

Training Workshop Programme 2017

# Maritime Boundary Delimitation

26-28 June 2017, London, UK



Develop the skills needed to achieve an equitable division of maritime space and clearly defined maritime boundaries through practical exercises and theoretical discussion





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## INTRODUCTION

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Clearly defined maritime boundaries are essential for good international relations and effective ocean management, yet few coastal states have agreed all their maritime boundaries with their neighbours. Part of the reason for this is that boundary delimitation requires a range of specialist legal and technical skills which are not always readily available to governments.

Combining lectures, discussions and practical exercises, IBRU's most popular workshop helps participants develop the skills needed to achieve an equitable division of maritime space and clearly defined maritime boundaries.

### Who should attend?

- Diplomats
- Legal advisers
- Researchers and consultants
- Energy officials
- Exploration and production managers
- Pipeline and cable planners
- EEZ contractors
- Fisheries managers
- Technical experts

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## TUTORS

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**John Brown, Law of the Sea Consultant, Cooley LLP**, retired as Head of the Law of the Sea Group from the UK Hydrographic Office in 2016 and joined Cooley LLP. John began his sea-going career in 1974 and trained as a navigating officer, joining the UK Hydrographic Office in 1993 after working as a surveyor in the offshore industry for several years. He joined the small team of internationally acknowledged experts in the Law of the Sea Group at the end of 2002 where he advised UK Government departments on Law of the Sea matters and provided technical input to UK maritime zone legislation, and acted as technical expert during several successful major illegal fishery prosecutions which culminated in record fines against the plaintiffs. John has worked with several foreign governments on maritime delimitation, baselines and maritime zones and has taken part in a number of boundary negotiations; both bilateral and third party adjudication – including acting on behalf of Nicaragua as Scientific and Technical Advisor at the International Court of Justice. He has also been a member of the UK delegation during boundary negotiations. John became Head of the Law of the Sea Group in 2015.



**Mr Rodman Bundy, Director, Dispute Resolution Group, Eversheds LLP**, is a member of the New York bar and former member of the Paris bar, Rod currently practices out of the Singapore office of the law firm Eversheds LLP. He has acted for over thirty-five years as counsel and advocate in more than 25 cases before the International Court of Justice and international arbitral tribunals involving issues of disputed sovereignty, maritime delimitation and State responsibility. Most recently, Rod has appeared in the Cambodia/Thailand case involving the interpretation of the ICJ's judgment in the Temple of Preah Vihear case, the Pedra Branca case between Singapore and Malaysia, the Peru-Chile maritime delimitation case, the Nicaragua-Colombia sovereignty and delimitation case and the Slovenia-Croatia boundary arbitration.



**Stephen Fietta, Principal, Fietta International Law**, has practised public international law within government and private practice for almost 20 years. Stephen advises clients on a wide range of international law issues, including land and maritime boundary disputes, sovereign and diplomatic immunity, investment arbitration, international environmental law and human rights. A substantial part of Stephen's practice concerns the law of the sea. He has advised sovereign States, energy interests and other entities on maritime delimitation issues covering all continents. He was counsel for Barbados in the first ever maritime boundary delimitation arbitration proceeding under UNCLOS (against Trinidad and Tobago, decided in 2006). Stephen has published widely and co-authored (with Dr Robin Cleverly) *A Practitioner's Guide to Maritime Boundary Delimitation* (OUP, published March 2016).



**Professor Martin Pratt, Director, Bordermap Consulting**, is an internationally-respected expert in boundary-making, border management and territorial dispute resolution, with over twenty years' experience working with governments, international organisations, businesses, scholars and practitioners around the world to resolve and prevent boundary-related conflict. He has extensive practical experience in maritime boundary negotiations and third-party adjudication of boundary and sovereignty disputes, most recently serving as a technical advisor to Côte d'Ivoire in the Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire in the Atlantic Ocean before a Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. Martin worked at IBRU from 1994-2015, leading the Centre's consultancy and professional training programmes for over a decade, and he remains an Honorary Professor in Geography at Durham University.



**Sir Michael Wood, 20 Essex Street London**, is a member of the UN International Law Commission, and a Senior Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge. He is a barrister at 20 Essex Street, London, where he practises in the field of public international law, including before international courts and tribunals. He was Legal Adviser to the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office between 1999 and 2006, having joined as an Assistant Legal Adviser in 1970.

