

Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy

29th Annual Program

Schedule of Classes and Workshops

2026 Session 28 June to 17 July

Sunday, June 28

1600-1700

Pick-Up Materials in Hotel Mediterranean Ballroom

1700-1900

Welcoming Reception in Hotel Mediterranean Ballroom

Presentation: The island of Rhodes and the origins of the legal order of the sea [N. Skourtos]

Week 1: Law of the Sea History, UNCLOS Treaty Overview, and Oceanographic Background

	Lecture I 0900-1000	Lecture II 1015-1115	Lecture III 1130-1230	Workshop 1530-1830
Monday, June 29	1. LOS History and UNCLOS Overview [J.N. Moore]	2. Territorial Sea & Contiguous Zone [A. Petrig]	3. EEZ Regime Overview [A. Petrig]	Ice-breaker Reception [Med. Hotel: 1700-1800]
Tuesday, June 30	4. Navigation: Straits & Archipelagic Regimes [J.N. Moore]	5. Legal Regime of the Turkish Straits [Y. Acer]	6. Origins of Oceans and Continents [L. Mayer]	Navigation Workshop Y. Acer, J.N. Moore, A. Petrig
Wednesday, July 1	7. Continental Shelf Regime Overview [E. Mendenhall]	8. Sea Floor Mapping and Article 76 [L. Mayer]	9. Oceans and Climate Change [L. Mayer]	
Thursday, July 2	10. Marine Science Regime Overview [R. Long]	11. Environmental Law Overview [R. Long]	12. High Seas Regime Overview [B. Oxman]	Marine Science Workshop R. Long, L. Mayer, E. Mendenhall
Friday, July 3	13. The UNCLOS negotiations [B. Oxman]	14. Deep Seabed Regime [E. Mendenhall]	15. Dispute Settlement Overview [B. Oxman]	SATURDAY EXCURSION: BUS TRIP TO LINDOS

Week One Lecturers: Y. Acer, R. Long, L. Mayer, E. Mendenhall, J.N. Moore, B. Oxman, and A. Petrig

Week 2: Maritime Delimitation, Continental Shelf, Fisheries, and Biodiversity

	Lecture I 0900-1000	Lecture II 1015-1115	Lecture III 1130-1230	Workshop 1530-1830
Monday, July 6	16. Outer Limits of Continental Shelf [T. Heidar]	17. Baselines [C. Schofield]	18. Maritime Delimitation [S. Fietta]	Special Lecture : Submarine Cables & Pipelines [K. Bressie]
Tuesday, July 7	19. Islands in Delimitation [C. Schofield]	20. Activities in Disputed Areas [S. Fietta]	21. Intro to Delimitation Workshop [C. Schofield]	Delimitation Workshop S. Fietta, A. Kolliopoulos, C. Schofield
Wednesday, July 8	22. Maritime Delimitation in Mediterranean [A. Kolliopoulos]	23. Common Heritage of Mankind [F. Millicay]	24. EEZ Fisheries [D. Balton]	
Thursday, July 9	25. High Seas Fisheries [T. Heidar]	26. Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction [F. Millicay]	27. BBNJ and RFMOs [L.N. Nguyen]	Living Resources Workshop D. Balton, T. Heidar, F. Millicay, L.N. Nguyen
Friday, July 10	28. Mechanisms for Change under UNCLOS [L.N. Nguyen]	29. Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries [D. Balton]	30. Alternative Energy Resources [M. Gavouneli]	Week 1 and 2 Written Exam T. Heidar <i>FRIDAY GALA DINNER</i> SATURDAY EXCURSION: BOAT TRIP TO SYMI

Week Two Lecturers: D. Balton, K. Bressie, S. Fietta, M. Gavouneli, T. Heidar, A. Kolliopoulos, F. Millicay, L.N. Nguyen, C. Schofield

Week 3: Dispute Settlement, Protection of the Environment, and Deep Seabed Mining

	Lecture I 0900-1000	Lecture II 1015-1115	Lecture III 1130-1230	Workshop 1530-1830
Monday, July 13	31. Protection of Critical Underwater Infrastructure [R. Beckman]	32. International Litigation – Why? Where? When? [A. Miron]	33. Sovereign State Litigation [A. Loewenstein]	
Tuesday, July 14	34. UNCLOS, IMO and the Marine Environment [R. Beckman]	35. MPAs and other ABMTs on the High Seas [D. Freestone]	36. Climate Change Systems and Marine Governance [A. Miron]	Special Lecture: Advisory Opinions: ITLOS & ICJ on Climate Change/LOS R. Wolfrum
Wednesday, July 15	37. Navigating the BBNJ Agreement & the Sargasso Sea [D. Freestone]	38. Overview of Part XI Regime on Deep Sea Mining [T. Davenport]	39. Dispute Settlement Mechanisms & Marine Environment in ABNJ [K-A. Brown]	ABMTs on the High Seas R. Beckman, D. Freestone, T. Davenport
Thursday, July 16	40. UNCLOS, IMO & the “Shadow Fleet” [Beckman & Loewenstein]	41. Recent Developments: Deep-Sea Mining [T. Davenport]	42. Relationship between the ISA and the BBNJ [K-A. Brown]	
Friday, July 17	43. Oral Examination R. Beckman K-A. Brown A. Miron T. Davenport	44. Oral Examination R. Beckman K-A. Brown A. Miron T. Davenport	45. Oral Examination R. Beckman K-A. Brown A. Miron T. Davenport	2000-2300: Graduation and Award Ceremony

Week Three Lecturers: R. Beckman, K-A. Brown, T. Davenport, D. Freestone, A. Loewenstein, A. Miron, R. Wolfrum