



**ESIL Interest Group on the Law of the Sea Workshop
“Is the Governance of the Oceans Fair? The New BBNJ Treaty and Other Related International Instruments”**

Aix-en-Provence, 30 August 2023, 13:00-16:00 (Room 0.31 (Building Portalis))¹

13:00-13:15 Welcome and Introduction

Akis Papastavridis (National & Kapodistrian University of Athens), Irini Papanicolopulu (SOAS University of London) & Jessica Schechinger (University of Glasgow) – co-convenors of the IG on the Law of the Sea

13:15-14:30 First Panel

Chair: Maria Gavouneli (National & Kapodistrian University of Athens and ELIAMEP)

Jacqueline Espenilla (University of the Philippines and Utrecht University)
‘ABMTs and EIAs in the BBNJ Agreement: The Next Step in Ocean Equity?’

Tanya Wagenaar (Nelson Mandela University)
‘The demise of IPRs through the rise of BBNJ’

Charlotte Verdon, Anika Havaladar, and Lee Rovinescu (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP)
‘Non-State Actors in the BBNJ Treaty’s Provisions on Area-Based Management Tools: A Step Towards More Inclusive and Transparent Ocean Governance?’

Millicent McCreath (UNSW)
‘Are advisory opinions fair? ITLOS advisory opinions and the furtherance of the community interest in the protection of marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction’

Q&A

14:30-15:45 Second Panel

Chair: Valentin Schatz (Leuphana University of Lüneburg)

Oliver Barker-Vormawor (University of Ghana and University of Cambridge)
‘Thinking Against the State: Ubuntu, Fairness and Communal Rights in, around and over Maritime Area’

Klaas Willaert (Department of European, Public and International Law, Maritime Institute, Gent)
‘Fair share? The interests of developing states within the context of deep sea mining in the Area’

Maria Pena Ermida (Universidade Católica Portuguesa)
‘Justice in the governance of non-living marine resources’

Pallavi Arora and Shailja Singh (Indian Institute of Foreign Trade)
‘Reflections on the Fairness of the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies’

Q&A

15:45-16:00 Closing remarks

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