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Hosted annually by the Stockton Center for International Law, the Alexander C. Cushing International Law Conference brings together scholars and practitioners from across the world to develop and shape international maritime law and governance. This year, we will focus on the rule of law and great power competition in the Indo-Pacific region and the Arctic Ocean, as well as exploring climate change and illegal fishing.

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

**MONDAY, 17 MAY 2021 ----- DAY 1**

### STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE PERSPECTIVES

#### Session 1: Introduction and Opening Remarks

**1100 Greeting**

**1105 Opening Remarks**

- [Professor James Kraska](#), Chair, Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College
- [RADM Shoshana S. Chatfield, USN](#), President, U.S. Naval War College

**1120 Keynote**

[RADM Peter W. Gautier, USCG](#), Deputy Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area

**1140 Keynote**

[Col Thomas McCann, USMC](#), Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command

**1200 Break**

#### Session 2: U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps

- 1210**
- [COL Olga Marie Anderson, USA](#), Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Pacific
  - [Col Chris Tolar, USMC](#), Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific

**1300 Intermission**

#### Session 3: U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard

- 1330**
- [CAPT Dom Flatt, JAGC, USN](#), Staff Judge Advocate, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet
  - [CAPT Angela A. Cook, USCG](#), Staff Judge Advocate, Coast Guard Pacific Area

**1420 Break**

#### Session 4: U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force

- 1430**
- [Col Ira Perkins, USAF](#), Staff Judge Advocate, Pacific Air Force
  - [Col Todd W. Pennington, USAF](#), Staff Judge Advocate, Space Operations Command

**1520 Day One Closing Remarks**



## NAVAL FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

## Session 5: The East and South China Seas

1100 Greeting

1105 Keynote

[VADM John G. Hannink, JAGC, USN](#), The Judge Advocate General of the Navy

1125 The Senkaku Islands and Tensions in the East China Sea

Moderator: [CAPT Toshinari Matsuo, JMSDF](#), Director, Operational Law Office, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

- [Professor Atsuko Kanehara](#), Faculty of Law, Sophia University / President of the Japanese Society of International Law
- [Professor Rob McLaughlin](#), Australian National Centre for Oceans Resources and Security

1215 Break

## Session 6: Gray Zones—Maritime Militias

1225 Moderator: [Dr. Hitoshi Nasu](#), Professor of International Law, University of Exeter

- [Dr. Lai Thái Bình](#), Deputy Director-General, East Sea (South China Sea) Institute, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam
- [Professor Jay L. Batongbacal](#), Executive Associate Dean, University of the Philippines College of Law

1315 Intermission

## Session 7: Indian Ocean Maritime Security

1345 Moderator: [RADM Sudarshan Shrikhande, IN \(Ret.\)](#), Adjunct Professor, Indian Naval War College

- [Ms. Darshana M. Baruah](#), Associate Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- [Dr. Aniruddha Rajput](#), Member, U.N. International Law Commission

1435 Break

## Session 8: Keynote and Closing Remarks

1445 Keynote

[Professor Natalie Klein](#), Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales Sydney

1505 Day Two Closing Remarks

## SECURING NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

## Session 9: Climate Change and National Security

1100 Greeting

1105 Keynote

[Hon. Sherri Goodman](#), former Deputy Undersecretary of Defense (Environmental Security)1120 Moderator: [Professor Mark Nevitt](#), Syracuse University College of Law

- [Professor Karen N. Scott](#), College of Business and Law, University of Canterbury
- [Judge \(Ret.\) Alice C. Hill](#), David M. Rubenstein Senior Fellow for Energy and the Environment, Council on Foreign Relations
- [Professor Daniel Bodansky](#), Regents' Professor, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

1220 Break

## Session 10: The Arctic

1230 Moderator: [Professor Katarzyna Zysk](#), Professor of International Relations and Contemporary History, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies

