



Ghent University (UGent), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB),
 Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and
 Université catholique de Louvain (UCL-Mons)
 present:

UNCLOS rules the waves

the 20th anniversary of the entry into force of the
 Montego Bay Convention:
 state of affairs and challenges ahead

Thursday and Friday
 13-14 November 2014
 Ghent, Belgium



Practical information

Venue: Conference Centre *Het Pand, Onderbergen 1, 9000 Ghent, Belgium*
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Final registration date: **November 10, 2014**

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Day 1 – Thursday 13 November 2014

9.45-10.15: Registration and coffee

10.15-10.30: Welcome address

Panel 1: **UNCLOS and the maintenance of international peace and security**

10.30-10.50: Military activities in the exclusive economic zone (Prof. Wolff Heintschel von Heinegg (Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)))

10.50-11.10: Air defence identification zones and the freedom of overflight (Mr. Jonathan Odom, Commander, JAG Corps, U.S. Navy) *(to be confirmed)*

11.10-11.30: Maritime interdiction (Dr. Douglas Guilfoyle – University College London)

11.30-11.50: UNCLOS and the fight against piracy (Prof. Eduard Somers – Ghent University)

11.50-12.20: Panel and floor debate

12.20-14.00: Lunch break

Panel 2: **UNCLOS and the economy**

14.00-14.20: Illegal fishing (Mr. Blaise Kuemlangan – Legal Office, Food and Agriculture Organization)

14.20-14.40: UNCLOS and the Arctic (Prof. Erik Franckx – Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

14.40-15.00: Exploration and exploitation of the deep sea bed (Mr. Michael Lodge – Legal Counsel, International Seabed Authority)

15.00-15.20: Maritime spatial planning and the blue economy (Prof. Frank Maes – Ghent University)

15.20-15.50: Panel and floor debate

15.50-16.20: Coffee break

16.20-17.00: Keynote lecture: the United States position with regard to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (Prof. John Noyes – California Western)

17h.00: Reception



Day 2 - Friday 14 November 2014

9.45-10.15: Registration and coffee

Panel 3: **UNCLOS and the protection of the marine environment**

10.15-10.35: Bioprospecting and marine genetic resources (Mr. Morten Walløe Tvedt, Senior Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute)

10.35-10.55: Deep sea mineral exploitation and pollution (Prof. Frida Armas Pfirter, Austral University)

10.55-11.15: Restoration and the marine environment (Prof. An Cliquet – Ghent University)

11.15-11.35: Climate change adaptation, acidification and geo-engineering (Prof. David Vanderzwaag – Dalhousie University)

11.35-12.05: Panel and floor debate

12.05-13.30: Lunch break

Panel 4: **The UNCLOS dispute settlement regime**

14.00-14.20: Use and abuse of the UNCLOS dispute settlement mechanism (Prof. Alan Boyle – University of Edinburgh)

14.20-14.40: Standing of NGOs and third-party intervention before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Prof. Philippe Gautier, Université Catholique de Louvain, Registrar ITLOS)

14.40-15.00: The importance of ITLOS in the UNCLOS dispute settlement regime: Past, Present and Future (Judge Vladimir Golitsyn – International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea)

15.00-15.20: The participation of International Organizations under UNCLOS Annex IX (Mr. Friedrich Wieland (European Commission – DG Mare))

15.20-15.50: Panel and floor debate

15.50-16.20: Closing remarks (Prof. Tom Ruys – Ghent University)

