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&  
American Society of International Law (ASIL)  
Interest Group on Intellectual Property Law

*International Conference*

# HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RISK REGULATION

## FOCUS ON: GOOD GOVERNANCE, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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University of Parma



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# CALL FOR PAPERS

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On 4th December 2017 the Department of Law, Politics and International Studies and the Center for Studies in European and International Affairs (CSEIA) of the University of Parma (Italy) will host the First Annual Conference of the Master's Degree in "Health, Environment and Food: European Law and Risk Regulation" (HEF Master).

This First Annual Conference is jointly organized by gLAWcal – Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development (United Kingdom), the ESIL Interest Group on International Environmental Law and the ASIL Interest Group on Intellectual Property Law.

The key theme of the Conference is "Health, Environment and Risk Regulation. Focus on: Good Governance, Consumer Policy and Intellectual Property Rights". The topic will be covered within the following panels:

**1) Good Governance, Use of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability;**

**2) Intellectual Property Rights and Development: Human Rights, Health and Indigenous Rights;**

**3) Consumer Protection, Health, Food Safety and Access to Information.**

Each panel will be opened by a keynote address, followed by two speakers that will be selected by the present call for papers.

Non-Trade Concerns (NTCs) may conflict with international economic rules and we must find ways to protect them within international law and international economic law. Globalization without local concerns can endanger relevant issues such as good governance, human rights, intangible cultural heritage, right to water, right to food, social, economic, cultural and environmental rights, labor rights, access to knowledge, public health, social welfare, consumer interests and animal welfare, climate change, energy, environmental protection and sustainable development, product safety, food safety and security.

In particular, if we take in consideration the term good governance, it can gain even more importance and be seen under a new light in a time of economic crisis. Good Governance in particular is important when we refer to the general stability of the markets, to the good faith and other key principles which are at the basis of a fair market in favor of both the governments and the citizens. Good governance is also fair use of the resources toward sustainable development. It is interesting to understand how to integrate the good governance concepts in the context of the global governance and law, whether institutions matter or not to development, how sustainable energy, clean energy and energy security should be driven toward the good governance principles including with a better balance and rules which govern intellectual property rights.

This conference focuses on global visions and discourses from different countries law and policy towards international standards. Emerging economies are playing more and more key roles in international negotiations on NTCs such as good governance, climate change, energy, culture, food safety and security among others.

A special track and consideration in this conference will be given to papers that will focus on different visions concerning intellectual property law and how good governance should take in serious consideration that in certain circumstances intellectual property law might affect sustainable development, non-trade concerns and other societal values such as farmer rights, traditional knowledge and intangible cultural heritage, rights of indigenous people, access to medicine, access to knowledge, biodiversity.

**Eligibility:**

All Members of the ESIL Interest Group on International Environmental Law and of the ASIL Interest Group on Intellectual Property Law, the members of other ESIL IGs and ASIL IGs and also the non-ESIL and non-ASIL members (ESIL or ASIL membership might be required if the abstract is selected) are invited to submit abstracts.

**Applications:**

The following must be submitted to BOTH email addresses [paolo.farah@glawcal.org.uk](mailto:paolo.farah@glawcal.org.uk) and [pdfarah@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:pdfarah@mail.wvu.edu) by **November 10, 2017**:

The author's name and affiliation;

A 500-700-word abstract [Word file and PDF]

The author's CV, including a list of relevant publications;

The author's contact details, including email address and phone number;

Whether the author is an ESIL member or an ASIL Member

Multiple abstracts from the same authors will be considered, but only one can be selected. Co-authored multidisciplinary papers are also welcomed. Applicants will be informed of the selection committee's decision no later than **November 12, 2017**.

**Expenses of selected speakers during the conference:**

The participation to the Conference is free of charges. All the selected speakers will be provided free accommodation for the 2 nights of December 3 and December 4, 2017 in Parma, Italy and meals during the day of the conference on December 4, 2017, but the Organizers are unable to provide funding for travel to the conference.

**Publication opportunities:**

The organizers have publication plans for the presented papers. The precise format of publication will be discussed during the conference. The Organizers envisage to publish a Special Issue on Peer-reviewed or US Law Journal. In any event, there is already an established agreement to publish the results of this conference in the Routledge Publishing (New-York/London) multidisciplinary gLAWcal book series on "Transnational Law and Governance" (<https://www.routledge.com/Transnational-Law-and-Governance/book-series/TRANSGOVLAW>).

**Organizing Committee:**

Paolo Davide Farah (West Virginia University & gLAWcal – Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development, UK) and Laura Pineschi (Center for Studies in European and International Affairs - University of Parma, Italy).

This conference is part of the EU Commission research projects led by Professor Paolo Davide Farah. The event is jointly organized by the Center for Studies in European and International Affairs - University of Parma (Italy), gLAWcal – Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development (United Kingdom), the European Society of International Law (ESIL) Interest Group on International Environmental Law, the American Society of International Law (ASIL) Interest Group on Intellectual Property Law.