

International Congress
University of Barcelona

**'SUSTAINABILITY IN THE SEA:
A GAZE FROM
THE MEDITERRANEAN BARCELONA'**

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  Universitat de Barcelona
  Instituto Salvador de Madariaga (IUEE)
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 Tres Quarts de mil·lenni Consolat de Mar
  Cambra de Comerç de Barcelona

In the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, the sustainability of the planet has one of its main challenges in marine spaces. Global warming implies irreversible changes and transformations in their morphology; many of the human activities that take place in these spaces contribute to this warming and increase the degradation of the marine environment. At the same time, the seas and oceans constitute a new opportunity for the development of renewable energies whose installation causes contradictions with the legitimate interests of coastal populations. The joint treatment of this reality is unavoidable, both from the international and European perspective and from the specific perspective of a city like Barcelona, where the different dimensions of the identified problems converge for different reasons.

The Congress **aims** to address from an academic perspective the challenges posed by the demands of sustainability on the main uses of maritime spaces and, therefore, the transformations and impact that these demands impose in economic, social, regulatory and environmental terms, also for the local communities particularly affected.

The **Scientific Committee** of the Congress is composed of: Milagros Álvarez Verdugo, Ana M. Badia Martí, Rafael Casado Raigón, Laura Huici Sancho, Gabriela A. Oanta, and José Manuel Sobrino Heredia.

The Congress is organized in successive tables, with the following **provisional schedule**:

9:00h – Opening of the Congress

University of Barcelona, Dr. Ernest Abadal, Deputy Vice-Dean to the Rector on Teaching and Research Staff

Law Faculty of the University of Barcelona, Dr. Xavier Pons Ràfols, Dean

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Consolat de Mar (Consulate of the Sea), Sr. Jordi Domingo, Major Consul

9:30h – Panel 1: Sustainability of maritime activities in historical perspective: Barcelona and the Consulate of the Sea

Historical perspective: Barcelona, Consulate of the Sea and Book of the Consulate of the Sea: Dr. Francisco L. Pacheco Caballero, Professor of History of Law and Institutions, UB

Importance of the Port for the City of Barcelona: Dr. Joan Alemany, Professor of Economics, UB

Meaning of the term "Sustainability": Ms. Mons Badia, President of the Association of Environmentalists of Catalonia

Moderator: Dr. Ana M. Badia Martí, Professor of International Law and Director of the Master in International Studies, UB

11:00h – Coffee Break

11:30h – Mesa 2: Transport

Mr. Jordi Torrent, Head of Strategy, Port of Barcelona

Mr. Mario Massarotti, General Manager of Grimaldi

Dr. Agustí Martín i Mallofré, Dean of the Faculty of Nautical Studies of Barcelona

Moderator: Dr. José Manuel Sobrino Heredia, Professor of International Law, A Coruña University

13:00h – Mesa 3: Fisheries

Ms. Itziar Segarra Diaz, Deputy Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Directorate General of Maritime Policy and Sustainable Fisheries of the Generalitat de Catalunya.

Company representative of the sector (TBC)

Dr. Gabriela A. Oanta, Professor of International Public Law at the University of A Coruña and Director of the University Institute of European Studies "Salvador de Madariaga"

Moderator: Dr. Rafael Casado Raigón, Professor of International Law, University of Córdoba

14:30h – Lunch

15:30h – Panel 4: Tourism

Mr. Eduard Torres, President of Tourism Barcelona

Ms. Maria Victòria Siberstein, Tourism expert, Barcelona Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Eugeni Osácar, Research Director of CETT-UB, Barcelona School of Tourism, Hospitality and Gastronomy

Moderator: Dr. Laura Huici Sancho, Professor of International Public Law, Deputy Director of the Master in International Studies, UB

17.00h – Coffee break

17:30h – Panel 5: Energy

Ms. Marta Morera, Director of the Institut Català de l'Energia.

Mr. Sergi Ametller, Offshore Wind Director, SENER

Representative of Iberdrola (TBC)

Dr. Miquel Canals, Professor of Marine Geosciences UB and Dr. Jordi Solé, Associate Professor of Physical Oceanography and Energy Systems UB.

Moderator: Dr. Milagros Álvarez Verdugo, Professor of International Public Law, UB

19:00h – Papers

Papers that have been selected for presentation at the Congress:

Who Owns the Sea?: Dr Henry Jones, Durham University School of Law

From the Book of the Consulate of the Sea to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea: origins and parallels in the systems of peaceful settlement of international maritime disputes: Dr. Eduardo Jiménez, Public International Law, Universidad de Córdoba

What is happening in our beaches of Maresme?: Ms. Cristina Dura, Dr. Carles Barriocanal, Dr. Xavier, Ubeda, GRAM, Geography Department, Universitat de Barcelona

Restoration of Posidonia oceanica in the Mediterranean: sustainable tourism and replanting: Mr. Manel Balfegó and Dr. Olga Alcaraz, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya.

Maritime heritage and sustainable tourism: a view from international cultural heritage law: Cristoph Rudolf Shreinmoser, PhD. Candidate, Universidad de A Coruña

Sustainable Fishing under WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies: The Case of Mediterranean Overfished Stocks: Ms. Devdatta Mukherjee, ITLOS-Nippon Foundation Fellow at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg.

The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean: Maximiliano Astorga, PhD. Candidate, Universitat de Barcelona

20:00h – Closing reports and Closure

Sr. Enric Borrás (journalist) and Dr. Ana Sánchez Coboleda (Lecturer in International Public Law, UB)

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