- [Professor Timo Koivurova](#), Research Professor, Arctic Center, University of Lapland
- [Professor Suzanne Lalonde](#), Professor of Public International Law & Law of the Sea, Université de Montréal

1320 Intermission

## Session 11: Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported (IUU) Fishing

1350 Keynote

[Dr. Whitley Saumweber](#), Director, Stephenson Ocean Security Project, Center for Strategic and International Studies1405 Moderator: [CAPT Michael R. Sinclair, USCG](#), Federal Executive Fellow, The Brookings Institution

- [Ms. Mahvish Madad](#), Attorney Adviser, U.S. Department of State
- [Ms. Karen E. Stauss](#), Senior Policy Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice

1455 Break

## Session 12: Keynote and Closing Remarks

1505 Keynote

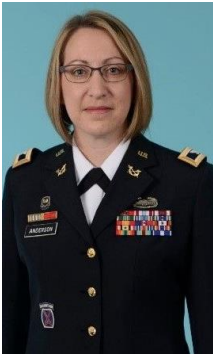
[RADM Melissa Bert, USCG](#), The Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel, The United States Coast Guard

1520 Announcements and Closing Remarks

[Professor James Kraska](#), Chair, Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College

1530 Conference End

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



**Colonel Olga Marie Anderson** has served in positions to support Commanders, Staff and Soldiers at multiple echelons culminating in her current assignment as the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Pacific. She began as a Legal Assistance Attorney then Claims Judge Advocate at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Next she moved to Germany where she served as a Trial Counsel for 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division and then as Officer in Charge of the Giessen Legal Center. After leaving Germany, she served as the Division Chief for Legal Assistance, Operational Law, and then Military Justice for 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) and Fort Drum before becoming the Brigade Judge Advocate for 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry). She left Fort Drum to attend the Graduate Course and then remained on faculty at The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in the International and Operational Law Department. Following, Command and General Staff College, she returned to Fort Drum where she to serve as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate and then Staff Judge Advocate for 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) and Fort Drum. She next served at U.S. Central Command as an International Law Attorney and then the Chief of Operational Law. After graduating from the Army War College, COL Anderson served as the Chief of the Investigations and Legislative Division for the Army's Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison. She left Washington, D.C. to serve as the Staff Judge Advocate for United State Forces – Afghanistan and the senior Legal Advisor for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Resolute Support Mission.

She has deployed to Kosovo, three times to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom; Freedom's Sentinel and Resolute Support and once to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.



**Darshana M. Baruah** is an associate fellow with the South Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace where she leads the Indian Ocean initiative. Baruah is also currently a visiting fellow at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Tokyo, where she is working on a book about the significance of strategic islands in the Indian Ocean region. Her primary research focuses on maritime security in Asia and the role of the Indian Navy in a new security architecture. Her work also examines the strategic implications of China's infrastructure and connectivity projects as well as trilateral partnerships in the Indo-Pacific.

Previously, Baruah was the associate director and a senior research analyst at Carnegie India where she led the center's initiative on maritime security. While at Carnegie India, Baruah also coordinated and led various track 1.5 dialogues and seminars.

In 2018, Baruah was also a visiting fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) Tokyo. Prior to this, Baruah was a 2016 national parliamentary fellow at the Australian parliament and a visiting fellow at the Australian National University (Canberra) and the Lowy Institute (Sydney), where her research was centered on India-Australia maritime collaboration in the Indo-Pacific.

Baruah was awarded the *programme d'invitations de personnalités d'avenir* (broadly translates to "personalities of the future") by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2018 and was also named as the UK's next generation foreign and security policy scholar for 2017.



**Jay L Batongbacal** is a lawyer with degrees in Political Science and Law from the University of the Philippines, as well as advanced degrees of Master of Marine Management and Doctor in the Science of Law, both from Dalhousie University in Canada. Since 1997, he has done diverse work and widely published on maritime affairs, including community based fisheries management, coastal resource management, marine environment protection, maritime boundaries, high seas fishing, offshore energy, seafaring, and shipping. He has also served as legal/policy specialist on various foreign-assisted development/management projects such as the Coastal Resource Management Project, the Fisheries Resource Management Project, and the Coral Triangle Initiative Support Program.

