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On 30 and 31 May 2019, the 8th Conference of the Postgraduate and Early Professionals/ Academics Network (PEPA) of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) took place in London, organised by PEPA/SIEL in collaboration with the King's Forum on International Dispute Resolution of King's College London (KCL).

PEPA/SIEL is, among other things, interested in fostering collaboration and mentoring opportunities for emerging academics and professionals in International Economic Law (IEL). It fulfils these goals through various activities such as organising conferences at which emerging IEL academics and professionals can present and discuss their research in a supportive and welcoming environment.

The theme of the PEPA/SIEL conferences is deliberately broad in order to attract the widest group of interested participants possible. As a result, the discussion covered many areas within IEL (including trade, investment, banking and antitrust), as well as numerous interactions with other fields, such as food security, development, war, national security and governance. Both international and regional perspectives were debated, as well as studies on specific countries.

Participants enjoyed three plenary sessions with keynote speeches from Professor Fiona Smith (Leeds University) speaking on the regulation of global food supply chains and trade flows, and Professor Valentina Vadi (Lancaster University) addressing cultural diversity and trade in the early modern law of nations. The roundtable discussion on the reform of the WTO and investment dispute settlement, with Dr Holger Hestermeyer (KCL), Professor Gabrielle Marceau (WTO/Geneva University), Professor Giorgio Sacerdoti (Bocconi University Milan), Dr Michele Potestà (Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler) and Professor Freya Baetens (Oslo and Leiden University), was followed by a lively debate with the audience. Next year's edition of PEPA/SIEL will be hosted by the International Law Forum at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and we hope to see many IEL enthusiasts there.

Written on behalf of the Conference Co-Chairs: Professor Freya Baetens, Dr Holger Hestermeyer, Dr Federico Ortino, Myriam Gicquello, Clara Lopez, Ana Peres and Simon Weber.



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