

RULE OF LAW FOR OCEANS

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Day 1

9.00 Registration/coffee

9.30-9.45 Welcome

Ola Mestad, Director, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo

Greta Bentzen, Managing Director, NIVA

9.45-10.15 Opening remarks (Alla Pozdnakova and Froukje Maria Platjouw)

10.15- 10.45 Ronan Long, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, Keynote

10.45 – 12.15 In search for the Rule of Law for Oceans/Plenary Session 1 (Chair: Ronan Long), Stallen

“Rule of Law for Oceans”: Exploring Possible Meanings

Anna Petrig, University of Basel

Strengthening the legal framework for the protection of the marine environment and biodiversity through the concretization of general obligations

Kentaro Nishimoto, Tohoku University

The potential of legal coherence to foster ecosystem-based ocean governance

Froukje Maria Platjouw, NIVA/University of Oslo

12:15-12:25 Law of the sea research at the Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law

Book conclusions presentation “The Law of the Seabed: Access, Uses and Protection of Seabed Resources”

Catherine Banet, University of Oslo

12.25 – 13.15 Lunch

13.15- 13.45 Seline Trevisanut, University of Utrecht

A Three-Fold Approach to Regime Interaction In Ocean Governance/Keynote

13.45- 15.15 Session 2 – parallel sessions

Session 2a – Critical perspectives on ocean governance (Chair: Seline Trevisanut)

Unthinking the logic of sovereign spatiality: ocean commons and ecosystem-based governance

Vito de Lucia, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

The Law of the Sea in the Anthropocene: Challenges of mitigation, adaptation and restoration

Rozemarijn Roland Holst, University of Utrecht

A regime lost at sea: critical reflections on the past and the future of UNCLOS and marine biodiversity protection

Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny, University of Ottawa

Sometimes goodbyes are not forever: Japan's withdrawal from the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling

Sara Wissmann and Maurus Wollensak, University of Hamburg

Session 2b – Tackling Multiple Pressures (Chair: Alla Pozdnakova)

GHG emissions from shipping: an assessment of the role relevance and implications of the LOSC

David Testa, University of Nottingham

Oil Pollution Control Regulations in the Baltic Sea – An assessment of the ecosystem approach and institutional interplay of the world's most regulated sea

Kirsi White, University of Turku

Marine plastic pollution: Interaction between global and regional regulations in North-East Asia

Dawoon Jung, University of Edinburgh

Advancing Marine Environmental Management by focusing on Pressures and consistent Responses

Lena Schøning, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

15.15-15.45 **Break**

15.45 – 17.15 **Session 3 (parallel sessions)**

Session 3a – Balancing the exploitation and preservation of marine resources (Chair: Henrik Ringbom)

The Law of the Sea and sustainable fisheries: A choice between exploitation and preservation in the Anthropocene

Tien Chin-Chia, University of Glasgow

A legal analysis of utilizing icebergs for freshwater

Aref Shams, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies,
Geneva, Switzerland

The role, advantages and challenges of using litigation to achieve sustainable fisheries

Solène Guggisberg, University of Utrecht

UNCLOS as a system of regulation: The protection of living resources in the Arctic as an example

Birgit Feldtmann, Aalborg University

Kristina Siig, University of Southern Denmark

Session 3b Paths towards effective ocean governance and compliance (Chair: Anna Petrig)

IUU Fishing

Pieter Van Welzen, Solicitor, Clifford Chance LLP, The Netherlands

Could the WTO save the Oceans? An inquiry into [accessory] role of the Organization in the future of fisheries policies

Leonila Guglya, Policy Advisor, IDEAS Centre, Switzerland

A Blue (Whale) print to strengthening cooperation in international environmental law

Rob Steenkamp, University of Hamburg

Resolving snow crab controversies – from dispute settlement to comprehensive solutions

Erik Røsæg, University of Oslo

Alla Pozdnakova, University of Oslo

17.15-17.30 Outlook to day 2

17.30 – 21.00 (For speakers and organisers) Reception, meals, networking

DAY 2

9.00- 9.30

Coffee and welcome

9.30-10.00
Norway

Kjell Kristian Egge, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

25 years beyond national jurisdiction: Some reflections on the Law of the Sea Convention/Keynote

10.00 – 11.30

Session 4 (parallel sessions)

**Session 4a Areas beyond national jurisdiction
(Chair: Kjell Kristian Egge)**

The Need for Ambition in the BBNJ Treaty

Joanna Mossop, Victoria University of Wellington

Giving a meaning to conservation and sustainable use when applied in the context of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction

Yambo Olivier, Nottingham Trent University

Application of non-flag states' domestic legislation to marine environment impact assessment at areas beyond national jurisdiction

Makoto Seta, Yokohama City University

Utilisation of marine genetic resources – navigating through the sea of uncertainties

Jacob Ciesielczuk, University of Lincoln

Session 4b Designing legal solutions for the oceans in change (Chair: Froukje Maria Platjouw)

The evolution of the law and politics of Marine Protected Areas

DO Viet Cuong, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

The elusive search for sustainable high seas fisheries: exploring alternative regulatory and governance mechanisms

Catherine Blanchard, University of Utrecht

The influence of sea level rise on marine environmental law

Shira Giveon, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel

Geo-engineering measures to boost ocean ecosystems in the Baltic Sea - a study in how environmental law operates in the absence of specific rules

Brita Bohman, University of Gothenburg

Henrik Ringbom, University of Turku/University of Oslo

Saara Ilvessalo, Baltic Area Legal Studies BALEX

11.30-12.30 Lunch

12.30-13.00 **Prof. Christina Voigt, University of Oslo**
Climate Change, the Role of Oceans and the Rule of Law (Keynote)

13.00-14.30 **Session 5 (parallel sessions)**

Session 5a **Climate change and oceans (Chair: Christina Voigt)**

Climate justice and protection of ocean in international law

Ajay Kumar, Maharishi University of Information Technology, Noida, India

Ashutosh Kumar, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University), New Delhi, India

Climate emergency and legal uncertainty: ITLOS advisory opinion on climate change and oceans

Carlos A. Cruz Carrillo, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland

Protection of oceans and climate change litigation

Elena Orru, University of Bologna, Italy

Marine Biodiversity Redistribution under Climate Change: Rethinking the Law to Address the “Governance Gap”

Mitchell Lennan, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

Session 5b – **Regional perspectives (Chair: Erik Røsæg)**

The international Law of the Sea and Arctic governance: Paving the way to integrated ecosystem-based governance

Andrey Todorov, Moscow, Primakov Institute of world economy and international relations

African maritime domain and international rule of law

Tajudeen Sanni, Kampala International University

The Eastern Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor (CMAR): an example of innovative regional cooperation

Sarah Enright, University College Cork

Failing Rule of Law – The case of the South China Sea

Agnes Chong, University of Cambridge/University of Hong Kong

14.30-15.00 BREAK

15.30-17.00 Plenary Session 6/Rule of Law for Changing Oceans: mapping out the way forward

Panel discussion – key note speakers and experts on stage, discussion and questions from other participants and the audience

Speakers:

Christina Voigt, Kjell Kristian Egge, Joanna Mossop, Anna Petrig, Kentaro Nishimoto (tbc), Ronan Long (tbc), Seline Trevisanut

Moderators:

Alla Pozdnakova, Froukje Maria Platjouw

17.00

Closing of the conference