Dr. Batongbacal was legal advisor to the Philippine delegation that successfully pursued the Philippines' claim to a continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles in the Benham Rise Region before the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, and recently assisted the Philippines in making an application to the International Maritime Organization for the designation of a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area in the Sulu Sea. Presently, he is a full Professor and Executive Associate Dean at the University of the Philippines College of Law and chairs the Graduate Studies Committee which oversees the College's LLM Program. He is concurrently Director of the Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea of the U.P. Law Center.



**Rear Admiral Melissa Bert** assumed duties as the Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard in April 2020. She has the privilege to lead a dedicated group of legal professionals who are responsible for the delivery of all legal services in support of all of the Coast Guard's missions, its units and its people.

Her preceding flag assignment was as Director of Governmental and Public Affairs, where she synchronized the service's external engagement with Congress, the media, and strategic partners and stakeholders. Prior to that, she was Deputy Director of Operations for the U.S. Northern Command overseeing homeland defense and defense support for civil authorities for North America, as well as theater security cooperation with Mexico and The Bahamas.

Before promotion to flag-rank in 2016, she distinguished herself in service in both legal and operational capacities. As a lawyer, she was Chief of the Coast Guard's Maritime and International Law Office, supporting U.S. engagement with the International Maritime Organization and providing legal advice on a variety of policies – including the Law of the Sea, drug and migrant interdiction, homeland security, search and rescue, pollution response, port and vessel safety/security, counter-terrorism, Arctic policy, and environmental protection. She was also Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the Seventh District in Miami, FL and a Military Judge. For her legal expertise she was awarded the Young Military Lawyer of the Year for the Coast Guard by the American Bar Association in 1997 and the Judge Advocates Association Outstanding Career Armed Services Attorney Award in 2006.

Operationally, she was Chief of Staff for the Seventh Coast Guard District, responsible for oversight of Coast Guard operations in the Southeastern United States and Caribbean and was also privileged to Command Sector Juneau and direct mission execution in the unique environment of Southeastern Alaska. During the attacks of 9/11, she was the Operations Officer for Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach protecting one of the nation's most valuable ports. She previously served aboard two cutters, including as Executive Officer of the Cutter Red Birch in Baltimore, Maryland.

Rear Admiral Bert is a graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and George Washington University Law School. She has been a national security fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School and a military fellow with the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) in New York. She has taught as an adjunct professor at George Washington University and University of Miami Law School.

Her honors include the United Way American Values Award, the Joint Superior Service Medal, two Legions of Merit, and three Meritorious Service Medals. She is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a Proctor in Admiralty in the United States Maritime Law Association. She is also the founder of the Women's Leadership Initiative supporting mentoring and professional development for Coast Guard women in uniform and civilians.



**Daniel Bodansky** is a Regents' Professor at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University. He served as Climate Change Coordinator at the U.S. State Department from 1999-2001 and as attorney-adviser from 1985-1989. Prior to joining the ASU faculty in 2010, he taught at the University of Washington School of Law and held the Woodruff Chair of International Law at the University of Georgia. His book, *The Art and Craft of International Environmental Law*, received the 2011 Sprout Award from the International Studies Association as the best book that year in the field of international environmental studies. His latest book, *International Climate Change Law*, co-authored with Jutta Brunnée and Lavanya Rajamani, was published by Oxford University Press in June 2017, and received the 2018 Certificate of Merit from the American Society of International Law as the best book

in a specialized area of international law published the previous year. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, served on the Board of Editors of the *American Journal of International Law* from 2001-2011, and is a graduate of Harvard (A.B.), Cambridge (M.Phil.) and Yale (J.D.).



