



7th Annual Alexander C. Cushing International Law Conference

SECURITY AT SEA

University of the Philippines College of Law, Manila, Philippines
May 13-14, 2025

The Stockton Center for International Law along with the University of the Philippines College of Law are pleased to announce the 7th Annual Alexander C. Cushing International Law Conference, “Security at Sea” May 13-14, 2025.

The Alexander C. Cushing International Law Conference brings together world-renowned international law and oceans law and policy scholars and practitioners from around the world to analyze international law and security at sea. We strive for a multi-disciplined event that educates participants, contributes to shared understanding among nations, and strengthens respect for the rule of law in the oceans.

DRAFT AGENDA

(all times in Philippine Standard Time)

TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2025

Attire Military & Civilian: Business Casual

0800 Welcoming Remarks

- Prof. Darlene Marie B. Berberabe, Dean, University of the Philippines College of Law *(invited)*
- Prof. (Dr.) James Kraska, Chair, Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College
- Prof. (Dr.) Jay Batongbacal, Director, UPLC Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea

0815 Keynote Address - Lieutenant General Irineo Cruz Espino, Senior Undersecretary, Department of National Defense

0900 Break

0930 Panel 1: Regional Perspectives – Southeast Asia

Moderator: Mr. Julio S. Amador III, Interim President, Foundation for the National Interest

Panelists:

- Prof. Herman Joseph S. Kraft, Department of Political Science, University of the Philippines
- Dr. Ngyen Thi Lan Anh, Vice President, Diplomatic Academy of VietNam/Director General, East Sea Institute
- Lt Gen Dato' Seri Haji Muhammad Huzaimi bin Sabri, Chief Executive of MiDAS

1100 Break

1130 Panel 2: Regional Perspectives – East Asia

Moderator: CAPT Yusuke Saito, Command & Staff College, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

Panelists:

- RADM (ret.) Katsuya Yamamoto, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, Program Director/Security Studies Senior Research Fellow -The Sasakawa Peace Foundation
- Mr. Tomoyuki Yoshida, Chief Executive Director – The Japan Institute of International Affairs
- Regional Speaker - TBD

1300 Lunch

1430 Panel 3: Regional Perspectives – Larger Indo-Pacific

Moderator: Prof. Stuart Kaye, Director, Australian National Center for Ocean Resources and Security, University of Wollongong

Panelists:

- Ms. Cleo Paskal, Senior Fellow for the Indo-Pacific, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies
- Commander Adrien Proal, Chief of International Maritime Law & Operations, French Navy Central Headquarters
- Mr. Soham Agarwal, National Maritime Foundation

1600 *Break*

1630 Keynote Address: Is There Gray Zone in the Law of Naval Warfare?

Presenter: Prof. (Dr.) Wolff Heintchel von Heinegg, Chair of Public Law, Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt

1715 Conference Administration and Day 1 Closing Remarks

WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY 2025

Attire Military & Civilian: Business Casual

0800 Welcoming Remarks

- Prof. Raul "Pete" Pedrozo, Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College

0810 Keynote Address: Australian Regional Perspectives

Presenter: Prof. Dale Stephens, Adelaide Research Unit on Military Law and Ethics, Law School Th University of Adelaide

0900 *Break*

0930 Panel 4: Emerging Issues Relating to Peacetime Activities

Moderator: Ms. Jane Chan Git Yin, Senior Fellow, Coordinator Maritime Security Programme, Institut D Defence and Strategic Studies, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

Panelists:

- Ms. Adel Asrawi, IMO International Maritime Law Institute
- Ms. Thu Nguyelien Hoang Anh, National University of Singapore
- Ms. Arundathi M S, Gujarat Maritime University

1100 *Break*

1130 Panel 5: Emerging Issues Relating to Armed Conflict

Moderator: Lt. Col. Gavin Logan, U.S. Marine Corps, Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College

Panelists:

- Mr. Hideshi Tokuchi, President, Research Institute for Peace and Security
- Ms. Dita Liliansa, Research Fellow, Ocean Law & Policy Programme, National University of Singapore – Center for International Law
- Prof. (Dr.) Rob McLaughlin, Australian National Centre for Oceans Resources and Security, University of Wollongong

1300 *Lunch*

1430 Panel 6: Joint and Combined Interoperability and Force Synchronization

Moderator: Prof. David Letts, Australian National Centre for Oceans Resources and Security, University of Wollongong

Panelists:

- RAdm Roy Vincent Trinidad, Philippine Navy, Naval Inspector General
- CAPT Trevor Grant, U.S. Navy, Fleet Judge Advocate, U.S. Pacific Fleet
- LCDR Takeo Imura, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

1600 *Break*

1615 Keynote Address: *Presenter:* Hon. Justice Antonio T. Carpio (Ret.), Former Associate Justice of the Philippines Supreme Court

1700 Conference Closing Remarks