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Trainers' Profiles

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Dr Nilüfer Oral is Director of the Centre for International Law. Dr Oral has over 20 years of experience in the study, teaching and practice of international law. She has been a member of the Law Faculty at Istanbul Bilgi University since 1998. In 2016, she was elected by the UN General Assembly to the International Law Commission where she is co-chair of the study group on sea level rise in relation to international law. She has been nominated by Turkey to the International Law Commission (2022–2027). She has advised the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Turkey on matters related to the law of the sea and climate change, and served as a climate change negotiator between 2009 and 2016, and attended meetings held by the International Maritime Organization. She has also appeared before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. [More...](#)



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Robert Beckman is the Co-Head of the Ocean Law and Policy programme of the Centre for International Law (CIL) and was the founding Director of CIL. He is also an Emeritus Professor at the NUS Faculty of Law, where he taught Ocean Law & Policy for many years. He currently teaches a course in International Regulation of Shipping at the NUS Faculty of Law. Since 2009 he has lectured in the summer programme at the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy in Rhodes, Greece, and he is a member of the Governing Board for the Rhodes Academy. He has published widely on ocean law and policy issues. He is also a Senior Advisor to the Maritime Security Programme of the Institute for Defence & Strategic Studies (IDSS) at the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at Nanyang Technological University (NTU). He has been nominated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam as an Arbitrator under Annex VII of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. [More...](#)



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Dr Leonardo Bernard

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Mr Robert Harris


Robert Harris is Assistant Legal Adviser for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, providing legal advice to policy makers on legal issues related to US foreign policy in the Asia and Pacific region. As a senior career lawyer at the Department of State, he has served as legal adviser and as head of delegation to more than 100 different bilateral and multilateral negotiations on a wide array of issues and international agreements, including international migration, trade in services and commercial air services, international law enforcement (e.g., counterterrorism, drug trafficking, and the extradition of fugitives), maritime boundary delimitation, transboundary watercourses, the international law of the sea, including marine pollution and ocean dumping, global environment protection (including control of hazardous chemicals, biological diversity, and international conservation), sustainable development, international human rights and refugees, nuclear liability and the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. He is a Lecturer of Law on international law and the law of the sea at Columbia Law School and is graduate of Cornell University (AB History), the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs (MPA) and Stanford Law School (JD). [More...](#)



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	<p>of the Sea (DOALOS). For the programme, he conducted research at ANCORS and UN DOALOS in New York in 2007. More...</p>
	<p>Professor Stuart Kaye</p> <p>Stuart Kaye is Director and Professor of Law within the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security. He was formerly the Dean of Law at the University of Western Australia having been appointed Winthrop Professor of Law in July 2010. He held a Chair in Law at the University of Melbourne from 2006 to 2010 and was Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Wollongong between 2002 and 2006. He holds degrees in arts and law from the University of Sydney, winning the Law Graduates Association Medal, and a doctorate in law from Dalhousie University. He is admitted as a Barrister of the Supreme Courts of New South Wales, Tasmania and Queensland. He was appointed a Distinguished Professor of the University in 2019. More...</p>
	<p>Ms Janice Mose</p> <p>Janice is the Oceans Advocacy and Strategic Engagement Advisor, for the Geoscience, Energy and Maritime Division of Pacific Community (SPC) that provides technical support and advice to 14 PICS.</p> <p>Janice holds a Master of Science Degree in International Development from the University of Bristol (United Kingdom).</p> <p>She was formally a diplomat within the Solomon Islands Foreign Service and has headed the various branches within the Solomon Islands Ministry of Foreign Affairs including, the Europe and International Economic Cooperation Branch, the United Nations and Americas Branch and the Pacific and Regional Organisations Branch. Her last posting was as Solomon Islands Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York (2016 – 2021). She has spent 14 years in the Foreign Service.</p> <p>She began her career with the negotiation of the maritime boundary between Solomon Islands and Vanuatu and had the privilege of depositing that treaty with the United Nations in 2016. She also supported the concluding negotiations between Solomon Islands and Fiji on their maritime boundary in 2022.</p>
	<p>Ms Robyn Frost</p> <p>Ms Robyn Frost is a lawyer in the Sea Law Section of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Robyn leads Australia's delegation to the International Seabed Authority, where the Mining Code to govern potential exploitation of the mineral resources of the deep seabed beyond national jurisdiction is being negotiated.</p> <p>Prior to joining the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 2019, Robyn worked in the Attorney-General's Department where she specialised in public international law, with a particular focus on law of the sea issues. Robyn has extensive experience working with the Pacific island States on maritime boundaries issues, including as a legal adviser to the Pacific Maritime Boundaries Project which provides assistance to these States to establish maritime zones, negotiate maritime boundary treaties and submit claims for areas of continental shelf extending beyond 200 nautical miles. In addition, Robyn worked with the Pacific island States on issues related to</p>

	<p>sea level rise and maritime zones, including the development of the <i>2021 Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Declaration on Preserving Maritime Zones in the face of Climate Change-related Sea-Level Rise</i>.</p> <p>Robyn has a Masters degree in International Law from the Australian National University, and a Bachelor of Laws degree and an Honours degree in History from the University of Sydney. She has taught law of sea at the undergraduate and postgraduate programs at the Australian National University and tutored in public international law.</p>
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