**Rear Admiral Shoshana S. Chatfield** is the fifty-seventh President of the U.S. Naval War College and a career naval helicopter pilot. A native of Garden Grove, California, she graduated from Boston University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and French Language and Literature. She received her commission through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1988 and earned her wings of gold in 1989. Chatfield was awarded the Navy's Political/Military Scholarship and attended the Kennedy School of Government, receiving a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University in 1997. In 2009, the University of San Diego conferred upon her a doctorate of education in leadership studies. Operationally, she flew the SH-3, CH-46D and MH-60S and deployed

in helicopter detachments to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf supporting carrier strike group and amphibious ready group operations. Ashore, she participated in the Joint Staff/OSD Internship Program, augmenting the Joint Staff, Plans and Policy (J-5) Directorate, Central & Eastern European Branch and served as assistant professor of political science at the



United States Air Force Academy from 2001–2004. Chatfield commanded at the squadron and type wing level and additionally commanded a joint provincial reconstruction team in Farah Province, Afghanistan. Most recently, Chatfield commanded Joint Region Marianas from January 2017 to August 2019.



**Captain Angela A. Cook** currently serves as the Staff Judge Advocate for Coast Guard Pacific Area in Alameda, CA.

She started her Coast Guard journey when she attended and graduated with honors from the United States Coast Guard Academy in May 2000. Following graduation, she was stationed on the now-decommissioned CGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719) and served as a Deck Watch Officer and Boarding Officer. In 2002, she transferred to the International Training Division where she served as a Maritime Law Enforcement Team Leader training Services in developing nations around the globe. In 2005, she transferred to Sector San Diego where she served as the first Joint Command Center Chief in one of the pioneer joint command centers in the nation with a 24/7 Coast Guard, Navy, Harbor Police, and Port of San Diego watch.

She then attended the University of Washington's School of Law, passing the bar in 2011. Her first legal billet was in the Fourteenth Coast Guard District in Honolulu, Hawaii where she delivered legal counsel to the D14 staff and sub-units throughout the vast Oceania region. From there, she served in the Office of Maritime and International Law, Prevention Law Division, at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Finally, Captain Cook served in the Office of the Commandant as the Speechwriter on the Commandant's Advisory Group.



**Captain Dom Flatt** is the Fleet Judge Advocate at Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Captain Flatt previously served as Principal Deputy Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Commanding Officer of Region Legal Service Office Japan; principal legal advisor to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Director of Legislation at the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs; Executive Assistant to the Judge Advocate General of the Navy; JAG Corps personnel assignment officer; staff judge advocate to the Chief of Naval Air Training; professor of leadership, ethics and law at the U.S. Naval Academy; commissioner at the Navy-Marine Corps' Court of Criminal Appeals; and trial defense counsel at Naval Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic.

Captain Flatt's prior deployed assignments include tours of duty as a senior advisor to Afghanistan's Ministry of Interior while assigned to Combined Security Transition Command- Afghanistan; staff judge advocate to Commander, Carrier Strike Group NINE in USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN-72); and, staff judge advocate to Amphibious Squadron FOUR in USS *Kearsarge* (LHD-3) and USS *Carter Hall* (LSD-50) alongside the Marines of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Captain Flatt holds an undergraduate degree from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX and his law degree from Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, OR. He was a fellow in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar XXI foreign policy program. Captain Flatt is entitled to wear the Defense Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit (three awards) among other personal, unit and campaign awards.



**Rear Admiral Peter W. Gautier** assumed the duties of Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area in July 2020. As Deputy Commander, he is responsible for all U.S. Coast Guard missions within a geographic region that spans from the Rocky Mountains west to the waters off the eastern coast of Africa. Rear Admiral Gautier previously served as Commander, Coast Guard Eleventh District in Alameda, California from June 2018 to July 2020, where he directed all Coast Guard missions in California and the Eastern Pacific Ocean. During this assignment, he also served as Deputy Director for the Department of Homeland Security's Joint Task Force West, conducting integrated joint investigations and operations along the Southern border and approaches from Texas to California.

