

1ST POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 30 September 2026

08:30 – 08:40	Opening Remarks Stephen Fietta KC, Fietta LLP
08:40 – 10:10	Panel 1: The Law of the Sea and Historical Perspectives Room A2 Moderators: • Stephen Fietta KC • Ralph Loren-Eisendecker (IHEID) Presenters: • Dr Matilde Rocca (SOAS University of London) “Upon Free Seas: Maritime Liberty and the Individual in the Age of Abolition” • Dr Negar Mansouri (Copenhagen Business School, Denmark) “Remaking ‘Freedom of Navigation’: Standard Oil of New Jersey, American Antitrust, and the Global Rise of Open Shipping Registries” • Chiara Pavesi (University of Liverpool, England) “Reconstructing the UNCLOS’ Jurisdictional Framework governing States’ Jurisdiction over Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel on Merchant Vessels” • Dr Milena Mottola (University of Cagliari, Italy) “Infrastructural Jurisdiction: Domestic Authority, International Law, and the Protection of Submarine Infrastructure”
10:10 – 10:20	Coffee Break (the Fab) (closed event)

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10:20 – 12:00	Panel 2: The International Regime for Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction and Common Resources Room S11 Moderator: • Dr Romina Pezzot, IHEID Presenters: • Dr Maria Juliana Tenorio (Permanent Mission of Colombia to the UN - Geneva) “Was there a need for having an Implementation and Compliance Committee under the BBNJ Agreement?” • Anna-Sophie Jess (University of Potsdam, Germany) “Universalism meets Exceptionalism: The Regime Interaction between the BBNJ Agreement and the Antarctic Treaty System” • Anaïs Rémont (ANCORS, University of Wollongong, Australia) “The interplay between the BBNJ Agreement and the Antarctic Treaty System: the case of marine spatial protection and management” • Dr Yulu Liu (Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore) “From upstream rules to coastal and marine pollution: a missed opportunity for managing land-based pollution in the global plastic treaty?”
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch (the Fab) (closed event) Welcome Note: • Nico Krisch, Head of the International Law Department, IHEID

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14:00 – 15:45	Panel 3: The Dispute Settlement Rules under the Law of the Sea and Regime of the Area for Deep-seabed Mining Room A2 Includes Introduction and Case Study Presentation (5-7 min) Moderator: • Himanil Raina (IHEID) Presenters: • Eduardo C de Mello Filho (University College London, UCL) “The Seabed Disputes Chamber Cases at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea” • Dr Nicolò Andreotti (University of Padua, Italy) “Reshaping the Law of the Sea? Investmentification and the Governance of Deep-Seabed Mining.” • Anna Kirchhoff (University of Halle, Germany) “Between Efficiency and Fragmentation: The Role of Alternative Dispute Settlement Fora of the Seabed Disputes Chamber under Part XI Section 5 of UNCLOS” • Dr Tsuyoshi Yamashita (Tohoku University, Japan) “Compulsory Adjudication or Compulsory Forumization? Issue-Structuring in UNCLOS Dispute Settlement and Contemporary Ocean Governance”
15:45 – 15:55	Coffee Break (the Fab) (closed event)

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16:00 – 17:30	Panel 4: Climate Change, Sea-Level Rise and Transnational Challenges in Marine Governance Room S11 Moderator: • Dr Mitchell Lennan, Co-Director, Aberdeen University Centre for Energy Law Presenters: • Namgu KIM (Université de Nantes - Centre de Droit Maritime et Océanique, France) “La délimitation maritime à l'ère du changement climatique : portée et enjeux des considérations environnementales dans les négociations de délimitation en Asie du Nord-Est” • Natascha Gojkovic (University of Graz, Austria) “Submerging Island States as Specially Affected States: The Immovable Baseline and Customary International Law” • Maria George (Geneva Graduate Institute) “Causation, International Law, and Climate Reparations: Moments of Encounter” • Simone Mamini (City St. George's, University of London) “Icebergs as Emerging Ocean Resources: Legal Status and Sustainable Governance under International Law”
17:30	Closing Remarks Dr Mitchell Lennan, Co-Director, Aberdeen University Centre for Energy Law

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