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**Human Sea Seminar**  
**« Oceanic Prospectives and Challenges »**

**Biodiversity in the High Seas**  
**Environmental Liability**

**Wednesday 28 March 2018**

Auditorium Simone WEIL (RDC) of the 'Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Ange Guépin', Nantes

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This seminar is part of the **4th Work Package** of the *Human Sea* research programme which focuses on «*New activities at Sea – Preliminary analyses of the legal framework*».

The five-year *Human Sea* ERC programme started on March 1st 2014 and intends to address issues related to the development of human activities at sea which have progressively led y to a transformation of the Law of the Ssea and the Maritime Law. These new activities remain legally rather poorly regulated. The objective of this programme, coordinated by Patrick Chaumette, principal investigator and former director of the Maritime and Oceanic Law Centre (CDMO), is to restructure the concepts originating from the history of maritime activities and navigation and to reflect on State intervention at sea, from territorial waters towards the High Seas. The compromise found in 1982, with regard to the law of the sea.

For more information concerning *Human Sea* the programme, please visit the [web site](#).

**Objective of the Seminar:**

- Consider biodiversity in the High Seas, climate change, the perspectives of the emerging international legal framework.
- Open the discussion on the efforts of the States and the International Community on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction - ABNJ.
- Consider the legal frameworks on environmental liability elaborated by the coastal States or the International Seabed Authority.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Participation is free of charge, but registration is mandatory. The registration is open from **February 1st** on [www.hautemer.sciencesconf.org](http://www.hautemer.sciencesconf.org)

Participants must create their own user account.



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## PROGRAMME

8h30 Welcoming the participants

### MORNING SESSION: Biodiversity in the High Seas

9h15 Introduction to the seminar by Professor **Patrick CHAUMETTE**, coordinator of the *Human Sea* programme, University of Nantes, France.

9h30 **Samuel CHAFFRON**, researcher in bioinformatics, CNRS researcher, Digital Sciences of Nantes (LS2N), University of Nantes, France – *“An Overview of the Tara Oceans Programme”*

- Questions until 10h00

10h00 **Odile DELFOUR-SAMAMA**, MCF, Maritime and Oceanic Law Centre (CDMO), University of Nantes, France – *“The High Seas between the will to conserve and the research of exploitation”*.

- Questions until 10h30

10h30-11h00 Coffee break

11h00 **Eleftheria ASIMAKOPOULOU**, attorney-at-law, Zepos & Yannopoulos Firm, Athens, Greece - *“The exploitation of biodiversity in the High Seas and climate change: Blue Economy approaches”*.

- Questions until 11h30

11h30 **Marie BONNIN**, research director, marine environmental and coastal law, Research Institute for Development (IRD), LEMAR (Marine Environmental Science Laboratory), IUEM (European University Institute of the Sea), Technopôle Brest – Iroise, France – *“The law and the vulnerable international zones: spatial approaches”*.

- Questions until 12h00

12h00 **Danilo GARCIA-CACERES**, Doctor of Law of the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Postdoctoral Researcher on the *Human Sea* programme, University of Nantes, France – *“Analysis of the project of an international agreement on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity – ABNJ”*.

- Questions until 12h30

12h30-14h00 Lunch break

### AFTERNOON SESSION: Environmental Liability

14h00 **Eirini PANTELIDIMOU**, Doctor of Environmental Law of the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, attorney-at-law – *“Environmental Liability in the practice of the Court of Justice of the European Union – CJEU”*.

- Questions until 14h30

14h30 **Marta ABEGÓN NOVELLA**, Doctor of Law of Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain Assistant Lecturer in International Law, Department of International Law and International Relations - *“The advisory opinions of the ITLOS Seabed Disputes Chamber as an instrument for the protection of the general interest of the international community, and of the environment of the International Seabed Area in particular”*.

- Questions until 15h00

15h00-15h30 Coffee break

15h30 **Raphael VIANNA-GONÇALVES**, Doctor of Law of the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, postdoctoral researcher on the *Human Sea* programme, University of Nantes, France – *“Civil Liability for Transboundary Marine Oil Pollution: The Montara Case”*.

- Questions until 16h00

16h00 **Béatrice SCHÜTTE**, Doctor of Law of Aarhus University, Denmark, visiting researcher on the *Human Sea* programme – *“Towards a harmonised European regime on Civil Liability for damages arising from Marine Pollution”*.

- Questions until 16h30



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**16h30** Concluding remarks by Patrick Chaumette



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