He previously served as the Director of Governmental and Public Affairs for the Coast Guard beginning in August 2014, where he was responsible for external engagement with Congress, the media and other intergovernmental entities. From May 2015 to July 2017 he served as the Senior Director for Response Policy on the National Security Council Staff, where he coordinated policy for all-hazards domestic incident management, national preparedness exercises, and continuity of government.

From June 2011 to July 2014 he commanded Sector New Orleans, directing all Coast Guard operations in southeast Louisiana, including the lower 300 miles of the Mississippi River. Prior to this, he served as the Chief of the Deepwater Horizon Action Office which oversaw policy resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, where he served for five

months as the National Incident Command Chief of Staff. His other assignments include Chief of Operations for the Deployable Operations Group; Chief, Cargo and Facilities Division at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington DC; and Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Gulf Strike Team, Mobile, AL, where he responded in key roles in a number of major responses including the World Trade Center attacks, the Shuttle Columbia Disaster, and Hurricane Katrina.

Rear Admiral Gautier has also served as Chief, Port Operations and Marine Environmental Response at Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Francisco and as a U.S. Delegate to United Nations and International Maritime Organization committees governing transportation of hazardous materials. He has also served aboard two Coast Guard cutters and as Commanding Officer of Loran Station Gesashi, Japan.

Rear Admiral Gautier graduated from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor's of Science in Marine Engineering in 1987. He holds a Masters of Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Michigan and a Masters of National Security Strategy from the National War College. His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (three awards), DOT 9/11 Medal, and Coast Guard Achievement Medal (two awards).



**Sherri Goodman** is the Secretary General of the International Military Council on Climate & Security (IMCCS), representing over 35 military and national security organizations across the globe. She is a Senior Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center's Polar Institute and Environmental Change & Security Program, as well as a Senior Strategist at the Center for Climate & Security.

Sherri is the former President and CEO of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership. She served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of CNA (US Center for Naval Analyses). She is the founder and Executive Director of the CNA Military Advisory Board, whose landmark reports include *National Security and the Threat of Climate Change* (2007), *National Security and the Accelerating Risks of Climate Change* (2014), and *Advanced Energy and US National Security* (2017).

Sherri served as the first Deputy Undersecretary of Defense (Environmental Security), for which she received EPA's Climate Change Award and twice received the DOD medal for Distinguished Public Service.

She serves on the boards of the Atlantic Council, the Council for Strategic Risks, the Joint Ocean Commission Leadership Initiative, the Marshall Legacy Institute, the Sandia National Laboratory Energy & Homeland Security External Advisory Board, and the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR). She is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations and served on its Arctic Task Force in 2016.

A graduate of Amherst College, she has degrees from Harvard Law School and the Kennedy School of Government.



**Vice Admiral John G. Hannink** serves as the Judge Advocate General of the Navy.

A 1985 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Hannink completed pilot training at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas, and was designated a naval aviator in 1987. With VS 33, he deployed to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68). He served as the squadron's public affairs officer, quality assurance officer, and nuclear safety officer.

After selection for the law education program, Hannink graduated from Baylor Law School in 1994. In 1999, he received a master of laws degree in international law from George Washington University Law School.

Hannink completed several assignments within Naval Legal Service Command (NLSC) and the Office of the Judge Advocate General (OJAG). NLSC assignments include personal representation attorney and prosecutor at Naval Legal Service Office Southwest, and commanding officer of Region Legal Service Office Southeast. OJAG assignments include general litigation attorney, and executive assistant to the Deputy Judge Advocate General and the Judge Advocate General. He also served in the dual role of Assistant Judge Advocate General (Operations and Management) / Chief of Staff, Region Legal Service Offices, and later as Deputy Judge Advocate General / Commander, Naval Legal Service Command.

Hannink's staff and operational experience includes deputy staff judge advocate (SJA) for Fifth Fleet, SJA for Second Fleet, special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, deputy legal counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, special counsel to the Chief of Naval Operations, and SJA for U.S. Pacific Command.

