The International Law of the Sea at the 30th Anniversary of ITLOS: Developments and Challenges

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Saturday, 26 September 2026

10:00–10:30 **Registration and Coffee**

10:30–10:45 **Opening Remarks**
KMI Vice President Yoon Sung Soon and
IFLOS Chair Alexander Proelss

10:45–11:15 **Keynote: ITLOS at 30**
President Tomas Heidar

11:15–12:45 **Session I: Maritime Delineation and Delimitation**
Moderator: Judge José Luis Jesus

Aldino Santos de Campos
New Developments Regarding the Extended Continental Shelf: Delineation, CLCS Procedure and the Rights of Third States

Youri van Logchem
Unilateral Activities in Undelimited Maritime Areas: Resource Development, Due Restraint and Provisional Arrangements

Lan Nguyen
Conciliation and Maritime Boundary Disputes: From Timor-Leste/ Australia to Cambodia/Thailand

Discussion

12:45–14:00 **Lunch**

14:00–15:30 **Session II: Climate Change, Sea-Level Rise and the Law of the Sea**
Moderator: Judge Zha Hyoung Rhee

Cymie Payne
From ITLOS to the ICJ: Climate Change Obligations under UNCLOS after the Advisory Opinions

Clive Schofield
Sea-Level Rise and Maritime Entitlements: Towards 'Post-Ambulatory' Baselines, Limits and Boundaries?

Beatriz Martinez Romera
Ocean-Based Climate Mitigation: Shipping, Offshore Renewables and Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal under UNCLOS

Discussion

15:30–16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00–17:30 **Session III: The BBNJ Agreement in Force: Implementation, Institutions, and Challenges**
Moderator: Judge Liesbeth Lijnzaad

Duncan Currie
Institutional Design and the Role of Existing Bodies

Daniela Diz
Area-Based Management Tools and Marine Protected Areas beyond National Jurisdiction: Between Ambition and Coordination

Karen Scott
Environmental Impact Assessments under the BBNJ Agreement and the Equivalence Exception

Discussion

19:00 **Conference Dinner (upon invitation only)**

Sunday, 27 September 2026

09:00–10:30 **Session IV: Deep Seabed Mining and the Future of the Area**
Moderator: Vice-President Neeru Chadha

Coalter Lathrop
Resurgent Unilateralism and the Devolving Ocean Order: What Role for States Parties?

James Harrison
Checks and Balances on the Powers of the ISA and the Role of the Seabed Disputes Chamber of ITLOS

Joanna Dingwall
Beyond the 2011 ITLOS Seabed Mining Advisory Opinion: What Role for the Sponsoring States Regime in the Critical Minerals Era

Discussion

10:30–11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00–12:30 **Session V: Maritime Security and Hybrid Threats**
Moderator: Keun-Gwan Lee

Alexander Lott
Challenges Posed by Shadow Fleets and Coastal States Powers

Alina Miron
Protection of Critical Maritime Infrastructure: The Example of Submarine Cables

Bjørn Kunoy
Maritime Security and the Straits Question

Discussion

12:30–12:45 **Closing Remarks**
IFLOS Vice-Chair Valentin Schatz

12:45 **Finger Food and**
End of Symposium

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