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## **Forty-second Annual Conference of the Center for Oceans Law & Policy**

### **COOPERATION AND ENGAGEMENT IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION**

Co-sponsored and coordinated by

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**Crowne Plaza Beijing Chaoyang U-Town**  
**Beijing, China**  
**May 23-26, 2018**

**Wednesday, 23 May**

**Wednesday, 23 May      Conference Venue: Crowne Plaza Beijing Chaoyang U-Town**

5:00-6:00      Ice-breaker Conference Reception, introduction of local host and other sponsors  
[by private invitation only]

**Thursday, 24 May**

8:00-8:30      **Conference Registration, materials pick-up**

8:30-9:00      **Conference Opening:**

Myron Nordquist, Associate Director, Center for Oceans Law and Policy  
WU Shicun, President, National Institute for South China Sea Studies

- 9:00-9:15      **Keynote Speech:** Chinese nominee
- 9:15-10:45    **Panel 1: Spotlight on Regional Cooperation**  
*(moderator: WU Shicun, President and Senior Research Fellow, National Institute for South China Sea Studies)*
1. "Military Cooperation in the Asia Pacific" Rear Admiral John Hannink, Deputy Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy
  2. "Peace through Joint Marine and Cruise Tourism in the South China Sea: A Potential Spotlight in Regional Cooperation?" SONG Yann-huei, Research Fellow, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei
  3. GAO Zhiguo, Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
  4. "Coast Guard Cooperation in the Pacific: Fisheries and More" Rear Admiral Steven J. Andersen, U.S. Coast Guard
- 10:45-11:00    Break
- 11:00-12:30   **Panel 2: Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment**  
*(moderator: Roy S. Lee, Representative of Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization)*
1. "Candy and Poisons: Thoughts on Protecting Marine Environments While Meeting Societal Needs" Daniel Rittschof, Professor, Duke University Marine Lab
  2. YEE Sienho, Professor, Wuhan University
  3. "The Duty to Cooperate in the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment" KOJIMA Chie, Professor, Musashino University, Tokyo
  4. "EIA in Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment" QIN Tianbao, Professor & Assistant Dean, School of Law, Wuhan University
- 12:30-2:00    **Luncheon with Keynote Address:**  
*Michael Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority*  
 "Draft Exploitation Regulations under the ISA"
- 2:00-3:30      **Panel 3: Freedom of Navigation**  
*(moderator: Sam Bateman, Professorial Research Fellow, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security, University of Wollongong)*
1. "Freedom of Navigation: Where to Go When Political Agenda Shadows Legal Substance" HONG Nong, Executive Director & Senior Fellow, Institute for China-America Studies
  2. "Freedom of Navigation in the American Experience" James Kraska, Chairman and Howard S. Levie Professor in the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, U.S. Naval War College
  3. MA Xinmin, Deputy Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China

4. “Freedom of Navigation: Vietnam's Practices” NGUYEN Lan-Anh T., Center for Legal Studies, Institute for East Sea (South China Sea) Studies, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

3:30-4:00 Break

4:00-5:30 **Panel 4: Straits Governance, including Malacca/Singapore**

*(moderator: Vladimir Golitsyn, former President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea)*

1. “Contemporary Issues on Passage through Archipelagic Straits and Sea Lanes” Jay Batongbacal, Professor, University of the Philippines
2. “Governance of Straits: Regime Uncertainties and the ‘Other’ Straits in the Asia-Pacific Region” Ted McDorman, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria
3. “The Legal Regime Governing Passage on Routes Used for International Navigation Through Indonesian Waters” Robert Beckman, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore
4. “Passage Across the First Island Chain and International Law” ZHANG Xinjun, Associate Professor, School of Law, Tsinghua University

5:30 **Adjourn, Day 1**

**Friday, 25 May**

9:00-11:00 **Panel 5: Shipping**

*(moderator: PAIK Jin-Hyun, President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea)*