Hannink is a member of the state bar of Texas.





**Alice C. Hill** is the David M. Rubenstein Senior Fellow for Energy and the Environment at the Council on Foreign Relations. Her work at CFR focuses on the risks, consequences, and responses associated with climate change. Hill previously served as special assistant to President Barack Obama and senior director for resilience policy on the National Security Council staff where she led the development of national policy to build resilience to catastrophic risks, including climate change and biological threats. Prior to this, Hill served as senior counselor to the secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in which she led the formulation of DHS's first-ever climate adaptation plan and the development of strategic plans regarding catastrophic biological and chemical threats, including pandemics. Earlier in her career, she was a supervising judge on both the Los Angeles Municipal and

Superior Courts as well as a federal prosecutor and chief of the white-collar crime unit at the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, California. Oxford University Press published her coauthored book, *Building a Resilient Tomorrow*, in 2019. She currently serves on the boards of the Environmental Defense Fund and Munich Re Group's U.S.-based companies. In 2020, Yale University and the Op-Ed Project awarded her the Public Voices Fellowship on the Climate Crisis. Hill's new book, *The Fight For Climate After COVID-19*, will be published in summer 2021.



**Atsuko Kanehara** is Professor of Public International Law at Sophia University. President of the Japanese Society of International Law and Vice President of the Japan Society of Ocean Policy.

She also serves as Councilor of Advisory Council for the National Headquarters for Ocean Policy of Japan, appointed by the Prime Minister. Previously, she was a member of the Board of the Bar Exam of Japan, appointed by the Minister of Justice (2006–2015). She was an advocate for the Government of Japan in “Southern Bluefin Tuna” Cases, and a counsel for the Government of Japan in “Whaling in the Antarctic” Case. She delivered her lectures as Lecturer of Public International Law, Foreign Service Training Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (2002, 2006, 2013-2014, 2016). She is also serving as Councilor of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation.

She is also a member of the Governing Board of IMO International Maritime Law Institute, and Visiting Lecturer of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (2007-2011, 2018-present).

She delivered a course of lectures at the Hague Academy of International Law, and her article based upon them was published in the *Recueil des cours*, Volume 399 (2019).

Her previous positions include, Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, USA (1995-1997); the Netherland Institute for the Law of the Sea, Utrecht, Netherlands (2009); Leiden University, Faculty of Arts, Japan Studies, Leiden, Netherlands (2008); Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Faculty of Arts, Japan Studies, Leuven, Belgium (2007); Georgetown University Law Center, Washington D. C., USA (2017).



**Natalie Klein** is a Professor at UNSW Sydney's Faculty of Law, Australia, and an Australian Research Council Future Fellow. Professor Klein is the President of the Australian Branch of the International Law Association. She was previously at Macquarie University where she served as Dean of Macquarie Law School between 2011 and 2017, as well as Acting Head of the Department for Policing, Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism at Macquarie in 2013-2014. Professor Klein teaches and researches in different areas of international law, with a focus on law of the sea and international dispute settlement. She provides advice, undertakes consultancies and interacts with the media on law of the sea issues.

Professor Klein has been a Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at Cambridge University, MacCormick Fellow at the University of Edinburgh and a non-resident Fellow at the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute in Sri Lanka. Prior to joining Macquarie, Professor Klein worked in the international litigation and arbitration practice of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, served as counsel to the Government of Eritrea (1998-2002) and was a consultant in the Office of Legal Affairs at the United Nations. Her masters and doctorate in law were earned at Yale Law School and she is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.



**Timo Koivurova** is a research professor at the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Finland. He has a multidisciplinary specialisation in Arctic law and governance but has also conducted broader research on global law (including authoring an English-language text book on international environmental law). Some of his research areas include:

- The legal status of the indigenous peoples of the Arctic (e.g. the Sámi)
  - Regulations and politics regarding climate change in general and in the Arctic
  - Regulating mining industry practices
  - Arctic immigration
  - The laws and politics surrounding the opening of the Arctic Ocean
- The continued development of the Arctic Council as an intergovernmental forum
  - Rapidly-changing geopolitical trends in the Arctic, both from a broader geopolitical perspective and also with a special focus on China's role in the region
  - Possibilities for an Arctic treaty.

