As the world goes urban, a growing interest has arisen over the global role of cities and local communities in international relations. The international meeting addresses the impact of cities on the development of international law, on the occasion of the publication of the Research Handbook edited by Helmut Aust and Janne Nijman (Elgar, 2021) as well as of a special issue of the Italian Yearbook of International Law. The purpose of the event is to shed some light on how international law is shaped, interpreted and implemented by cities in various fields, ranging from climate change over human rights and migration to security governance.

**Programme**

**10.00 Welcome address and First panel**

Chair: **Francesco Francioni**, EUI  
Introduction: **Janne Nijman**, University of Amsterdam and Geneva Graduate Institute  
Speakers:  
**Eliana Augusti**, Università del Salento  
**Riccardo Pavoni**, Università di Siena  
Q&A

**11.30 Second panel**

Chair: **Giuseppe Nesi**, Università di Trento  
Speakers:  
**Christine Bakker**, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna and British Institute of International and Comparative Law  
**Mirko Sossai**, Università degli Studi Roma Tre  
Q&A  
Final remarks: **Helmut Aust**, Freie Universität Berlin

**13.00 Conclusion of the Meeting**

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