1. “Securing the Safety of Navigation along the Maritime Silk Road” ZOU Keyuan, Director, Institute for International & Comparative Law, University of Central Lancashire, UK
2. “Maritime Labour Standards and the Principle of 'no more favourable treatment'” Alexandros Ntovas, Lecturer, Queen Mary University of London
3. “Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships in International Law: New Challenges for the Regulation of International Navigation and Shipping” Aldo Chircop, Professor, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University
4. “Climate Change and Shipping: What Can Be Done to Reduce Carbon Emissions in This Sector?” SHIM Sangmin, Professor of International Law, Korea National Diplomatic Academy

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:45 **Panel 6: Search and Rescue**

*(moderator: GAO Jianjun, Professor, School of International Law, China University of Political Science and Law)*

1. “Towards the Establishment of a Search and Rescue Cooperation Mechanism in the South China Sea: Regulatory Framework, Challenges and Prospects” SHI Yubing, Associate Professor, Xiamen University
2. “International Law and Search and Rescue” Richard Button, U.S. Coast Guard
3. “Cross-Straits Search and Rescue at Sea: Past Experiences and Prospects” GAU Michael Sheng-ti, Director, Research Institute of International Justice and Arbitration, Hainan University
4. “Whole-of-Government Collaboration: Building a Networked Response to Maritime Challenges” Brian Wilson (JAGC, USN Ret.), Global Maritime Operational Threat Response Coordination Center

12:45-2:00 **Luncheon with Keynote Address:**

*David Balton, U.S. Department of State, (Ret.)*

"Reflections on the Past 25 Years of Ocean Law and Policy"

2:00-3:30 **Panel 7: Sustainable Fisheries**

*(moderator: NISHIMOTO Kentaro, Professor, Tohoku University)*

1. “Time to End the Tragedy of the Commons: Establishing Regional Fisheries Management Mechanism in Northeast Asia” KIM Wonhee, Senior Researcher, Korea Maritime Institute
2. “Sustainable Fisheries: Opportunities and Challenges under the ‘Blue Economy’ Approach” XUE Julia Guifang, Chair Professor & Director for Ocean Rule of Law Centre, Shanghai Jiaotong University
3. “Combating IUU and the Development of International Fisheries Law” WANG Kuan-Hsiung, Professor, Graduate Institute of Political Science, Taiwan Normal University
4. “Tracing the Fight against IUU Fishing from Sea to Table” Kathryn Youel Page, Assistant Legal Adviser, L/OES, U. S. Department of State

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-4.45 **Panel 8: Looking to Future Cooperation**

*(moderator: Tore Henriksen, Director, K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea)*

**Topic 8a: BBNJ Negotiations**

1. “The Final Frontier: European Union and the BBNJ Negotiations” Ronán Long, Director, Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, World Maritime University
2. “BBNJ: Developments since Yogyakarta” J. Ashley Roach, Visiting Senior Principal Research Fellow, Centre for International Law, Singapore

### **Topic 8b: Multilateral Cooperation**

3. “Multilateral Cooperation in Resolving or Managing International Issues” Helmut Türk, Ambassador, former Judge and Vice-President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, former President of the Assembly and Chairman of the Review Committee of the International Seabed Authority
4. “Resolving or Managing International Issues by Multilateral Cooperation” Robert G. Volterra, Partner, Volterra Fietta, and Professor, University College London

4:45-5:00 **Closing Remarks**

Chairman, Chinese Society of International Law  
Myron Nordquist, COLP

7:00-9:00 **Gala Dinner** [by private invitation only]

Keynote Address, **Chinese nominee**

**Saturday, 26 May**

08:30-19:40 **Optional cultural tour:** Beijing day tour. Visit Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. Dine at a restaurant inside the Forbidden City (audio guide). After lunch visit Beijing’s traditional hutongs (English tour guide) and Qianmen Walking Street (shopping). Dinner at Laoshe Tea House. **COST: 950 yuan per person, approximately USD 150.**