

ANZSIL International Economic Law Interest Group

Annual Report

Introduction

The ANZSIL International Economic Law Interest Group (“IELIG”) was established in 2011 to provide a forum in which those interested in international economic law could discuss their work. The main activity of the IELIG is to hold an annual workshop for this purpose.

Following very successful workshops in May 2016 and October 2017, we held another workshop on Friday, 15 February 2019, at the University of Canterbury. The venue was the Ilam Homestead which provided a warm, congenial atmosphere and set the tone for the day.

The event was sponsored by New Zealand law firm, Chapman Tripp, whose assistance paid for the venue and catering. We also received financial support from ANZSIL to fund a post graduate student to attend the workshop.

The Workshop

The aim of the workshop was to provide an informal setting for discussion of topical issues arising in international economic law. We also introduced a postgraduate panel into this year’s workshop where students could present an aspect of their research and receive feedback from a dedicated reviewer selected in advance, as well as from the wider group of attendees.

We circulated a Call for Papers through the ANZSIL network (with the assistance of the Secretariat) and received an overwhelming response. This allowed us to put together a diverse programme, covering a broader range of topics than in previous workshops.

Around twenty people attended the workshop. Consistent with the broad aims of the group, it was pleasing that practitioners, government lawyers and academics (of all levels of seniority) took part in the event. Feedback from participants was universally positive. One participant wrote: “thank you for organising such a great workshop. The presentations and conversations were very interesting and the event and provided a valuable opportunity for engagement on issues of mutual interest”.

We are grateful to ANZSIL for its support of the Interest Group and the February workshop and look forward to holding another workshop next year.

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