

CIL-ANCORS MARITIME BOUNDARIES WORKSHOP

RESOLVING MARITIME BOUNDARY DISPUTES IN AN INCREASINGLY CONTESTED WORLD

Tuesday - Thursday, 22-24 September 2026
Bukit Timah Campus, National University of Singapore

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1 TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

08.30-09.00	Registration / Distribution of Materials	
09.00-09.15	Welcome Workshop Aims and Content Introduction of Faculty and Tutors	Nilüfer Oral Robert Beckman Stuart Kaye
09.15-10.00	Introduction of Participants (ice-breaking session)	Leonardo Bernard
10.00 – 10.30	Group Photo & Coffee Break	
10.30 – 12.00	Session 1: Maritime Zones and Rules of Delimitation - Overview of UNCLOS - Maritime zones and the significance of maritime boundaries - Articles 15, 74 & 83 of UNCLOS	Robert Harris
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 14.30	Session 2: Role of Baselines in Maritime Delimitation and Sea Level Rise (Panel Discussion) - The role of baselines in the delineation of maritime limits and maritime delimitation - Review of types of baselines - Straight and archipelagic baselines in delimitation	I Made Andi Arsana Clive Schofield

	• Equidistance line and its alternatives • Use of modern technology in developing a baselines model • Ambulatory or fixed baselines and limits • Sea level rise and maritime boundaries • Experience of Pacific Islands States in preserving their maritime entitlements and delimitation of boundaries	
14.30 – 15.30	Session 3: Island, Rock, and LTEs in Delimitation (Panel Discussion) • Island vs Rock • How ICJ has treated offshore features in delimitation cases • The decision in the SCS Case on the status and entitlement of features • How LTEs are treated in maritime delimitation	Moderator: Robert Harris Panel: Robert Beckman Stuart Kaye Clive Schofield
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break	
16.00 – 16.15	Briefing on Practical Exercises • Introduction to Problem • Announcement of teams	Leonardo Bernard I Made Andi Arsana,
16.15 – 17.15	Practical Exercise 1 – Preparing an Initial Position Participants are divided into groups. Each group represents a fictional State with an unresolved boundary with its neighbouring State. Each group is tasked with constructing an opening position, preparing concessions that can be offered as required, and proposing a line to the other team.	All, led by Clive Schofield, I Made Andi Arsana, and Leonardo Bernard
17.15 – 17.30	Review of Practical Exercise 1	Leonardo Bernard I Made Andi Arsana Clive Schofield
17.30	End of Day 1	

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2026		
09.00 – 10.30	Session 4: Review of Boundary Delimitation Jurisprudence - Articles 74 & 83 of UNCLOS - Evolution in the approach of courts and tribunals - How courts and tribunals considered factors that can affect boundary delimitation	Lawrence Martin
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 – 12.00	Session 5: Submarine Cables (Panel Discussion) - Baltic Subsea Cables incidents - Security and protection of critical infrastructure in contested waters - Jurisdictional issues in cable laying and repairing	Moderator: Robert Beckman Panel: Tara Davenport Clive Schofield Stuart Kaye
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 14.30	Session 6: Delimitation of Continental Shelf Beyond 200 M - Article 76 of UNCLOS - Role of the CLCS - Impact of <i>Nicaragua v Colombia</i> (2023) - Grey areas	Leonardo Bernard
14.30 – 15.30	Practical Exercise 2 Each group will continue the negotiation taking additional information into account in seeking to reach an agreement that will better protect their national interests.	All, led by Clive Schofield, I Made Andi Arsana, and Leonardo Bernard
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break	
16.00 – 17.00	Practical Exercise 2 (Continued)	All, led by Clive Schofield, I Made Andi Arsana, and Leonardo Bernard

18.00 – 21.00	Sightseeing and event dinner	
DAY 3 THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2026		
09.00 – 10.30	Session 7: Dispute Settlement • Declarations under Article 298 • Compulsory conciliation under UNCLOS • Agreement to refer disputes to court or tribunal • Compulsory referral to court or tribunal under UNCLOS (Annex VII arbitral tribunal as default)	Robert Beckman
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 – 12.30	Session 8: Options for Dealing with Boundary Disputes • Provisional arrangements for joint development of resources • Bilateral arrangements to address particular problems such as unregulated activities, illegal fishing, maritime crimes, environmental pollution, and ship-to-ship transfer • Separate boundaries between the continental shelf and the water column • Agree to let the boundary remain unresolved	Stuart Kaye
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 15.00	Session 9: Building A National Team for Negotiation: Navigating Challenges and Fostering Cooperation (Panel Discussion) • The importance of 'whole of Government approach', with all relevant agencies • The importance of having a clear direction and mandate from government on the critical issues • Different provisional arrangements for joint development of resources (the factors which state are most alert and recognizant of when negotiating provisional arrangements)	Moderator: Lawrence Martin Panel: Robert Harris Daphne Hong Nguyen Dang Thang I Made Andi Arsana Andy Aron (TBC)

	• Negotiating techniques and the importance of fully understanding your national interests and your position on each issue, as well as understanding the position of the other side • Considerations on developments in case law and implications for national positions • The pros and cons of deferring negotiations on boundary and negotiating 'provisional arrangements of a practical nature' • Balancing the usage of cooperative mechanisms and stalling maritime boundary delimitation or letting the boundary remain unresolved • Challenges which are specific and unique to highly disputed maritime areas when negotiating arrangements • How to use national and foreign experts on legal and technical issues (including use of new technologies and charts)	
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee Break	
15.30 – 17.30	Practical Exercise 3 Each group will continue the negotiation, taking additional information into account to reach an agreement that will protect their national interests.	All, led by Clive Schofield, I Made Andi Arsana, and Leonardo Bernard
17.30 – 18.00	Presentation by Negotiating Teams and General Discussion	Leonardo Bernard and Clive Schofield
18.00 – 18.30	Closing: Lessons Learned	Stuart Kaye Leonardo Bernard and Clive Schofield
18.30 – 19.00	Presentation of Certificates	

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