

**RHODES ACADEMY
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The Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy is an international collegial institution that offers a three week summer course in Rhodes, Greece. The basic objective of the Rhodes Academy is to promote the rule of law in the world's oceans. The Academy provides an educational forum for discussion of the principles of modern oceans law and policy, thereby fostering a broader common understanding of and adherence to the rule of law as set out in international agreements and state practice.

The Rhodes Academy is a cooperative undertaking sponsored by the Aegean Institute of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Law (Rhodes, Greece), the Center for Oceans Law and Policy (Charlottesville, VA, U.S.A.), the Law of the Sea Institute of Iceland (Reykjavik, Iceland), the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Heidelberg, Germany) and the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (Utrecht, The Netherlands). The Institute for Ocean Law Studies, Academy for Humanitarian Education (St. Petersburg, Russia) is an associate sponsor.

BACKGROUND

The foundations of ancient maritime law are linked to the development of the Rhodian Sea Code (*Lex Rhodia*), dating to around the 8th century A.D. The roots of modern oceans law are often traced to the early 17th century treatise by the Dutch scholar Hugo Grotius titled *Mare Liberum* ("Freedom of the Seas"). As maritime relations evolved, the concept of the freedom of the seas became the guiding principle under which nations conducted their activities in the oceans.

The basic rules of oceans law underwent a transformation in the 20th century, beginning in 1930 when the subject of the law of the sea was taken up by the League of Nations as part of its codification work on international law. The period following World War II saw a proliferation of expanded maritime claims over ocean space and advances in marine technology. This led to an extensive diplomatic negotiation through the United Nations spanning three international

conferences, culminating in the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in 1982.

The 1982 Convention establishes the regime for contemporary oceans law by setting out rules governing the rights and jurisdiction of nations in various maritime zones. These include rights over living and non-living resources, and the critical rights of freedom of navigation enjoyed by the entire international community. Built around existing international agreements and state practice, the 1982 Convention covers virtually all activities in the oceans. The Convention thus provides the framework for the progressive development of international law dealing with the oceans and its uses.

The 1982 Convention has 157 parties, and is widely considered as reflective of customary international law in almost all respects. Global acceptance of the Convention places increased importance on promoting a common understanding of the principles and rules embodied in the Convention. It also highlights the need for more uniform adherence to the rule of law in the oceans as reflected in the Convention and in a growing number of implementing agreements as well as in state practice.

THE 2009 SESSION

The fourteenth academic session of the Rhodes Academy comprises an intensive three-week program of lectures and seminars/workshops given by a world renowned faculty of leading scholars and jurists. The outline for the 2009 program scheduled for June 28 -- July 17 is as follows:

WEEK 1

OVERVIEW OF THE LAW OF THE SEA, MARINE SCIENCE AND NAVIGATION: Law of the Sea background and overview of the Third Conference and the 1982 Convention, internal waters, territorial sea, innocent passage, straits and archipelagos, exclusive economic zone and fisheries, high seas, oceans and continents,

continental shelf, deep seabed, ocean mapping, marine science, and global warming.

WEEK 2

MARITIME DELIMITATION AND RESOURCES: maritime delimitation overview, case law, and state practice, baselines, outer limits of continental shelf, coastal fish stocks, straddling and highly migratory fish stocks, dispute settlement and fisheries, maritime security, terrorism at sea, and marine mammals.

WEEK 3

MARINE ENVIRONMENT, MERCHANT SHIPPING AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: global environmental standards, International Maritime Organization, merchant shipping, liability and compensation, enforcing international standards, dispute settlement and arbitration.

LECTURERS

The lecturers for the fourteenth session in 2009 are drawn from an international cross-section of prominent and knowledgeable scholars and judges in the field of oceans law and policy. Interaction between lecturers and students is emphasized in workshops or seminars on specific subjects. This encourages the exchange of ideas and the application of information presented in the lectures. The faculty expected for 2009 includes:

Robert Beckman
Law Faculty
University of Singapore

Jean-Pierre Cot
Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Vladimir Golitsyn
Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Tomas H. Heidar
Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iceland and Director, Law of the Sea Institute of Iceland

Larry Mayer
Director, Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping
University of New Hampshire

Thomas A. Mensah

former President and Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Barbara Moore
Extended Continental Shelf Interagency Task Force, U. S. Department of State

Satya N. Nandan
Former Secretary-General
International Seabed Authority

Myron H. Nordquist
Editor-in-Chief, Commentary on the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention, University of Virginia School of Law

Jean Francois Pulvenis
Director of Fisheries, FAO

J. Ashley Roach
U. S. Department of State (Ret.)

Emmanuel Roucouas
Former President of the Academy of Athens and Professor, University of Athens

Alexander Skaridov
St. Petersburg Academy for Humanitarian Education

Robert Smith
Geographic Consultant,
U.S. Department of State (Ret.)

Alfred H. A. Soons
Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea,
Utrecht University

Tullio Treves
Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Rüdiger Wolfrum
Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and Director, Max Planck Institute

ADMISSION/TUITION/TRAVEL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

There is no fee to apply for admission to the Rhodes Academy but class size is limited to approximately 40 students. Prospective students are required to submit a complete application together with two brief, signed Letters of

Reference. Applicants may fill in the application attached to this brochure, and send it (faxed preferred) to the Center for Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia School of Law. Alternatively, applicants may apply on-line through the COLP home page. In this case, applicants may still need to fax some of the materials necessary to complete the application process.

Deadline for applications is 1 May 2009. Incomplete or untimely applications will not be considered, absent extraordinary circumstances. Rolling admission is available to applicants not applying for travel grants or scholarships who may be notified promptly after receipt of a completed application. Applicants are informed of the Board's decision on scholarships no later than May 15, 2009. A non-refundable tuition of \$400 U.S. Dollars is required to reserve a place once an applicant is informed of acceptance to the academic session. Tuition includes registration fees and all course material.

A limited number of scholarships and an even more limited number of travel grants are available to students, based on high academic merit and financial need. The scholarships cover tuition as well as accommodations and half board (i.e. breakfast plus one other meal) expenses. In most instances, scholarships will be offered to students who are expected to share a double room. Applicants for travel grants or scholarships assistance are required to provide a verified statement of financial need in support of their application. Note that several scholarships and travel grants are earmarked especially for marine science for applicants from developing countries. On a case by case basis, the Academy is willing to consider applicants who cannot attend the full three sessions. Such applicants will not be eligible for travel grants or scholarships and not eligible for the Diploma or attendance Certificate.

All decisions on student admissions, travel grants and scholarships are made by the Directors.

Admission/Visas

Formal applications to the Academy are to be made through the Center for Oceans Law and Policy while the Aegean Institute assists students with visa applications to Greece.

Accommodations

Classes and accommodations are located near the Mediterranean Sea in Old Town, Rhodes.

Accommodations and half board for an anticipated 20 day stay (28 June to 18 July) in Rhodes are approximately €1,370 Euros for a single room and approximately €1,050 Euros for a shared room.

COLP Home Page

Additional information is available at <http://www.virginia.edu/colp/> including a complete roster of former students and faculty. Individual questions will be answered promptly via e-mail.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,
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