He has been involved as an expert in several international processes globally and in the Arctic region and has published on the above-mentioned topics extensively.



**James Kraska** is Chair and Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Maritime Law in the Stockton Center for International Law at the U.S. Naval War College. He is also a Visiting Professor of Law and John Harvey Gregory Lecturer on World Organization at Harvard Law School, where he teaches International Law of the Sea. He is Distinguished Fellow at the Law of the Sea Institute, University of California Berkeley School of Law, a Permanent Member of the Council on Foreign Relations and U.S. representative to the International Group of Experts for the *San Remo Manual on the Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea*.



**Binh Thai Lai** is a deputy director-general of the East Sea (South China Sea) Institute, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam. Prior to his current position, he served as the deputy consul-general of Vietnam in Houston (Texas), deputy director-general and assistant director-general at Americas Department in the Vietnamese ministry of foreign affairs, director of the American research division, director and deputy director of the North America division, and as a Vietnam-U.S. relations desk officer.

Lai has participated in various research projects on U.S.-Vietnam relations, including the book *Vietnam-Americas: Challenges and Opportunities*, and he coauthored the book *U.S.-China relations: Cooperation and Competition From the Perspective of Balance of Power*. Before joining the Vietnamese ministry of foreign affairs, Lai was a product manager for FPT Corporation, the largest IT company in Vietnam, and was a media supervisor for Goldsun Advertising and Printing Company.

He earned a BA in international economics from Hanoi Foreign Trade University, another BA in law from Hanoi National University, a postgraduate diploma in international management from the International Management Institute in New Delhi, an MA in international public policy from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, and a Ph.D in International relations from the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam.



**Suzanne Lalonde** holds a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge and is a professor of Public International Law and the Law of the Sea at the Law Faculty of the Université de Montréal. Her research and publications focus on core international legal principles, in particular those pertaining to sovereignty and the determination of boundaries on land and at sea, with an emphasis on the Arctic. She was a member of the ILA Committee that reported on “Baselines Under the Law of the Sea” (2013-18) and co-editor of *Ocean Development and International Law* (2017-19). She is an alumnus of the Royal Canadian Navy's ‘Leaders at Sea’ programme; a member of the Canadian Arctic Security Working Group led by Joint Task Force North; the Transatlantic Maritime Emissions Research Network; the multidisciplinary Canadian Arctic Shipping and Transportation Research Network and the North American Arctic Defence and Security Network.



**Mahvish Madad** joined the Department of State's Office of the Legal Adviser (L) in 2012. She currently serves as an attorney adviser in the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. In this role, Mahvish advises on matters relating to development, negotiation and application of international and domestic law involving the fisheries aspects of law of the sea; regional fisheries management organizations; port states measures and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing; fishery enforcement and U.S. marine-life embargoes; and migratory birds. Her prior rotations in L include the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Consular Affairs where she provided legal advice on a broad range of matters including immigration law and litigation and counterterrorism issues. Prior to joining State, Mahvish worked in private practice where she handled securities litigation in federal court and in arbitration before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). She obtained her B.A. from Loyola Marymount University and has a J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law. Mahvish is a member of the California state bar.



**Captain Toshi Matsuo** graduated from the National Defense Academy in 1995, earning a Bachelor of Science and Engineering. He entered the MSDF Officer Candidate School and then the flight training course where he won a helicopter pilot badge in 1998.

Operationally, He served as an ASW helicopter pilot in FS123 and deployed to Indian Ocean for the Operation of Enduring Freedom of War on Terrorism in 2002. He served as a commanding officer of FD223, an operation planner in CINCSDFLT, a staff of Operation Support Div., MSO.

