

## CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW Seminar

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## **Excessive Maritime Claims in Asia**



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## **INTRODUCTION**

Drawing principally on the recently published third edition of his book, Excessive Maritime Claims (with Robert W. Smith, Nijhoff 2012), this lecture will explore the maritime claims of the ASEAN + 3 countries. The lecture will identify those maritime claims that do, and do not, conform to the relevant provisions of the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The maritime claims to be reviewed are those of ASEAN members Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam, as well as China (including Taiwan), Japan and both Koreas.

All of the ASEAN + 3 countries are party to the Law of the Sea Convention except Cambodia.

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