



Blue Crimes: Global Crime at Sea

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DESCRIPTION

Spend the morning with us and go around the world, learning how pervasive blue crimes are. Understand how they affect different populations and parts of the world differently and similarly.

AGENDA

1 Reforming UNCLOS: Addressing Global Ocean Governance Challenges in the 21st Century

Global maritime governance has depended on the principles set by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) since its creation. The foundational 1982 treaty faces increasing pressure from modern issues that it was not originally designed to manage. This presentation explores these vital challenges by evaluating the limitations of UNCLOS with impactful case studies from the Arctic, Mediterranean, and Pacific regions. The presentation will provide attendees with practical legal and technological strategies that aim to reform UNCLOS.

Dr. Pierpaolo Petrelli - Jindal School of Law, Jindal Global University, Sonipat, India

2 Ecocide & Blue Crimes: The Next Wave of Climate Justice

This session is an introduction to the emerging legal frameworks of ecocide—the widespread destruction of ecosystems—and blue crimes, which target our oceans and marine environments. Led by Dr. Zoi Aliozi, the session explores the legal and ethical implications of these often-overlooked crimes, examining recent developments in international law, real-world case studies, and the critical role legal professionals play in advancing environmental and climate justice. Participants will gain fresh insight into how criminal law is being reimagined to protect the planet.

Dr. Zoi Aliozi - ZA eConsultancy, Thessaloniki, Greece

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3 **Sailing Close to The Wind: The Emergence & Evolution of Fin Crimes and Its Impact On Small-Scale Fisheries in the Global North & Global South**

Fisheries crimes have risen to prominence on the international radar, as increasingly they pose significant ecological, social, and economic threats to both Global South and Global North States. Spanning a diverse range of illegal activities occurring throughout the fishing industry value chain, fisheries crimes belong to the environmental branch of blue crimes, and are usually associated with illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU). Utilizing examples from across the globe, the presentation will underscore that the growing nexus between fisheries crimes and organized crime networks within the marine space requires innovative and often indigenous solutions at the international, regional and national levels.

Alana Malinde S.N. Lancaster - Faculty of Law, The University of the West Indies, Bridgetown, Barbados

4 **The End of Piracy? Towards Reform for the Original International Crime**

The presentation will scrutinize the definition of "high seas piracy" (as defined in the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea) and analyze the history behind the definition. Moving towards present-day issues, the presentation will then deconstruct the problems inherent in the definition and will, ultimately, propose suggestions for future reform.

Dr. Mark Chadwick - Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK

5 **The Intersection of Iran's Water Crisis and Criminal Law: A Legal and Environmental Analysis**

Explore Iran's evolving water crisis through the lens of environmental policy, criminal law, and human rights. This session uncovers how legal loopholes, overlapping regulations, and systemic corruption have turned water scarcity into an urgent social and environmental challenge. Examine the roles of key regulatory bodies, highlight specific water-related offenses, and discuss the uphill battle faced by environmentalists and lawyers navigating Iran's judiciary. This presentation aims to spark dialogue on sustainable solutions that balance ecological needs with socio-political realities.

Dr. Shabnam Moinipour - Centre for Supporters of Human Rights, London, UK