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Programme

Keynote Speech : Judge Shunji YANAI

Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) (Former President)



Segment 1: Coastal States' Rights and Entitlements at Sea Based upon UNCLOS

Segment 2: Development of Legal Regimes Governing the Period Pending Final Agreement of Delimitation

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Judge Shunji YANAI

Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) (2005-), former President of the Tribunal (2011-2014). Before joining ITLOS, Judge Yanai had a long career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, assuming key posts as Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Ambassador of Japan to the United States. After retirement, he taught public international law at Chuo University and Waseda University of Japan. As President of ITLOS, he led the Tribunal during its busiest years in which the Tribunal produced two orders prescribing provisional measures of protection and two judgments on the merits.

PANELISTS

Tullio TREVES

Professor of the Faculty of Law of the State University of Milan. Former Judge of ITLOS (1996-2011). Having participated in all sessions of the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea as a member of the Italian Delegation, he possesses vast and profound knowledge of the Law of the Sea. He served as Judge of ITLOS for 15 years since its establishment, and, as President of the Seabed Disputes Chamber, he led the Chamber in the Case No. 17 in which it rendered its first advisory opinion.

Robert VOLTERRA

Barrister in Canada and solicitor-advocate in England. Partner of Volterra & Fietta, a law firm specialized in the public international law. He has rich experience in international litigations over boundary and delimitation disputes, at the ICJ, PCA and under UNCLOS, as well as international investment disputes. He also acts regularly as an arbitrator in international arbitrations. He teaches as Visiting Professor at universities including University College of the University of London (UCL).

ZHANG Xinjun

Associate Professor of public international law at Tsinghua University, China. Executive Director of the Center for the Law of the Sea Study in Tsinghua Law School. He is also a member of International Law Association (ILA) and participated in ILA Committee on the Legal Principles relating to Climate Change (2008-2014). His research interests cover the law of the sea, international environmental law, dispute settlement, non-proliferation law and law of treaties.

Mathias FORTEAU

Professor of public international law at the University of Paris Ouest, Nanterre-La Défense. Member of the International Law Commission (ILC) of the UN (2012-). Since 1998, he has served as a counsel or an advocate for a State in a number of international litigations. Recent examples include that as counsel and advocate for Myanmar in the Case concerning *Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal* before ITLOS.

NGUYEN Thi Lan-Anh

Deputy Director-General of the Institute for East Sea (South China Sea) Studies and Vice Dean of Faculty of Law of Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam. She teaches various topics of public international law including the law of the sea, dispute settlement and sources of law. Visiting Research Fellow at Japan Institute of International Affairs (2013) and Visiting Research Fellow at Center for International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore (2010). She conducts a number of studies over the law of the sea and dispute settlement, with emphasis on the South China Sea issues.

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Naoya OKUWAKI

Professor of the School of Law, Meiji University. Professor Emeritus of the University of Tokyo. Doctor of Laws (University of Tokyo, dissertation: "Notion of 'Application of Law' in International Disputes: Introduction to the Studies of Practical International Law"). President (2003-2006) and Member Emeritus (present) of Japanese Society of International Law (JSIL). He also assumes positions as Vice-President of Japan Branch of ILA (2014-) and President of Japan Society of Ocean Policy (2014-). His themes of research are among others: International dispute settlement system, maritime jurisdictions, and structural changes in international legal order.

Shigeki SAKAMOTO

Professor of the Faculty of Law, Doshisha University. Professor Emeritus of Kobe University. Doctor of Laws (Kobe University, dissertation: "Theory and Practice of the Law of Treaties"). Member of the Advisory Committee of the UN Human Rights Council (2008-2013). He served as an Advocate for the Government of Japan in "Southern Bluefin Tuna" Cases (Australia and NZ v. Japan) under UNCLOS Part XV. His research interests cover law of treaties, law of the sea, international human rights law and international dispute settlement.

Mariko KAWANO

Professor of the Faculty of Law, Waseda University. LL.M. in Cambridge. Councilor of the Headquarters for Ocean Policy of the Government of Japan (2012-). She lectured in the summer course on public international law at the Hague Academy in 2009 ("The Role of Judicial Procedures in the Process of the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes") and at the Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) of the UN. Her interests focus upon international dispute settlement and law of state responsibility.

Kentaro NISHIMOTO

Associate Professor at the School of Law, Tohoku University. Doctor of Laws (University of Tokyo, dissertation: "Territoriality and Functionality in the Historical Formation of the Modern Law of the Sea"). His current research interests include the regime of continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles and the settlement of maritime disputes in Asia.

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