The 11th South China Sea International Conference: Cooperation for Regional Security and Development

The 11th International Conference on the South China Sea hosted by the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV), the Foundation for East Sea Studies (FESS) and the Vietnam Lawyers' Association (VLA) took place in Ha Noi on 6-7 November, 2019.

This year Conference is an ambitious congregation armed with 6 plenaries and 6 roundtables. It includes 51 prominent speakers from 20 countries and territories, and a number of important keynote addresses by senior officials and leading experts. 280 participants, including ambassadors and head of representative office, attended the conference.

Below is the detailed programme of the Conference with video for each session and links to panelists' presenations:



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PROGRAMME

OPENING SESSION

- Opening Remarks by Mr. Nguyen N Quyen, President of the Vietnam Law Association
- Welcome Remarks by Assoc. Prof.
 Vu Tung, President of the Diplomatic

Academy of Vietnam

• Keynote Address by Dr. Le Hoai

Trung, Deputy Foreign Minister of Vie

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SESSION 1 (Plenary): South China Sea State of Affairs: Threats, Risl Opportunities

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Vu Tung, President of the Diplomatic Aca



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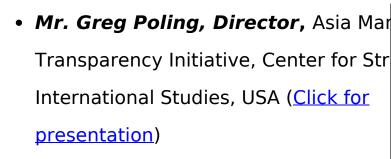
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This session is designed to identify threats, opportunities in the South China Sea in reregional peace and stability. Particularly, it is assessing behavior and activities of all concerned during the past year and how th affect inter-state relations and strategic sea the waterway of strategic importance. question for the panel is whether the South C state of affairs has improved or worsened, a have been the key factors that have influe developments on the ground.

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- Ms. Marites Danguilan Vitug, Rapp Philippines (<u>Click for Presentation</u>)
- Ms. Sumathy Permal, Fellow and He Center for Straits of Malacca, Maritime Institute of Malaysia, Malaysia (<u>Click fe</u> <u>Presentation</u>)
- Prof. Zhiyong Hu, Director, Institute
 International Relations, Shanghai Acad
 Social Sciences, China

Discussant: Dr. Bill Hayton, Associate Fell

Pacific Programme, Chatham House, UK

SESSION 2 (Plenary): South China Sea in Competing Visions

Moderator: Prof. Zhiyong Hu, Director, Institute of International Relati Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China

> The session is tasked with examining the im of the South China Sea in major player strategies or regional visions in a way to map how SCS is connected with their secu economic prosperity. Also, it is important to





the differences and similarities in their int and approaches to the South China Sea to understand the nature of their cooperation competition over relevant issues at this more time to come. The panelists are requested to the South China Sea from the perspectives countries' policies and strategies, either Road Initiative or Free and Open Indo-Pacific respective regional policies.

- Dr. Olli Pekka Suorsa, Research Fel Rajaratnam School of International Stu Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (<u>Click for Presentation</u>)
- Adm (rt) Yoji Koda, Japan Maritime
 Defense Force, Japan
- Dr. Nicola Casarini, Head of Program Asia, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy for Presentation)
- Dr. Ekaterina Koldunova, Deputy D School of Political Affairs and Departm



Asian and African Studies, MGIMO-Uni Russia (<u>Click for Presentation</u>)

Discussant: Dr. Le Dinh Tinh, Acting Direct General, Institute of Foreign Policy and Strate Studies, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

SPECIAL SESSION: 25 Years of the Law of the Sea Convention Panel: Quarter Century of Sea Charter



This session is designed a grand celebration of 25th anniversary of the entry into force of the Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, wh been the bedrock of the rules-based order at the last 25 years. It convenes a number of lea experts to examine the rise and relevance of framework which has been considered as the Constitution of the Ocean. The panelists are requested to have a look back on how UNCLO negotiated and agreed upon and assess the e of the convention over the last quarter of the The central question for all panelists is wheth UNCLOS 1982 are still fit for the present marin domain, and whether it should be renegotiated or wholly to accommodate new strategic seas

Keynote Address by Prof. Stanisla
 Michal Pawlak, Judge of ITLOS



- *Prof. Rüdiger Wolfrum*, Former President of IT Germany
- *Prof. Helmut Tuerk*, Former Vice President of Austria
- *Ms. Nguyen Thanh Ha*, Vice Secretary-Genera Society of International Law, Vietnam

Discussant: Prof. Robert Beckman, Director, the Center International Law, The National University of Singapore. Singapore

SESSION 4 (Plenary): South China Sea in Multilateral Forums Moderator: Prof. Leszek Buszynski, Visiting Fellow, the Strategic & De Studies Center (SDSC), Australian National University, Australia