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# PROGRAMME

Monday 26 June	0900-0945	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The significance and value of maritime boundaries</li><li>• The global state of play</li><li>• Challenges of maritime boundary delimitation</li></ul>
	0945-1030	<b>Maritime jurisdiction: the legal framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The evolution of the law of the sea</li><li>• The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea</li><li>• Customary international law</li><li>• Relevant treaty law</li></ul>
	1030-1100	<i>Refreshments</i>
	1100-1215	<b>Defining maritime space: baselines &amp; limits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The normal baseline</li><li>• Straight and archipelagic baselines</li><li>• Defining and maintaining maritime limits</li></ul>
	1215-1300	<b>Practical exercise</b> Working in teams, participants will establish appropriate baseline regimes in a variety of coastal settings
	1300-1400	<i>Lunch</i>
	1400-1700	<b>Identifying an equitable solution: case law on maritime boundary delimitation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The importance of case law</li><li>• Relevant cases: the North Sea continental shelf cases to Nicaragua v. Colombia</li></ul>
	1500-1530	<i>Refreshments</i>
Tuesday 27 June	0900-1100	<b>Technical aspects of maritime delimitation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The role of the technical expert</li><li>• Understanding charts, coordinates and 'straight' lines</li><li>• Constructing equidistance lines and other potential boundary lines</li><li>• Geographical tools and data resources for maritime boundary delimitation</li></ul>
	1100-1130	<i>Refreshments</i>
	1130-1230	<b>Negotiating maritime boundaries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building and preparing a negotiating team</li><li>• Negotiation strategy and tactics</li><li>• Drafting a maritime boundary agreement</li></ul>
	1230-1330	<i>Lunch</i>
	1330-1700	<b>Practical exercise</b> Working in teams, participants will seek to delimit an equitable and technically robust maritime boundary between two neighbouring states.
	1500-1530	<i>Refreshments</i>
	1900	<b>Workshop dinner</b>
Wednesday 28 June	0900-1000	<b>State practice in maritime boundary delimitation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Innovative approaches to delimitation</li><li>• Maritime delimitation in the context of territorial disputes</li><li>• Connection with the land boundary terminus</li><li>• Tripoints with third states</li></ul>
	1000-1100	<b>Third-party options for resolving maritime boundary disputes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dispute resolution mechanisms under UNCLOS</li><li>• Advantages and disadvantages of different third-party dispute resolution mechanisms</li></ul>
	1100-1130	<i>Refreshments</i>
	1130-1245	<b>Panel discussion</b> This session will address maritime boundary-related topics not examined elsewhere in the programme and issues raised during the workshop. Potential topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delimitation of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles</li><li>• Islands and 'rocks' under UNCLOS article 121</li><li>• "Provisional arrangements of a practical nature"</li><li>• Sources of assistance for maritime boundary delimitation</li></ul>
	1245-1300	<i>Closing discussion and wrap-up</i>

**IBRU Reserve the right to change or modify the programme and tutors participating without prior notice to participants**

## The venue

The workshop will take place in London at the **Holiday Inn London - Kensington Forum**

The Holiday Inn London - Kensington Forum, is located in South Kensington meaning the hotel has easy access to many of the city's notable visitor attractions and has excellent conference facilities.

The hotel is only a few minutes' walk from Gloucester Road tube station which has direct links to Heathrow Airport and Kings Cross Station.

*Holiday Inn London - Kensington Forum*  
97 Cromwell Road, London, SW7 4DN UK

Website: [www.hikensingtonforumhotel.co.uk](http://www.hikensingtonforumhotel.co.uk)



## What will it cost?

The cost of the workshop is **£2,280 (£1,900 +VAT)** per participant.

We regret that payment can only be accepted in GBP sterling, however, we are able to accept payment by most major credit and debit cards.

Full payment **MUST** be received prior to the workshop to guarantee the booking. If full payment is not received

before the deadline date of **2 June 2017**, any provisional places booked will be removed. Bookings made after 2 June 2017 will only be guaranteed with payment in full and if places are still available.

In addition to tuition and all course materials, the fees cover the following:

- Lunch and refreshment breaks on 26, 27 and 28 June
- Workshop dinner on the evening of Tuesday 27 June

## How to book

Places are limited and early booking is highly recommended:

- 1 Contact the IBRU Events Team or complete the online booking form at [www.durham.ac.uk/ibru/workshops/booking](http://www.durham.ac.uk/ibru/workshops/booking)
- 2 Acknowledgement of the provisional booking will be sent by email with information on how to pay.
- 3 If payment is not received by the deadline specified, the reserved place will be cancelled and your booking removed to a waiting list. Your place will only be confirmed when payment is received and if a place is still available.
- 4 Please ensure you have the relevant VISA in place for your travel before paying for your place.

## Additional information

### Accommodation

**Accommodation is not included in the workshop fee.**

IBRU have negotiated a special rate with the Holiday Inn London Kensington Forum.

Participants can call up reservations on 0044 (0)207 341 3355 to make their booking and quoting reference YGT to book at the rate of £155.00 for Bed and Breakfast for single occupancy.

This rate is available until 25 May. After this date you will be charged at the best available rate the hotel can offer.

### Language

Teaching and workshop materials will be in English. We regret that we are unable to provide translation or interpreting services.

### Cancellations

Cancellations must be received in writing not later than the 2 June 2017 and will be subject to a £150 cancellation fee, unless a substitute participant is offered. After this date the full registration fee will be charged for all cancellations.

### Programme changes

IBRU reserves the right to modify the programme as necessary without notice to participants.

## Contact Information

If you have any questions about the workshop please contact the IBRU Events Team.

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