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# Delimitation of

# Maritime



# Boundaries Course

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# SYNOPSIS

*The delimitation of maritime boundaries continues to be a major source of friction between States due to maritime claims. In boundary-making, sensitive questions are raised in relation to State sovereignty, sovereign rights, jurisdiction, and title to valuable natural resources and economic activities.*

*The potential conflict and security risks of boundary disputes are high, and unresolved maritime boundaries between States may easily affect international peace and security. Today, just over half of the world's potential maritime boundaries have been agreed, with some of them not even fully concluded.*

*The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) established the maritime zones subject to jurisdiction of coastal States as well as the principles governing the delimitation of maritime boundaries. The provisions on boundary delimitation stipulated in the Convention reflect the decisions of international courts on delimitation of boundaries disputes which have contributed substantially to the applicable rules in this field.*

*It is indeed submitted, that the international courts and tribunals have applied the provisions of the Convention and elaborated further*

*on the same by establishing principles which have now crystallized into customary international law. Hence, an analysis of such decisions is imperative in understanding the regime regulating the delimitation of maritime boundaries.*

*Further, where States have not been able to successfully delimit their maritime boundaries, the eagerness for exploitation of the rich natural resources of the oceans, has prompted some States to enter into alternative arrangements. Such alternative arrangements do not prejudice any future delimitation and may vary in their content and format according to the needs of particular countries. Therefore, these arrangements for the exploitation of the resources, pending agreements on delimitation of maritime boundaries, need also to be examined, with particular focus on the model arrangements found in State practice.*

*The IMLI Course on Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries is designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to, and an analysis of, the boundary-making process and the alternatives available to States, including any provisional arrangements.*





# LECTURES

## INTRODUCTION TO DELIMITATION OF MARITIME BOUNDARIES

- Introductory address by Professor David Attard (*Director, IMLI*)
- Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone by Professor David Attard (*Director, IMLI*)
- The Exclusive Economic Zone by Professor David Attard (*Director, IMLI*)
- The Continental Shelf by Professor David Attard (*Director, IMLI*)
- The Extended Continental Shelf by Dr. Ángeles Jiménez García-Carriazo (*The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI*)
- The Relationship between the Exclusive Economic Zone and the Continental Shelf by Professor David Attard (*Director, IMLI*)
- The Seabed Area by Dr. Ángeles Jiménez García-Carriazo (*The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI*)
- Marine Scientific Research by Professor Norman Martinez (*Professor, IMLI*)
- Non-judicial Settlement of Maritime Boundaries Disputes by Professor Tanya Sammut-Bonnici (*Pro Rector, Strategic Planning and Enterprise, University of Malta*) (*TBC*)

## NON-JUDICIAL AGREEMENTS ON DELIMITATION OF MARITIME BOUNDARIES

- Agreements on Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (*Senior Lecturer, IMLI*)
- Alternatives to Delimitation Maritime Boundaries Agreements by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (*Senior Lecturer, IMLI*)



# LECTURES

## THE ROLE OF INSTITUTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER UNCLOS IN THE DELIMITATION OF MARITIME BOUNDARIES

- The Contribution of ICJ to the Development of the Law on Settlement of Maritime Disputes by Judge Maurice Kamga (*Judge, ITLOS*) (TBC)
- Delimitation of The Continental Shelf Beyond 200 Nm (Cases No. 16 And 23) by Judge Jose Luis Jesus (*Judge, ITLOS*)
- Conciliation by Professor Rüdiger Wolfrum (*Director Emeritus, Heidelberg Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law*)
- Annex VII Arbitration by Mr. Garth Schofield (*Senior Legal Counsel, Permanent Court of Arbitration*)

## PRACTICAL SKILLS

- Preparation of Written Pleadings: Research Methodology and Legal Writing by Dr. Derek Smith (*Partner, Foley Hoag LLP*)
- Preparation of Oral Pleadings: Oral Advocacy and Presentation of the Case by Dr. Ann Fenech (*Partner, Fenech & Fenech Advocates*)
- Management of the Case: Identification of Legal Advisors, Creation of Legal Team, Coordination of the Team, Appointment of Agents by Judge Ida Caracciolo (*Judge, ITLOS*)
- Presenting Before International Courts and Tribunals – A Practitioner’s Perspective by Judge Maria Teresa Infante Caffi (*Judge, ITLOS*)
- Treatment of Evidence and Expert Witness by Professor Philippe Gautier (*Registrar, ICJ*)
- Maritime Limits and Boundaries: Delimitation Workshop by Mr. Robert van de Poll (*Global Director Law of the Sea, Fugro*) and Mr. Pieter Bekker (*Partner, CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP*).



# WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

*This course is addressed to persons representing their governments in judicial and arbitral fora, in government departments involved in the drafting, review, and negotiations of boundary agreements or provisional arrangements, and private practitioners who handle such maritime claims. For these reasons, the course would be most suitable to lawyers, maritime practitioners, legal officers of maritime administrations, and foreign relations experts. The course would also prove beneficial to law students who wish to pursue a career in the field.*

## TUITION FEE

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