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“The Role of the International Law Commission”

Monday 14 April 2025, h. 11-13, Aula B BELMELORO, piano primo, Edificio in Bo - via Beniamino Andreatta, 8
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“The International Law Commission’s activity on the Topics on State Responsibility not Covered by the ARSIWA”

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“The International Law Commission and International Economic Law”

Wednesday, 16 April 2025, h. 13-15, Aula Q BELMELORO, piano terra, Edificio in Bo - via Beniamino Andreatta, 8
Introductory Remarks and Discussant: **Prof. Elisa Baroncini**, SustainEUorPlanet Jean Monnet Chair

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Abstract: The International Law Commission (ILC), established in 1947, has played a key role in the progressive development and codification of international law. However, as geopolitical polarisation, fragmentation and the inherent difficulties of new issues increasingly undermine the ability of states to conclude comprehensive multilateral treaties or agree on new normative frameworks, the ILC's role has evolved, and the Commission has emerged as a potential surrogate agent for the articulation of norms. In fact, through its work, the ILC might be said to be filling the gaps left by states' inaction, despite the non-binding nature of its texts. This shift raises questions about the legitimacy, authority and boundaries of the ILC's mandate. At the same time, the Commission faces contemporary challenges such as the rise of non-state actors, the proliferation of soft law instruments and cross-cutting issues such as climate change and sea-level rise, cyberspace and global health. In this scenario, the ILC has to adapt its working methods, trying to overcome the tension between its technical-legal role and the growing normative impact of its outputs. The knowledge of the ILC activities and debates, and its dynamics of operation along with the results suggested, gives therefore a relevant perspective to assess the EU approach to sustainability in trade, climate, energy and economic security.

Prof. Pavel Šturma: Professor of International Law at the Department of Public International Law, Charles University (Prague), Faculty of Law, and coordinator of the Research Centre for Human Rights (UNCE) at the same University. He has also been Researcher, later Senior Research Fellow of the Institute of Law, Czech Academy of Sciences in Prague. He was also visiting professor at the Pan European University, Faculty of Law in Bratislava. At the Charles University he teaches courses on Public International Law, International Criminal Law, International Economic Law and Codification of International Law. He is also involved in English programmes organized at the Law Faculty for LL.M. and Erasmus students. In 2006-2013, he also served as Vice-dean for Research and Publication Activities. He was Member and served as Chair and Special Rapporteur of the UN International Law Commission (2012-2022). He is member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and judge ad hoc of the European Court of Human Rights. He also serves as President of the Czech Society of International Law and Editor-in-Chief of the Czech Yearbook of Public & Private International Law. In 2023, he was elected member of the *Institut de Droit International*. He is author or co-author of 19 books and more than 200 articles and studies in Public International Law. His books include *The International Criminal Court and Suppression of Crimes under International Law* (Prague, 2002), *International Economic Law* (Prague, 2013, with V. Balaš), *Immunities of States and Their Officials in Contemporary International Law* (Passau-Berlin-Prague, 2017). The main topics of his research include general international law, the codification of international law, international responsibility and international investment law. Before entering the Charles University on full basis, Šturma worked as an UN staff member at the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNDCP). Graduated from Charles University Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts (Philosophy and Economics), he continued the postgraduate (PhD.) studies at the Institute of Law of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, and at the IHEI of Université Paris 2 (Panthéon-Assas). Later, he was also admitted to the Czech Bar Association. Occasionally, he acted as legal expert and expert witness in some international investment arbitrations.

Prof. Elisa Baroncini: *Cum laude* Law Degree and PhD in EU Law, is Full Professor of International Law at the University of Bologna, where she currently teaches International Economic Law, International Law on Sustainable Development, and International Energy Law. After having served for ten years (2012-2022) as Co-Chair of the ESIL IG on International Economic Law, in 2019 Elisa co-founded and is currently Coordinator of the Interest Group on International Economic Law of the Italian Society of International Law (DIEcon); and in December 2023, she has been elected as Member of the Executive Council of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL). She has been Visiting Professor at the China-EU School of Law, speaker and organizer of many international conferences, Visiting Researcher at the European University Institute. Elisa coordinates and participates in international and national research projects. She has been awarded the Jean Monnet Module "Re-Globe - Reforming the Global Economic Governance: The EU for SDGs in International Economic Law" (2022-2025), the Jean Monnet Chair "SustainEUorPlanet - The EU as a Global Actor in the International Law for the Sustainable Development of the Planet – Advancing Fairness, Expanding Accountability and Promoting Security" (2025-2028), and the research fund by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the project "L'Organizzazione mondiale del commercio quale protagonista dello sviluppo sostenibile nel rilancio del sistema multilaterale". Elisa has recently been the Coordinator of two UNA Europa Seeds Research Projects: "WHC@50 - Forever Young: Celebrating 50 Years of the World Heritage Convention"; and "ImprovEUorGlobe - The UN 2030 Agenda in the EU Trade Policy: Improving Global Governance for a Sustainable New World". Member of the Scientific Committee of the "Centro Interuniversitario sul Diritto delle Organizzazioni Internazionali Economiche" (CIDOIE), Elisa has also been part of the Promoting Committee of the University of Bologna to honour the 1972 UNESCO Convention, and Member of the Scientific Committee of the Institute of Advances Studies (ISA) of the University of Bologna. In June 2022 she has been appointed by the European Commission TSD Expert for the dispute settlement mechanisms of the new generation of EU free trade agreements. In May 2023, Elisa Baroncini has been appointed Independent Non-executive Director of the

Board of Eni S.p.A. She is also Member of the Editorial Board of "The Journal of World Investment & Trade" and the Editorial Board - Section of Bologna of "Diritto del commercio internazionale". Elisa publishes extensively mainly in English and Italian, and her main fields of research include: the reform process of the WTO dispute settlement mechanism; the relation between free trade and non-trade values; transparency and civil society in international economic law; the new generation of EU FTAs and their enforcement; the participation of the European Parliament and the Commission in the EU treaty-making power; the relation between free trade and investment protection and cultural heritage protection; EU and international energy law.

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