He earned Master in Public Policy from School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University in 2009, and Bachelor of Laws from Keio University in 2015. He received MSDF education programs of the Command and Staff course in 2010, and Advanced Officer's Course in 2018.

He was appointed as a director of Operational Law Office in April 2019.



**Colonel Thomas McCann** currently serves as the Staff Judge Advocate and principle legal advisor to the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. In that capacity, he is responsible for providing all legal advice and guidance to the Commander and staff on issues ranging from international law, law of war, fiscal law, administrative law, labor law and ethics.

Colonel McCann was commissioned as a U.S. Marine Officer from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. He initially served as an infantry officer, deploying to the Mediterranean Sea and Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope. He was later selected for the Marine Corps Law Education Program and attended law school at the University of Mississippi.

Following law school, Colonel McCann served as both a prosecutor and defense counsel before serving as a command legal advisor for the 1st Marine Division and 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, where he served almost two years in deployments to Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was subsequently selected to obtain a Master's Degree in International Law (LL.M.) from the University of San Diego.

In addition to his combat tours, Colonel McCann has served as the head legal advisor for Marine Corps Base Hawaii and U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific at Camp Smith, Hawaii. He has served as the Head of the International Law Department for the U.S. Marine Corps in Washington, D.C. as well as the Deputy Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon, where he worked for the U.S. Delegation to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons at the United Nations Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.

Outside of the legal field, Colonel McCann has served as an officer recruiter for the U.S. Marine Corps in New Mexico, commanded a Recruit Training Battalion at Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot, San Diego, California and is a fellow in the MIT Seminar XXI International Affairs and National Security Program. He was raised in Mississippi and is married to a U.S. Navy Judge Advocate also currently serving in Hawaii. Colonel McCann's hobbies include fishing and surfing.

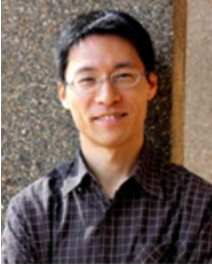




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Before academia, Nevitt served as both a tactical jet aviator and attorney (JAG) in the United States Navy, serving in the rank of commander. His military awards include the Air Medal and Meritorious Service Medal (four awards). As an aviator, Nevitt flew 1,000+ flight hours and accumulated more than 290 carrier-arrested landings. Originally from the great state of Rhode Island, Nevitt received his J.D. and LL.M. (with distinction) from the Georgetown University Law Center and his B.S.E. from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.



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Colonel Perkins received his commission through the Air Force Direct Appointment program in 1995. Colonel Perkins has served as an Area Defense Counsel, Circuit Defense Counsel, Federal Litigator, Executive Officer to The Judge Advocate General, Chief Legal Advisor for the Secretary of the Air Force's Executive Issues Team, twice as a wing Staff Judge Advocate, as the Deputy Chief Trial Judge for the Air Force, and most recently, as a Numbered Air Force Staff Judge Advocate.



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In retirement he teaches strategy formulation, military history, operational art, force planning, RMA, China, the Indo-Pacific, the Peloponnesian War, leadership and ethics at the Indian NWC, where he is an adjunct professor. He also teaches some of these subjects at other military as well as civilian institutions. He writes for a few Indian and foreign journals/portals, including the USNI *Proceedings* and is associated with a few think tanks and academic institutions. He has participated in Track 1.5 dialogue with China and the US and in national and international conferences. He lives in Goa, India, and is working towards a PHD in sea-based nuclear deterrence.



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Following her 2006 PhD on NATO enlargement, Dr. Zysk’s research has focused on security, defence and strategic studies, in particular Russia’s military strategy, warfare, military change, defence innovation and breakthrough technology, the Russian Navy, and security and geopolitics in the Arctic. Her published research has appeared in *SAIS Review of International Affairs*, *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Asia Policy*, *RUSI Journal*, *Politique Etrangère*, *International Relations*, *Jane’s Navy International*, and others, including in books published by Cambridge and Oxford University Presses.