the beginning of a new geological epoch: the Anthropocene. Our future is increasingly complex, and that complexity is found in every area of international law. The response of institutions and processes to recent and current challenges has been characterised at times by inertia or innovation or, in the case of the WTO, for example, both. At the 28th ANZSIL Conference we encourage participants to reflect on whether, and if so, how, international law has been, is currently being and could be reshaped for our complex future.

The Organising Committee for the 28th 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.

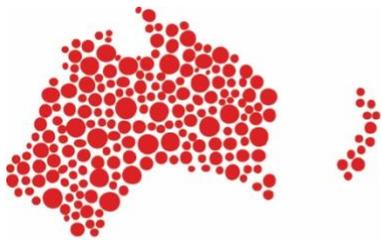
In the tradition of ANZSIL Conferences, the Conference Organising Committee also invites and welcomes proposals on international law topics not connected to the conference theme and the submission of panel proposals from ANZSIL interest groups.

As ANZSIL 2021 will be held fully online (with precise dates and format to be confirmed in early 2021), the Organising Committee will be developing ways to maximise online interaction and to facilitate networking, particularly between and among early career researchers (ECRs). We encourage panel proposers to include a diverse range of participants on their panel in respect of gender as well as senior and junior researchers, and we also encourage the appointment of ECRs as panel chairs. We will also be scheduling at least one plenary panel at the end of the day to assist participants who would like to take the opportunity of scheduling informal group in-person events within their city to coincide with all or part of ANZSIL.

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 2021 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 2021 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 audience.

Process and Dates

The closing date for proposals is **1 March 2021**. The Conference Organising Committee will endeavour to inform applicants of the outcome of their proposals by end of March 2021. 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.