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***Conference on Oceans Law & Policy:
Peaceful Maritime Engagement in East Asia and the Pacific Region***

*Zoom Webinar
10 – 12 May 2021*

Opening (Recorded Presentations/ Written Welcomes)

Introduction

Professor Myron Nordquist, Distinguished Fellow, Stockton Center for International Law, US Naval War College

Professor James Kraska, Chairman and Rear Admiral Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Maritime Law, US Naval War College

Kenichiro Sasae, President, The Japan Institute of International Affairs

Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, President, World Maritime University

Dr. Hide Sakaguchi, President of the Ocean Policy Research Institute, The Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF)

Keynote Speech

Judge Shunji Yanai, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Michael Lodge, Secretary-General, ISA

Em. Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Rüdiger Wolfrum, Head of Projects, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and Rule of Law

Policy Speech (TBD)

Official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Monday, May 10 20:00-21:40 (JST)

(7:00-8:40 (EDT), 13:00-14:40 (CEST))

Parallel Sessions A

Panel 1: Baselines and Archipelagic States

Moderator: Professor Masaharu Yanagihara, The Open University of Japan

Speaker 1 “Archipelagic States and Sea Level Rise: Risks and Potential Response Options” Jointly delivered by Professor Clive Schofield, Head of Research, WMU - Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute and Professor David Freestone, Lobingier Visiting Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence, George Washington University Law School

Speaker 2 Professor Dai Tamada, Kobe University

Speaker 3 “Archipelago Concept And Straight Baselines: China’S Attempt To Unilaterally Change The Status Quo In The South China Sea” Mr. Henry S. Bensurto, Jr., Consul General of the Philippines in San Francisco

Speaker 4 “Revisiting the Legal Status of Archipelagos from First Principles” Professor Richard Barnes, University of Hull

Panel 2: Navigation Rights/Law Enforcement

Moderator: Judge Jin-Hyun Paik, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Speaker 1 David Goddard, Assistant Legal Adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Speaker 2 “Combatting International Maritime Crimes in Southeast Asia”

Professor Robert Beckman, Centre for International Law, Singapore

Speaker 3 “Navigation Rights and Law Enforcement: An Australian Perspective”

Professor David Letts, Australian National University & Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources & Security, University of Wollongong

Speaker 4 Professor Kyo Arai, Doshisha University

Tuesday, May 11 19:30-21:10 (JST)

(6:30-8:10 (EDT), 12:30-14:10 (CEST))

Parallel Sessions B

Panel 3: Arctic Shipping

Moderator: Douglas Burnett, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory

Speaker 1 “Beyond the Polar Code: How Canada might Regulate Low Impact Corridors in the Northwest Passage” Professor Aldo Chircop, Dalhousie University

Speaker 2 Associate Professor Kentaro Wani, Osaka University

Speaker 3 “The Arctic Council and Regional Maritime Governance” Mr. Evan T. Bloom, Senior Fellow, Wilson Center Polar Institute, and former Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State

Speaker 4 “The Role of East Asian Port States in Addressing Ship-Source Pollution in Arctic Shipping” Dr. Zhen Sun, Research Officer, WMU - Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Panel 4: East China Sea Maritime Boundaries

Moderator: Professor James Kraska, Stockton Center for International Law, USNWC

Speaker 1 Professor Hironobu Sakai, Kyoto University Graduate School of Law

Speaker 2 “Maritime Boundary Disputes in the East China Sea: Potential Impact of PRC Coast Guard Law” Professor Yann-huei SONG, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan

Speaker 3 Professor LEE Keun-Gwan, Seoul National University

Speaker 4 Professor Stuart Kaye, University of Wollongong

21:10-21:20 (JST)

(8:10-8:20 (EDT), 14:10-14:20 (CEST))

Break

21:20-22:50/23:00 (JST)

(8:20-9:50/10:00 (EDT), 14:20-15:50/16:00 (CEST))

Parallel Sessions C

Panel 5: Maritime Security Issues Concerning Small Island States (*Panel 5 takes place at 21:20-22:50 JST)

Moderator: Professor Raul “Pete” Pedrozo, Stockton Center for International Law, USNWC

Speaker 1 Ms. Cleo Paskal, Associate Fellow, Chatham House

Speaker 2 Lieutenant-Commander Dominique Bourgnon de Layre, ALPACI

Speaker 3 Associate Professor Masahiro Kurosaki, National Defense Academy

Panel 6: Preservation of the Marine Environment, Including the Hazard of Plastic Debris (*Panel 6 takes place at 21:20-23:00 JST)

Moderator: Ambassador Havas Oegroseno, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Germany

Speaker 1 Associate Professor Tomofumi Kitamura, the University of Tokyo

Speaker 2 “The Implications of the BBNJ Treaty for the Region”

Professor Joanna Mossop, Victoria University of Wellington

Speaker 3 “Connecting Legal Islands: the Quest for Regulatory Solutions to Marine Plastics” Dr. Aleke Stöfen-O'Brien, Associate Research Officer, WMU - Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Speaker 4 H.E. Laurent Parente, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Vanuatu to the IMO

Wednesday, May 12 20:00-21:40 (JST)

(7:00-8:40 (EDT), 13:00-14:40 (CEST))

Panel 7: Issues Arising Out of Climate Change

Moderator: Professor Ronán Long, WMU - Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Speaker 1 "Sea Level Rise and the Law of the Sea - as addressed by the International Law Association and the International Law Commission" Prof. Dr. Davor Vidas, The Fridtjof Nansen Institute

Speaker 2 “Cabotage Restrictions Rules and the Shipping of Disaster Relief Aid – Navigating the Climate Change Induced Risk for Security in the Pacific” Professor Pierre-Jean Bordahandy, University of the South Pacific

Speaker 3 Professor Naoki Iwatsuki, Rikkyo University

Speaker 4 “The BBNJ Agreement: Strengthening the Oceans-Climate Nexus?” Professor Karen Scott, University of Canterbury

21:40-21:50 (JST)

(8:40-8:50 (EDT), 14:40-14:50 (CEST))

Break

21:50-22:20 (JST)

(8:50-9:20 (EDT), 14:50-15:20 (CEST))

Conclusion

Professor Atsuko Kanehara, Sophia University/ President, Japanese Society of International Law/ Councilor, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation