



MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar Series

Dispute Prevention & International Community Interests in BBNJ

Wednesday, November 10, 05:00 – 06:30pm (CET)
Venue: Online

Legal rules for the ocean where it lies beyond the jurisdiction of individual sovereign states have significant defects. This was due to the primitive state of scientific information about the ocean's physical properties and life forms, although the UN Law of the Sea Convention, agreed and codified in 1982, brought important advances to ocean governance.

Years of discussion at the United Nations led to a preparatory conference (2016-2017) followed by an intergovernmental negotiation of a new legally binding instrument mandated for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity (BBNJ) (2018 to the present). The new agreement should operationalize the Convention's article 192, states' obligations to the international community to protect and preserve the marine environment.

This seminar will explore how a modern agreement for the ocean could respond to the needs of Earth governance in the Anthropocene.



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