

## CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW Seminar Series

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# Development and Implementation of an Ecosystem Approach to Ocean Management



### SPEAKER

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He is an adjunct professor of China Ocean University, Shanghai Ocean University, and Xiamen University; research fellow of the Center for Ocean Development of China; and senior research fellow at International Center for Emergency Studies, Cape Breton University, Canada.

He earned the degree of Doctor of Law from Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, studied at World Maritime University in Sweden, and worked as a researcher at University of Lapland in Finland, and postdoctoral fellow at Dalhousie University of Canada. He was the last student of the late Prof. Elisabeth Mann Borgese who was a renowned expert in ocean law and policy and recognized internationally as the "Mother of the Oceans".

Dr. Wang has published widely in Chinese and English, and submitted numerous consultancy reports to the Chinese central government. He was nominated by China as an expert for Special Arbitration under Article 2, Annex VIII of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and served as a consultant to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office (DOALOS) for Legal Affairs of the United Nations. He was one of the international experts appointed by DOALOS to develop teaching materials for the UN training course on Ecosystem-based Management of the Oceans.

He won the highest research award of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences for his outstanding academic research and policy advice to the Chinese central government in 2007 and 2008.

### INTRODUCTION

The worldwide application of an ecosystem approach to the protection and management of the environment and natural resources by 2010 was encouraged at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in 2002.

In recent years, the concept of an ecosystem approach has been gradually extended from terrestrial resource management to coastal and ocean management, and the adoption of an ecosystem approach to ocean management (EAOM) has become an international trend. Practicing this approach involves a range of complicated issues concerning science, law and politics.

Successful development and implementation of an ecosystem approach relies on sound understanding and appropriate handling of these multidimensional issues. This seminar discusses the concept and principles of an ecosystem approach, the necessity of adopting EAOM, relevant international practice, and the challenges to the approach.

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

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