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One Day Seminar on “Re-Imagining International Environmental Law” 29 August 2026

Environment represents living space, which supports our life and dignified living. The current environmental situation is described by scholars as epochal in nature, coined as “Anthropocene”. The history and development of environment protection is traceable to entering into bilateral treaties amongst states for the protection of birds and species. But the first landmark and foundational development took place in 1941 when the arbitral tribunal in the *Trail Smelter* case pronounced its arbitral award. The *Trail Smelter* award continues to underpin transboundary environmental issues as well as global commons. The no harm rule given in the award has come to be interpreted over the years by the courts and tribunals all over the world. Now it is being considered highly useful for the protection of serious global environmental threats, especially climate change. The rule has been constantly strengthened by major international environmental law conferences “Stockholm Conference 1972 and the Rio Conference 1992”. The International Court of Justice’s advisory opinion delivered on July 23, 2025, has opened an era of new opportunities and challenges in dealing with climate change. In addition to ICJ, the aspects of environment protection are being addressed in human rights courts; environmental aspects are being addressed in the World Trade Organization’s panel and appellate bodies; environmental aspects are being addressed in the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes.

Since the discipline of international environmental law is quite evolving in nature, it is important to debate it at frequent intervals and organize our thoughts. In light of this, the Indian Society of International Law is organizing a one-day seminar on “**Re-Imagining International Environmental Law**” on Saturday, **29 August 2026** to discuss new facets in this specialized area of international law.

Call for Abstracts and Papers

The seminar invites academicians, researchers, professionals, policymakers, and students to submit abstract and research papers; broad conference themes include the following:

- International Environmental Law (IEL)- From Piecemeal Creation to Global Reach
- Growing Importance of Stockholm Conference 1972
- Contribution of International/ Regional Courts and Tribunals and Development of IEL
- Third World Approach in IEL
- Human Rights aspects in IEL Disputes

- Gender Issues in Environment
- Environmental Damage in recent armed conflicts
- Adequacies of Legal Framework in Protecting Environment During Armed Conflicts
- IEL and Ecocide
- Trade and Environment Nexus
- Investment and Commercial Arbitration and IEL
- National Tribunals engaging Principles of IEL
- Milestones in the Evolution of Climate Change Regime
- The Paris Agreement on Climate Change 2015 and its Implications
- International Court of Justice's Advisory Opinion on Climate Change
- Regional Courts and IEL
- Climate Change Litigations
- Flexibility Mechanisms for Climate Change
- Convention on Biological Diversity and its Evolution
- Biological Diversity Beyond National Jurisdiction
- Role of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea's (UNCLOS) in Protection of Marine Environment
- Negotiating Plastic Treaty Challenges and Opportunities
- Compliance Mechanisms in Multilateral Environmental Agreements

Submission Guidelines:

Abstract: Max. 300 words with five keywords to be submitted by May 15th 2026.

Acceptance Notification: 25 May 2026.

Full Papers: 6000-7500 words, to be submitted by 15 July, 2026.

Authors: Maximum 2 Authors allowed.

Submissions to be mailed at isilevents.2026@gmail.com with subject as name of Author (s) with title of the paper in MS Word format.

Citations must conform to ISIL Citation Style

(<https://www.isilaca.org/download2021/ijilguidelines.pdf>)

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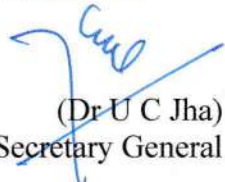
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