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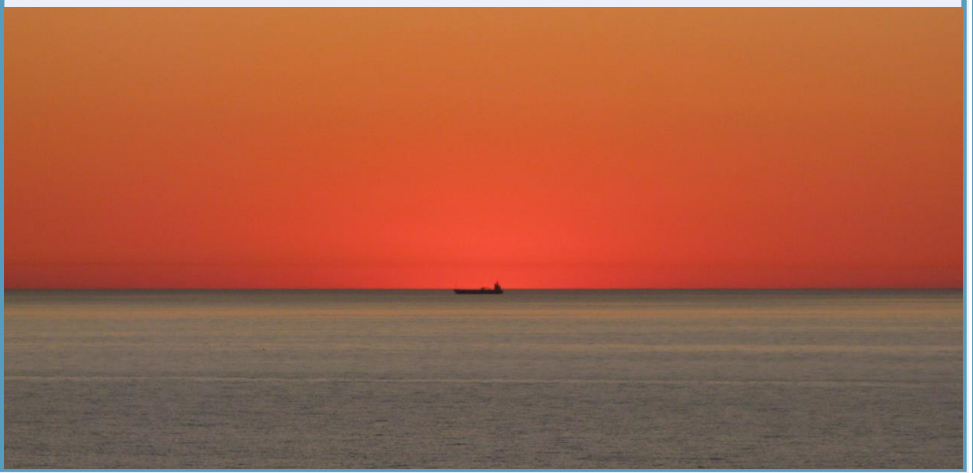


LAW OF THE SEA RESEARCH

at the Fridtjof Nansen Institute

The Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI) has been engaged in the study of marine affairs since its establishment in 1958. In the years during the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea (1973–82), ocean politics and law featured high on the FNI research agenda. In the last 20-year period, the Institute has strengthened its specific focus on the Law of the Sea considerably.

Since the mid-1990s, the FNI has initiated a range of international research projects on various aspects of the Law of the Sea, as well as organized international workshops, seminars and conferences on issues involved in this branch of international law. The results of FNI research and cooperation in this sphere have been published in book volumes issued by such highly-reputed publishers as Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, MIT Press, Kluwer and Martinus Nijhoff/Brill, and in many articles and studies in leading international peer-review journals. Since 2013, the FNI is the national consortium partner in the Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea, hosted by the University of Tromsø based on a six-year grant awarded by the Kristian Gerhard Jebsen Foundation.



Law of the Sea at FNI: An overview

A key concern in the Law of the Sea today is the competing uses of marine spaces and the role of international and national regulation, especially maritime jurisdiction, in securing sustainable development of marine areas and resources. FNI projects have addressed such key law-of-the-sea issues as the role of jurisdiction in the protection of the regional marine environment; illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing; ballast-water issues; the designation of particularly sensitive sea areas; illegal oil spills from vessels; regulation of shipping in polar waters; marine bioprospecting; and maritime delimitation.

The Institute has served as host to a series of major international conferences. The first was co-organized with the Law of the Sea Institute and held in Oslo in 1983, following on the adoption of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. To discuss early experiences in the implementation of this central international convention, in 1998 the FNI organized a second major international conference, on *Order for the Oceans at the Turn of the Century*. The latest and third in the series of FNI Law of the Sea conferences was held in 2008. Under the title *The World Ocean in Globalization: Challenges for Marine Regions*, this conference assembled 200 experts from around the globe to discuss new challenges to oceans and the role of the Law of the Sea.

The FNI has built up a broad network of international contacts and partners at research institutes and faculties of law in many countries. Since the early 2000s, this has involved cooperation on Law of the Sea conferences with the University of California at Berkeley, conference cooperation with Wilton Park in the UK, workshops and seminars organized by FNI in several countries, and a recent series of regional conferences in the Adriatic Sea region 2006-2010.

The Law of the Sea studies at the FNI are organized within the institute's Law of the Sea and Marine Affairs Programme, established in 2003 in order to facilitate systematic focus on this field of Public International Law.

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Law of the Sea at FNI: research projects

Selected ongoing research projects include:

- Fundamental Challenges for the Law of the Sea (2013-2019)
- Climate Change and Sea Level Rise in the Anthropocene: Challenges for International Law in the 21st Century (2014-2018)

Selected past research projects initiated and directed by the FNI:

- Strategic institutional law project within the Research Council of Norway Programme JUSISP 2, on 'International Law for an Anthropocene Epoch? Shifting Perspectives in the Law of the Sea, Environmental Law and Genetic Resources Law' (2011-2015)
- Marine Bioprospecting and Law (2011-2015)
- The commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (2009-2013)
- International collaborative research project on 'The Changing Legal and Policy Framework for the Adriatic Sea', in cooperation with faculties of law and research institutes in Croatia (2006-2011)
- International conference and publication project on 'The World Ocean in Globalization: Challenges for Marine Regions' (2008-2011)
- Expert project on 'Regional Cooperation and Marine Pollution: Developing Effective Measures against Ship-Based Pollution' (2007-2009)
- Research project on 'Arctic Shipping Guidelines: From Voluntary to Mandatory Tool for Environmental Protection and Navigation Safety?' (2006-2007)
- Research project on 'Evolution of Specially Protected Marine Areas: Implications for Norway' (2005-2007)
- Expert bilateral project on 'Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) for the Adriatic Sea' (2005-2006)
- Research project on 'Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) Fishing: Implementing Mechanisms for Jurisdiction, Control and Enforcement' (2002-2006)
- Expert bilateral project on 'Ballast Water Issues for Croatia: Possible Usefulness of Norwegian Experience and Expertise' (2004-2005)
- International conference and collaborative publication project on 'Order for the Oceans at the Turn of the Century' (1998-1999)
- International collaborative research project on 'Polar Oceans and the Law of the Sea (POLOS)', (1996-1998).

Law of the Sea at FNI: selected books

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Hønneland, Geir, *Making Fishery Agreements Work: Post-Agreement Bargaining in the Barents Sea*. Cheltenham/Northampton Edward Elgar, 2013, 160 pp

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Stokke, Olav Schram, *Governing High Sea Fisheries: The Interplay of Global and Regional Regimes*, Oxford University Press, 2001, 365 p.

Ragner, Claes Lykke (ed.), *The 21st Century – Turning Point for the Northern Sea Route?* The Hague, Kluwer Academic, 2000, 308 p.

Skjærseth, Jon Birger, *North Sea Cooperation: Linking International and Domestic Pollution Control*. Manchester University Press, 2000, 302 p.

Vidas, Davor (ed.), *Implementing the Environmental Protection Regime for the Antarctic*. The Hague, Kluwer Academic, 2000, 446 p.

Østreng, Willy (ed.), *National Security and International Environmental Cooperation in the Arctic – the Case of the Northern Sea Route*. The Hague, Kluwer Academic, 1999, 367 p.

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