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**Western Sahara Research Group**



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## **Western Sahara in the International Legal Order.**

### **Second Conference of the Western Sahara Research Group**

*Bologna, 16 October 2023 - Sala delle Armi, Palazzo Malvezzi, via Zamboni 22*

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#### **8.30-9.00 CONFERENCE OPENING**

**Keynote Address:** Elisa Baroncini (University of Bologna, Re-Globe Coordinator)

**Conference and Research Group Presentation by the Organizing Committee:** Andrea Mensi (University of Bologna), Francisco Pereira Coutinho and João Francisco Diogo (Nova School of Law, Universidade Nova de Lisboa)

#### **9.00-10:30 PANEL 1: Western Sahara, the European Union and International Trade**

**Chair:** Francisco Pereira Coutinho (Nova School of Law, Universidade Nova de Lisboa)

**Elisa Baroncini (University of Bologna) and Klarissa Martins (University of Bologna)**

*The EU Trade Policy Concerning Western Sahara before the European Court of Justice*

**Alina Funk (University of Hamburg)**

*Objectifying Economic Self-determination? The Standard of Objective Economic Benefit in EU Trade with Western Sahara*

**Attila Nagy (University of Jena)**

*Western Sahara and the MENA Region in the Framework of Trade and Post-Conflict Agreements*

#### **10.30-11.00 COFFEE BREAK**

**11.00-12.45 PANEL 2 Western Sahara and Self-Determination**

**Chair: Gian Maria Farnelli (University of Bologna)**

**Stephen Allen (Queen Mary University of London) and Jamie Trinidad (Cambridge University)**

*The Status of Western Sahara: Recognition Doctrine and the Erosion of Self-Determination*

**João Francisco Diogo (Nova School of Law, Universidade Nova de Lisboa)**

*Western Saharan Self-Determination: the Irrelevance of International Law?*

**Miguel Lemos (University of Lisbon)**

*Western Sahara and Timor-Leste: Self-determination and the ICJ jurisprudence*

**Andrea Pelliconi (University of Nottingham)**

*Demographic Engineering in Western Sahara. The Shaping of Demography as Shaping of Sovereignty*

**12.45-14.00 LUNCH BREAK**

**14.00-15.45 PANEL 3: Western Sahara and Territorial Sovereignty**

**Chair: Ludovica Chiussi Curzi (University of Bologna)**

**Andrea Caligiuri (University of Macerata)**

*Western Sahara and Legal Status of the Waters off its Coasts*

**Niccolò Lanzoni (University of Bologna)**

*A Reappraisal of the ICJ Advisory Opinion on Western Sahara: Humanising International Law on Territorial Acquisition?*

**Emma Lehib (Western Sahara Resource Watch)**

*Renewable Resources - Renewable Rules?*

**Waleed Mahmoud (University of Ghent)**

*Western Sahara: The Duality of Legal Status, and the Governance of Economic Conduct Under International Law*

**15.45-16.15 COFFEE BREAK**

**16.15-18.00 PANEL 4: Western Sahara and the Law of Recognition**

**Chair: João Francisco Diogo (Nova School of Law, Universidade Nova de Lisboa)**

**Miłosz Gapsa (University of Łódź)**

*Western Sahara, Actio Popularis and Provisional Measures*

**Aya Kouch (Nova School of Law, Universidade Nova de Lisboa)**

*The Impact of the Returning of Morocco to the African Union: the Regional Recognition of Western Sahara?*

**Edi Rexhaj (Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy)**

*Africa's Last Colony: What are the Legal Consequences of the Madrid Agreement of 1975 for the Status of Western Sahara and the State Responsibility of Morocco and Spain*

**Pierluigi Salvati (Studio Legale Padovan)**

*The Issue of the Western Sahara through the Lens of the Duty of Non-Recognition of the Internationally Unlawful Situations*

**18.00-18.30 CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS AND FINAL DISCUSSION**

**Organizing Committee**

**Closing Remarks: Francisco Pereira Coutinho (Nova School of Law, Universidade Nova de Lisboa)**