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The Role of the Oceans in the 21st Century

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Hong, Seoung-Yong; Miles, Edward L.; and Park, Choon-ho, eds. *The Role of the Oceans in the 21st Century*. Honolulu, Hawaii: The Law of the Sea Institute, 1995. 777pp. (No price given)

This volume publishes the proceedings of the 27th annual conference of the Law of the Sea Institute that was held in Seoul, Korea, in July 1993. The institute, which has always been in the forefront for the discussion of the uses of the oceans, focused this conference on the role of the oceans in the next century, with presentations by leading experts on oceans legal and policy issues, representing the international community. The conference addressed initially the policies governing oceans, then explored specific uses of the oceans within that context. Specifically addressed in panel discussions were coastal zone utilizations, oceans industries, new and emergent hard ocean minerals, and the future of oceanic oil and gas. Two panels addressed broad economic impacts of oceans uses, the contributions of ocean resources to the East Asian economy, and the economic benefits of its environmental use. The major focus was international fisheries, one of the key concerns of the world community.

Of particular interest to the military reader is the address by Ambassador Igor K. Kolossovsky of the Russian Federation on how the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea can serve as the basis for the maintenance of legal order and peace in the oceans into the next century. Other presentations of interest are the Joint Conference with Korea—Sea Lanes of Communications (SLOC), on the “Post-Cold War Era” and “SLOC Security in East Asia.” Among the maritime jurisdiction issues in the Asia-Pacific region that may impact the legal regime of navigation

addressed by the Joint Conference were the status of Indonesia’s archipelagic jurisdiction and the 1992 Territorial Sea Law of China.

The Law of the Sea Institute plays a preeminent role in the formulation of international ocean policy, and the published proceedings of its conference provide an excellent reference for developing international perspectives on issues that affect U.S. naval operations.

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Howes, Ruth H. and Stevenson, Michael R., eds. *Women and the Use of Military Force*. Boulder, Colo.:

Lynne Rienner, 1993. 246pp. \$38

This book stems from a series of multidisciplinary workshops about female attitudes toward the use of (primarily) military force. Its principal question is, “Is there a fundamental difference in the way women and men utilize force and view its utilization on the international scale?”

The book is divided into two main parts comprising several chapters each, followed by a concluding chapter written by the editors. The various chapters are written by scholars from a range of academic disciplines, including physics, psychology, sociology, philosophy, political science, and folklore. Editors Howes and Stevenson are refreshingly honest, stating that most of the fourteen chapters are written from a feminist (however defined) perspective. Unexpectedly, this does not detract from the book’s value or the interest of the general reader (as might straight feminist polemics), because the contributors generally present their evidence and make their cases dispassionately. Many readers