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## Seminar

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## The International Legal Implications of the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill: Liability, Regulation and Public Perceptions



**SPEAKER**

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### INTRODUCTION

The oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico and Montara in the Timor Sea were dramatic illustrations of the risks to life and environment that accompany oil and gas development. Since then, there has been a robust reaction by governments to these and other, smaller oil spills (Brazil, Nigeria). Efforts have been made to develop an international forum for regulation of environmental and safety matters and the EU is planning new legislation on this subject.

In this talk Professor Peter Cameron reviews the legal and regulatory impacts of the oil spill outside the US, and asks (1) whether the reactions are proportionate to the problem and (2) whether governments in the Asia-Pacific region need to do more.

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