

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

Seminar Series

CIL

20, 21 January 2011, Thursday & Friday, 4.30PM
NUS Bukit Timah Campus, Block B

SPEAKER



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The Arctic

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Developments in Jurisprudence on Sovereignty

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ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW (CIL)

The Centre for International Law (CIL) is based at the Bukit Timah campus of the National University of Singapore. CIL's mission is to enable Singapore and the Asia-Pacific region to play a more significant role in the promotion and development of international law and policy. The Centre's aim is to become the region's intellectual hub and thought leader for research on and teaching of international law and policy. The Director of CIL is Associate Professor Robert C Beckman and the Deputy Director is Dr Navin Raj. For more information, please visit the CIL website at <http://www.cil.nus.edu.sg> or email: cil.info@nus.edu.sg

SEMINAR 1, 20 JAN 2011, THU, 4.30PM – 6.00PM

SEMINAR ROOM 3, LEVEL 3

The Arctic

The Arctic has received considerable attention over the past few years, partly because of the littoral States' claims to extended continental shelves, and partly because of the effects of the receding Arctic ice.

This seminar will introduce the situation in the Arctic, and examine the supporting legal considerations. Matters to be covered include terminology, geography, maritime zones, maritime boundaries, extended continental shelves, routes used for international navigation, the IMO's Arctic work program, the Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment, negotiations for an Arctic search and rescue agreement, and unilateral regulation in the Arctic.

SEMINAR 2, 21 JAN 2011, FRI, 4.30PM – 6.00PM

EXECUTIVE SEMINAR ROOM, LEVEL 3

Developments in Jurisprudence on Sovereignty

Rights to maritime zones depend on establishing sovereignty over the land from which those zones are generated. In Southeast Asia and elsewhere, there are many islands over which there are competing sovereignty claims. As a result, these disputes hinder relations between States.

This seminar will review developments in jurisprudence on settling sovereignty disputes, drawing on the cases involving sovereignty disputes over islands. Matters to be covered include, as a matter of background, distinguishing between islands, low-tide elevations and submerged features; their maritime zones; and considering what sovereignty means for these features. A number of these disputes will be identified. The seminar will then identify the various rules and factors used for deciding competing sovereignty claims that have been set out in the decisions of international tribunals and arbitrations over the past 80 years. Attendees should then be equipped to apply these rules and factors in undertaking future work on appraising disputes of interest.

LOCATION

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