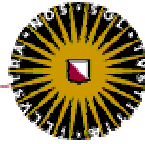


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Third J.H.W. Verzijl Memorial Symposium

Stability and Change in the Law of the Sea: Selected Issues

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The Institute of Public International Law and the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea of Utrecht University are co-hosting the Third J.H.W. Verzijl Memorial Symposium on 3 December 2004. The first Verzijl Symposium was held in October 1988 and was entitled "International Arbitration: Past and Prospects" and commemorated the centenary of the birth of Professor Verzijl, who was professor of public international law at Utrecht University. The second Verzijl Symposium was held in 1993 and was concerned with "International Economic Law during Armed Conflict".

The international law of the sea is one of the branches of international law in which professor Verzijl had a particular interest. Among other things, he headed the Netherlands delegation to the first United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea at Geneva in 1958. The Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea, which in 2004 exists 20 years, is a testimony of the continued interest in the law of the sea at Utrecht University.

The adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in 1982 has led to a period of relative stability in the law of the sea. The Convention offers a sufficient legal framework for the sustainable development of the oceans and its natural resources. However, especially in recent times there have also been calls to amend the Convention because of supposed shortcomings. Renegotiation of the Convention in all probability would be a time consuming process, the outcome of which is highly uncertain. Such a process would almost certainly negatively impact upon international cooperation in the management of ocean space as it is bound to lead to uncertainty and conflict over the applicable legal regime. The Symposium is intended to contribute to the discussion on the significance of the Convention as the basis for the legal order of the oceans. To this end four topics have been selected, which can contribute to an understanding of how the Convention has been adapted to newly arising issues and how further adaptation may be achieved in the future, without a readjustment of the basic legal framework contained in the Convention.

At the Symposium four reports will be presented, each of which will be discussed during one of the four sessions (topics and speakers are included in the program of the Symposium included below). Each of the reports will be analyzed by a commentator before it will be discussed by the Symposium participants. In order to allow an in-depth discussion, the papers will be distributed beforehand to the Symposium participants. The reports, comments by the invited speakers and the main interventions during the sessions will be published in the conference proceedings.

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APPLICATION FORM

Third J.H.W. Verzijl Memorial Symposium

3 December 2004 in Utrecht

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Applications should be submitted by 1 October 2004

REGISTRATION

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Date: **Signature:**

Due to format of the Symposium the number of participants will be limited. Upon acceptance of your participation in the Symposium you will receive a message of confirmation and an invoice for payment of the Symposium fee of 157 Euro

The Symposium fee must be paid *no later than 1 November 2004*

PROGRAM

08.30-09.30 **Registration**

09.30-09.40 **Opening by the President of the Symposium** Professor A.H.A. Soons

09.40-10.55 **Session 1 - The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as an international regime: a political science perspective**

Rapporteur: Dr. S.V. Scott (University of New South Wales)

Commentator: Professor O. Young (University of California)

10.55-11.15 **Coffee break**

11.15-12.30 **Session 2 - The impact of State practice on the jurisdictional framework contained in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

Rapporteur: Professor R. R. Churchill (Cardiff University)

Commentator: Professor D.R. Rothwell (University of Sydney)

12.45-14.15 **Lunch**

14.30-15.45 **Session 3 - The role of the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Meeting of States parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in reviewing its implementation**

Rapporteur: Professor T. Treves (University of Milan)

Commentator: Professor E. Hey (Erasmus University)

15.45-16.15 **Tea break**

16.15-17.30 **Session 4 - Strengthening the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea's regime through the adoption of implementing agreements, the practice of international organizations and other means**

Rapporteur: Professor D. Freestone (The World Bank)

Commentator: Dr L. de la Fayette (Division for Oceans and Law of the Sea, United Nations Secretariat - invited)

17.30-17.35 **Closing of the symposium**

17.35-18.30 **Reception**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Language

The language of the Symposium will be English. No translation facilities will be provided.

Symposium papers and publication

The four papers will be distributed to the participants in the Symposium. The reports, comments by the invited speakers and the main interventions during the sessions will be published in the conference proceedings.

Participation

Those wishing to participate should complete the attached form and return it to the Secretariat **before 1 October 2004**. Due to the format of the Symposium the number of participants will be limited.

Symposium fee

Due to a number of grants it has been possible to restrict the Symposium fee to €157. The fee includes the Symposium papers, luncheon, refreshments, reception and the conference proceedings.

Financial Support

This Symposium has been made possible with the financial support of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences and the G.J. Wiarda Institute of the Faculty of Law of Utrecht University.

Confirmation of participation and payment of Symposium fee

After receipt of the application you will receive notice of your participation in the Symposium. An invoice for payment of the Symposium fee will be sent to the participants by the Symposium administration.

Hotel accommodation

The Secretariat is not able to make hotel reservations, or to act as intermediary in such matters. For your information we provide the names of two hotels in the center of Utrecht. At the Malie Hotel and Amrâth Hotel a reduced price is available (until 28 October 2004) for participants in the Symposium. To arrange accommodation at the Amrâth Hotel please use the form available at www.law.uu.nl/nilos For other hotels and information on Utrecht you can consult www.holland.com/utrechtstad/gb/

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