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The 14th Global Ocean Regime Conference The International Legal Order in the Era of AI: Paradigm Shifts and the Way Forward

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The International Legal Order of the Oceans in the Era of AI :
Paradigm Shifts and the Way Forward



PROGRAM

DAY 1

Monday, 26 October 2026

Venue: Floris Hall, 6th Floor

TIME	PROGRAM	
09:00~09:30	Registration & Welcome Coffee	
09:30~09:45	Opening Session	
	Opening Remarks	H.E. HWANG Jongwoo (<i>Minister of Oceans and Fisheries</i>)
	Welcome Remarks	Dr. CHO Jung-Hee (<i>President of the Korea Maritime Institute</i>)
09:45~10:15	Keynote Address	H.E. José Luis JESUS (<i>Former President of ITLOS</i>) “The Dispute Settlement System under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea- The Specific Role of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea”
10:15~10:40	Group Photo & Coffee Break	
10:40~12:20	Session 1 Artificial Intelligence and the Interpretation and Application of the International Law of the Sea	
	Moderator	H.E. IM Hantaek (<i>Former Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea</i>)
	Speaker 1	Prof. LEE Jaemin (<i>Seoul National University</i>) “Artificial Intelligence and International Maritime Governance”
	Speaker 2	Prof. Alexander PROELß (<i>University of Hamburg</i>) “Artificial Intelligence and the Law of the Sea”
	Discussants	Prof. Robert BECKMAN (<i>National University of Singapore</i>) Prof. SEO Yeong Min (<i>Korea National Diplomatic Academy</i>)
12:20~13:40	Lunch Break	
13:40~15:20	Session 2 Maritime Activities and the Law of the Sea in the Age of Digital Technologies	
	Moderator	Mr. KIM Doo Young (<i>Former Deputy Registrar of ITLOS</i>)
	Speaker 1	Prof. CHANG Yen-Chiang (<i>Dalian Maritime University</i>) “The Limits of Criminal Jurisdiction over “Cyber Piracy””
	Speaker 2	Prof. Yoshinobu TAKEI (<i>Keio University</i>) “Smart Submarine Cables and International Law”
	Discussants	Dr. SHIM Sangmin (<i>The Asan Institute for Policy Studies</i>) Dr. MIN Young Hun (<i>Korea Institute of Ocean Science & Technology</i>)
15:20~15:40	Coffee Break	
15:40~17:20	Young Scholars’ Agora 1	
	Moderator	Prof. Alexander PROELß (<i>University of Hamburg</i>)
	Speaker 1	Dr. MIN Hye Young (<i>Korea University Legal Research Institute, International Law Research Center</i>) “Legal Consequences of Environmental Damage in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction under International Law”
	Speaker 2	Mr. KANG Woo Hyun (<i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea</i>) “The Basis and Limits of Port State Measures : Flag State Obligations and Functional Complementarity”
	Speaker 3	Ms. Julia CIRNE LIMA WESTON (<i>Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore</i>) “Applying Human Rights in the Maritime Space: The Potential Role of Positive Obligations”
	Speaker 4	Dr. PARK Jun Ho (<i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea</i>) “A Paradigm Shift in the Protection of the Marine Environment? - Precaution and Due Diligence in the Climate Change Advisory Opinions”

DAY 2

Tuesday, 27 October 2026

Venue: Floris Hall, 6th Floor

TIME	PROGRAM	
09:30~10:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee	
10:00~11:40	Session 3 Implementation of AI Technologies and the International Law of the Sea	
	Moderator	Prof. Clive SCHOFIELD (<i>University of Wollongong</i>)
	Speaker 1	Prof. James KRASKA (<i>U.S. Naval War College</i>) “Application of Maritime Security and Maritime Law Enforcement, and Legal Gaps Arising from Advancements in AI Technology”
	Speaker 2	Prof. Constantinos YIALLOURIDES (<i>Macquarie University / Seoul National University</i>) “Using AI Technologies to Strengthen Compliance with Obligations for the Protection of the Marine Environment under UNCLOS”
11:40~13:00	Discussants	Prof. LEE Ki Beom (<i>Yonsei University</i>) Dr. KIM Minchul (<i>Yumin International Law Institute</i>)
	Lunch Break	
13:00~14:20	Young Scholars’ Agora 2	
	Moderator	Prof. LEE Ki Beom (<i>Yonsei University</i>)
	Speaker 1	Ms. Ismah RUSTAM (<i>National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan</i>) “Jurisdictional Challenges in Combating IUU Fishing under the Law of the Sea: The Case of the Sulu-Sulawesi Sea”
	Speaker 2	Dr. JANG Hyewon (<i>Korea Institute of Ocean Science & Technology</i>) “From Dumping Control to Technology Governance: The London Protocol’s Evolving Role in Regulating Climate Response Technologies”
	Speaker 3	Mr. Ervine Jules Beltran SAPE (<i>Philippine International Law of the Sea Academy</i>) “Procedural Ambiguity in LOSC: A Critical Legal Analysis of Part XV and Annex VII”

LOCATION

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