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The Law of the Sea and the **Blue Economy** in the Age of Climate Crisis : Emerging Challenges

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PROGRAM

Monday, November 3, 2025		Venue: Diamond Hall, 22nd Floor
09:00-09:30	Registration & Welcome Coffee	
09:30-09:50	Opening Session	
	Welcome Remarks	H.E. Chun Jae-soo (Minister, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries)
	Opening Remarks	Cho Jung-hee (President, Korea Maritime Institute)
09:50-10:10	Group Photo & Break	
10:10-10:35	Keynote Speech H.E. Paik Jin-Hyun (Former President, ITLOS)	
10:40-12:10	Session 1	Legal Foundations of the Blue Economy under the Law of the Sea
	Moderator	Kim Doo-young (Former Deputy Registrar, ITLOS)
	Speaker 1	Erik Franckx (Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel) “Blue Economy and the Necessity to Settle Disputes Peacefully: The Law of the Sea is Well-prepared to Accompany Blue Economic Growth”
	Speaker 2	Dustin Kuan-Hsiung Wang (Professor, Graduate Institute of Political Science, National Taiwan Normal University) “Navigating the Blue Economy: Legal Foundations under the Law of the Sea and the Case of Taiwan’s Fisheries Governance”
	Speaker 3	Choi Jee-hyun (Professor, Jeju National University) “Implementation of the Paris Agreement in Korea and its Blue Carbon”
	Discussant 1	Mohit Gupta (Assistant Professor, University of Delhi)
	Discussant 2	Jeon Hyojin (Deputy Director, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of Korea)
12:10-13:40	Lunch	
13:40-14:05	Distinguished Lecture H.E. Liesbeth Lijnzaad (Judge, ITLOS)	
14:10-15:40	Session 2	Climate Change : Legal Responses under the Law of the Sea
	Moderator	Lee Keun-Gwan (Professor, Seoul National University)
	Speaker 1	Donald Rothwell (Professor, Australia National University) “Advisory Opinion of ICJ on Climate Change”
	Speaker 2	Alexander Proelss (Professor, University of Hamburg) “(Blue) Carbon Sinks under the International Law of the Sea”
	Speaker 3	Clive Schofield (Professor, University of Wollongong) “The Practice of the Pacific Islands States on Declaring Baselines, Limits and Maritime Boundaries: Best Practice for Securing Maritime Entitlements?”
	Discussant 1	Tran Truong Thuy (Vice Chairman, National Boundary Commission of the Vietnam Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
	Discussant 2	Min Young Hun (Senior Researcher, Korea Maritime Institute)
15:40-16:00	Break	



16:00-17:30	Session 3 Ocean Governance for a Sustainable Blue Economy : Legal and Institutional Dimensions Moderator H.E. Rhee Zha Hyoung (Judge, ITLOS)
	Speaker 1 VAdm Pradeep Chauhan (Director General, National Maritime Foundation) “Ocean Governance for a Sustainable Blue Economy: An Indian Perspective”
	Speaker 2 Sharifah Nora Syed Ibrahim (Independent Environmental Expert) “Sustainable Blue Economy, Biodiversity Conservation and Regional Cooperation: Quo Vadis?”
	Speaker 3 Kim Wonhee (Principal Research Fellow, Korea Institute of Ocean Sciences and Technology) “Making Exploitation Regulations of Mineral Resources in the Area for Sustainable Blue Economy”
	Discussant 1 Lim Kyunghan (Professor, ROK Naval Academy)
	Discussant 2 Abid Hussain (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Dalian Maritime University)
17:30-17:40	Day 1 Highlights Kim Sung-Jin (Former Minister of Oceans and Fisheries and Co-chairperson of the Global Ocean Regime Forum)
17:50-19:10	Dinner (Invitation only)

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Venue: Ruby Hall, 22nd Floor

09:00-10:30	Special Session Protecting Submarine Cables : Legal Gaps and Global Imperatives Moderator Kim Hyun-Soo (Director, Korea-Center for International and Maritime Studies)
	Speaker 1 Robert Beckman (Professor, National University of Singapore) “Cooperation to Protect Submarine Cables”
	Speaker 2 Atsuko Kanehara (Research Director, The Canon Institute for Global Studies) “Proposal of Legal Frameworks(s) for Protection of Undersea Infrastructure Based upon a Right to Protect Uses of the Sea”
	Speaker 3 James Kraska (Professor, US Naval War College) “The Doctrine of Constructive Presence To Protect Submarine Cables and Other Critical Underwater Infrastructure”
	Speaker 4 Utpal Kumar Raha (Assistant Professor, St. Xavier University Kolkata) “Municipal Law on Submarine Cables: Regulatory and Security Challenges”
	Discussant Lee Ki Beom (Professor, Yonsei University)
10:30-10:50	Break



10:50-12:10	Young Scholar's Agora
	Moderator H.E. Im Han-taek (Former Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
	Speaker 1 Sara Guliyeva (Lead Legal Specialist, Karabakh Revival Fund) “Regional cooperation in the Caspian Sea: Legal lessons for the Blue Economy in the age of climate crisis”
	Speaker 2 Dan Ho-Jeong (Research Professor, Korea Maritime and Ocean University) “International Plastic Convention Assessment: Key Issues and Marine Environment”
	Speaker 3 John Saylay Singbae II (Jim Rubin Fellow, Environmental Law Institute) “African Blue Economy Potentials: The bedrock for addressing the climate crisis and driving sustainable development”
	Speaker 4 Cheigh Eugene (Post Doctoral Scientist, Korea Institute of Ocean Sciences and Technology) “Prospect for Normative Development of Civil Liability within the UNCLOS Regime”
	Speaker 5 Quazi Omar Foysal (Ph.D student, La Trobe University) “The Scope of the “Ancillary Dispute” Test in the Adjudication of UNCLOS Disputes”
12:15-12:20	Closing Session
12:30-13:40	Lunch
End of the conference	



LOCATION



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