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The present *Ágora* compiles the most highly-rated papers presented during the First Ordinary Conference of the AEPDIRI Network of Early-Career Researchers, held at the University of Murcia on September 6, 2024.

Established in 2022 by initiative of the AEPDIRI Board, the “*AEPDIRI Network of Early-Career Researchers*” is an informal tool aimed primarily at proposing and supporting initiatives specifically designed for the benefit of junior researchers within the Association. It also serves as a guide on matters related to their teaching and research training. Furthermore, the network was created with the purpose of connecting those in the process of completing their doctoral theses, or in the period immediately following the attainment of their doctoral degree.

The Network is directed by a Coordinating Committee whose primary function is to act as a bridge between the AEPDIRI leadership and junior researchers, with the goal of encouraging their participation in the activities proposed by the Association while also empowering them to organize their own activities. Currently, the Committee is composed of the following junior researchers: Dr. Ignacio Álvarez Arcá, Assistant Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Málaga; Dr. Carlos Gil Gandía, Assistant Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria; Dr. Josep Gunnar Horrach Armo, Permanent Lecturer in Private International Law at the University of the Balearic Islands; Dr. Carmen Martínez San Millán, Assistant Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Valladolid; Dr. Ana Sánchez Cobaleda, Assistant Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Barcelona; and two members of the AEPDIRI Board, Dr. Nuria Arenas Hidalgo, Senior Lecturer of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Huelva, and Dr. Eduardo Jiménez Pineda, Senior Lecturer of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Córdoba.

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The Network has already launched a series of “virtual coffee meetings” as informal spaces where members can share their concerns and challenges related to their research. Additionally, the Network organized its First Ordinary Conference, specifically directed at this group, which is planned to take place biennially. This conference was held at the University of Murcia on September 6, 2024, serving as a space for dialogue and collaborative work between senior and junior researchers – something that had not existed within the Association until that point.

The conference included participation by prominent legal scholars from the disciplines comprising AEPDIRI (Public International Law, Private International Law, and International Relations), such as Professor Dr. Esperanza Orihuela Calatayud, Chair of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Murcia, who delivered the keynote address titled “*The Use of the International Court of Justice by Non-Injured States: Lights and Shadows*”. Subsequently, four working panels were established, each featuring presentations of various papers selected by a scientific committee. These papers were then discussed with commentators such as Dr. María José Cervell Hortal, Chair of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Murcia; Dr. Juan Jorge Piernas López, Senior Lecturer of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Murcia; Dr. María Ángeles Sánchez Jiménez, Senior Lecturer of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Murcia; and Dr. Alberto Priego Moreno, Associate Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at Comillas Pontifical University.

The most highly-rated papers by the Scientific Committee have been selected for publication in this edition of the *Ágora* of SYBIL. This initiative opens one of the most prominent and internationally recognized journals of the Association to the work of the new generation of researchers. The relevance of this initiative is evident from the topics addressed, which include pressing challenges within our disciplines: “*Pioneering Legal Advances: The European Convention on Human Rights’ Latest Efforts against Online Hate*”, “*Displacement and Climate Change in the Renewed European Framework on Migration and Asylum: Insights from the Practice in Spain and Italy*”, “*The Application of Collective Agreements in Cross-Border Employment Contracts*”, “*The Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive: Displaced Workers and Emerging Challenges in Respecting Human Rights*”, and “*Change and World Order in Classical Realism: Understanding the Revisionist Challenge*”.

The choice of topics and the high quality of these works demonstrate the excellent training of AEPDIRI’s junior members and the need to give them greater visibility – a goal furthered by their publication in this journal.

AEPDIRI is clearly committed to fostering the Network’s activities and the intergenerational dialogue it promotes. Through these collaborative workspaces, our Association creates a more dynamic and balanced ecosystem conducive to the scientific progress of our disciplines, in which the new generations play a prominent role.