

# CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

## Seminar Series

# CIL

**16 September 2009 (Wed), 6.00 PM to 6.45 PM**

Bukit Timah Campus, Block B, Level 3, Executive Seminar Room

# ARCTIC SOVEREIGNTY - MYTHS AND REALITY

## SPEAKER



**HE WENDELL SANFORD**

Canadian High Commissioner to Brunei

Wendell Sanford was from 2004 - 2008 first Deputy Director and then Director of the Oceans and Environmental Law Division of the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. He is a barrister who studied at Dalhousie University Halifax, Canada under Douglas Johnston, a former professor at the University of Singapore Law School.

In addition to his law degree, Mr Sanford also holds bachelors degrees in Political Science and Secondary Education and a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Victoria, Wellington, New Zealand. Earlier in his career, Mr Sanford spent 21 years as a Naval Reserve Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Among Mr Sanford's responsibilities in Brunei, is the monitoring of issues involving the South China Sea. In consequence, he remains closely involved with similar issues in Canada which involve the Arctic.

## Introduction

With climate change and global warming the Arctic has become a topic of great interest to international law, global affairs, and public policy professionals as well as the general public. Regrettably there are a number of very important myths which have developed regarding the Canadian Arctic and particularly the fabled Northwest Passage. The purpose of this talk is to address each of these myths and to shed light on the reality of the situation.

## Not to be missed earlier in the day....

4.00pm **THE NEW WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**

by Mr Chris Thomas QC

5.30pm *Refreshment Break & Networking*

6.00pm **ARCTIC SOVEREIGNTY - MYTHS AND REALITY**

by HE Mr Wendell Sanford, *Canadian High Commissioner to Brunei*

**FREE ADMISSION** Please register your interest to attend by emailing or calling Ms Geraldine Ng at (65) 65164102 or email her at [cilnwfg@nus.edu.sg](mailto:cilnwfg@nus.edu.sg)

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