



ERC *Human Sea* Program n° 340770

The development of human activities at sea - What legal framework? "For a new Maritime Law"



Transforming the ocean law by requirement of the marine environment conservation

Call for paper *Junior conference*

Planned for five years, *Human Sea* program aims to respond to the problems related to the development of human activities at sea, which lead progressively to a transformation of the law of the sea and maritime law, and remain today legally little framed (ERC-2013-AdG 340770). The objective of the *Human Sea* program, led by Patrick Chaumette, Professor of Law at the University of Nantes and former director of the Center of Maritime and Oceanic Law (CDMO), is to rethink the concepts born of the history of maritime activities and navigation and to question the intervention of States at sea, from their territorial waters to the high seas. The compromises reached in 1982 with respect to the law of the sea will also be examined in the light of threats and new techniques.

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The fifth WorkPackage of the *Human Sea* European program involves the set-up of a final international conference that will be held at La Cité, Nantes Events Center on **15 and 16 October 2018**, followed by the publication of a book in English and French on the complexity of ocean law, oriented towards the conservation of the marine environment. New activities at sea are conditioned to the protection of the environment. The book will then be available in open access 6 months after its publication. The goal of the conference is to attempt a synthesis of the legal issues, technological, economic and managerial of the implemented and future evolutions.

Modalities

A Junior Conference will be organized on Monday afternoon 15 October 2018, in parallel with the plenary session of the international conference. This conference will have no registration fee; speakers selected for the Junior Conference will be exempt from meals, their travel and accommodation costs in Nantes will be covered by the program. Speakers will see their communication published in the final book of the *Human Sea* program; some of them will be able to present their work very quickly at the plenary session of Tuesday, 16 October 2018. It is possible that some contributions will be accepted for publication but without oral communication at the Junior Conference.

The conference will focus on "**Transforming the oceans law by the requirement of the marine environment conservation**", by declining 4 themes around:

1. Seabed (continental shelves and international zone),
2. Water column (biodiversity and high seas), offshore activities (synthesis on fishing),
3. Trade, Marine Renewable Energy (MRE),
4. Protection of the marine environment in a highly legal approach (principles of environmental law, regional conventions, EU law).

The Junior Conference is an opportunity to address other themes and in different ways. The reference to ocean law covers the law of the sea and maritime law; the reference to transformation covers the fragmentation of international conventions and the complexity of the new normative framework. It is possible to address these themes in a limited geographical area and / or about special activities at sea.

Applications

Proposals for communication, with two pages long, must be accompanied by a list of recent publications of the author related to the theme of the conference. They must be sent before **25 January 2018** to the following address: humansea@univ-nantes.fr.

The scientific committee's reply will be communicated at the beginning of February 2018.

The minimum qualifications required for application are:

- the text must be written in French or English;
- the contribution must be unpublished;
- the size of the abstract must be between 500 and 1°000 words;
- the font and size of the text must be Times new roman, 12 with single line spacing;
- the abstract must specify the research problem, explain the theoretical framework used and the methodology implemented;
- it must produce well-reasoned results and propose perspectives or conclusions ;
- and a bibliography.

Written contributions must be delivered before **20 September 2018** (maximum 40°000 characters, excluded spaces). They may be enriched before the end of **October 2018**. The publication of the book is scheduled for Spring 2019.

Scientific Committee: Patrick Chaumette, professor at the University of Nantes; José Manuel Sobrino Heredia of the University of A Coruña; Marie-Pierre Lanfranchi of the University of Aix Marseille; Nathalie Ros of the University of Tours; Victor Luis Gutierrez Castillo of the University of Jaén; Erik Røsæg, professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Oslo; Franck Schoeffs, professor at the Faculty of Science and Technology, Director of the University Institute of the Sea and Littoral (IUML), University of Nantes; Leonardo Estrela Borges, professor at the Brazilian Institute of Public Law.

Deadline for receipt of applications: 25/01/2018

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