



## **UNCLOS AT 30**

### **PROGRAMME**

#### **DAY 1: THURSDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER**

- 12:30-13:30** Registration with sandwich lunch
- 13:30-14:00** **Welcome and Introductory Remarks on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UNCLOS**  
*Jill Barrett, British Institute of International and Comparative Law*  
*Sir Michael Wood KCMG, 20 Essex Chambers and UN International Law Commission*
- 14:00-15:30** **Panel 1: Recent developments and new challenges to UNCLOS**
- Chair** **Sam Wordsworth, Essex Court Chambers**
- Speakers** **Chris Whomersley, Foreign & Commonwealth Office**
- Recent developments in the United Kingdom's practice relating to UNCLOS
- Professor Keyuan Zou, University of Central Lancashire**
- The South China Sea disputes and China's approach to UNCLOS
- Professor Maria Gavouneli, University of Athens, Greece**
- Energy at sea: a new challenge?
- 15:30-16:00** Break
- 16:00-17:30** **Panel 2: The Outer Continental Shelf (beyond 200 nautical miles)**
- Chair** **Professor Malcolm D Evans OBE, University of Bristol**
- Speakers** **Professor David Ong, Nottingham Trent University**
- Delimitation of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles and prospects for revenue sharing between States and the International Community
- Professor Robin Churchill, University of Dundee**
- To what extent may a coastal State exercise its rights on its outer continental shelf before the outer limit has been established in accordance with Article 76 and Annex II of UNCLOS?
- Dr Lindsay Parson, Maritime Zone Solutions Ltd, UK**
- Observations on the Article 76 process to date: Coastal states submissions and the work outstanding for the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
- 19:00-20:00** **END OF DAY 1 – DRINKS RECEPTION AT TITANIC BELFAST**

## DAY 2: FRIDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER

### 09:00-10:30 Panel 3: Jurisdiction and Governance in International Waters

**Chair** The Honourable Mr Justice R Weatherup, *High Court of Northern Ireland*

**Speakers** Dr Marie Jacobsson, *Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden, UN International Law Commission and University of Lund*

- Protecting Maritime Graves: the case of the wreck of *M/S Estonia*

Professor David Freestone, *Sargasso Sea Alliance and George Washington University, USA*

- High seas governance and high seas marine protected areas

Professor Nilufer Oral, *Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey*

- Governance of straits used for international navigation

10:30-11:00 Break

### 11:00-12:30 Panel 4: Protecting the Marine Environment

**Chair** Dr Brian Jack, *Queen's University Belfast*

**Speakers** Professor Alan Boyle, *University of Edinburgh and Essex Court Chambers*

- Ocean Governance and Climate Change

Professor Catherine Redgwell, *University College London*

- Climate change responses – is UNCLOS fit for purpose?

Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, *Queen Mary, University of London*

- Enhanced marine environmental protection: the Baltic Sea approach

12:30-13:30 Lunch

### 13:30-15:00 Panel 5: Settlement of Disputes under UNCLOS

**Chair** David H. Anderson CMG, *Former Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)*

**Speakers** Stephen Fietta, *Volterra Fietta*

- The resolution of maritime boundary disputes under Part XV of UNCLOS – have Annex VII arbitration and ITLOS worked in practice?

Dr Ronán Long, *National University of Ireland Galway*

- The EU and Law of the Sea Dispute Settlement

Professor Shotaro Hamamoto, *University of Kyoto, Japan*

- The evolution of ITLOS jurisprudence on prompt release of vessels

### 15:00-15:30 Concluding Remarks – Looking to the Future

**Chair** Jill Barrett, *British Institute of International and Comparative Law*

**Speaker** Professor Richard Barnes, *University of Hull*