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This panel reviews how the South China Sea raised and discussed in multilateral forums the United Nations, ASEAN, ASEAN+ 1, ASEAN Regional Forum, East Asia Summ aligned Movements... Based on that, the pan examine how these multilateral settings hav restrain different parties' behavior, pr conducive environment and mechanisms to f





management and resolution of the existing It is also tasked with assessing how ASE talks on the COC and implementation of have progressed, and which obstacles have re

Speakers:

- **Prof. Carl Thayer**, University of New Wales, Australia (<u>Click for Presentation</u>
- Dr. To Anh Tuan, Deputy Director Ge East Sea (South China Sea) Institute, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Vietnam (<u>Click for Presentation</u>)
- Dr. Udai Bhanu Singh, Senior Research
 Associate and Coordinator of the South
 Asia and Oceania Centre at IDSA, Indiator
 for Presentation)
- Mr. A. Ibrahim Almuttaqi, Head of A Studies Program, Habibie Center, Indo

Discussant: Prof. David Capie, Director of Center for Strategic Studies, Victoria Universi Wellington, New Zealand

DAY 2

Thursday - November 8, 2018

Concurrent Roundtables on Fixing Technicalities Of Maritime Cooperation The three roundtables convene leading scholars and policy practitioners to dis practical measures to avoid incidents, build up confidence and foster functional cooperation to preserve and grow fish stocks and conserve marine ecology an environment. It should be noted that these areas have been discussed extens both Track I and Track II forums, however the progress remained modest. Mos achievements are confined to seminars and conferences while actual cooperaamong maritime actors is limited. Therefore, panelists are tasked with discuss stumbling blocks and proposing mechanisms and course of actions necessary overcome them.

ROUNDTABLE 1: Reducing Grey Areas for Better Management Moderator: Prof. James Kraska, Charles H. Stockton Professor of Internatio U.S. Naval War College, USA



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- Adjunct Prof. Stanley B. Weeks, So Applications International Corporation USA (<u>Click for Presentation</u>)
- Prof. Hu Bo, Institute of Ocean Researce
 Peking University, China

- Lieutenant General (rt) Nguyen Q
 Dam, Former Commandant of Vietnar
 Guard, Vietnam
- Dr. Ha Anh Tuan, Assistant Director
 East Sea (South China Sea) Institute,
 Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Vietr

ROUNDTABLE 2: Preserving Fish Stock For Next Generations

Moderator: Dr. Lei Xiaolu, China Institute of Boundary and Ocean Studies, University, China



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Speakers:

 Mr. Morley Knight, International Fisl Management Consultant - Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Canada (<u>Click</u>)

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- Dr. Yan Yan, Director of Research Ce Maritime Law and Policy, National Inst South China Sea Studies, China
- Dr. Mudjekeewis D. Santos, Nation Academy of Science and Technology,

Philippines (Click for Presentation)

• Dr. Nguyen Khac Bat, Director of Re

Institute for Marine Fisheries, Vietnam

ROUNDTABLE 3: Saving the Ocean from Pollution

Moderator: Dr. Do Thanh Hai, Assistant Director General, East Sea (South Sea) Institute, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam



Speakers:

 Mr. James Borton, Non-Resident Fell Tufts University Science Diplomacy Cell Faculty Associate, the Walker Institute University of South Carolina, USA
 Dr. Chia-Ying Ko, Assistant Professon Institute of Fisheries Science, Nationa University, Chinese Taipei
 Ms. Fanny Quertamp, Country Senio Advisor, EU-funded project "Rethinkin plastics-circular economy solutions to litter" (Click for Presentation)
 Prof. Nguyen Chu Hoi, Chairman of Association of Marine Environment an Nature, Vietnam

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This session looks into the broader geopolitical arena of the Indo-Asia-Pacific region to trace down how issues and problems facing other maritime domains, particularly the East China Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and two polar regions, the Arctic and Antarctica. It also explores how geopolitical and geo-economic developments in these regions have interplayed with each other, and how the games and rules have been played out. It is clearly critical to understand how maritime politics influenced those on land and on the diplomatic and strategic thinking. **ROUNDTABLE 4: Contests In East China Sea** Moderator: Prof. Carl

Thayer, University of New South Wales, Australia



<image/>	 Dr. Tomotaka Shoji, Japan National for Defense Studies, Japan (Click for Presentation) Capt.(rt) Sukjoon Yoon, Senior Rese Fellow, Korean Institute for Military Aff Republic of Korea Prof. Yann-Huei Song, Institute of E and American Studies, Academia Sinio Chinese Taipei Dr. Cao Qun, Center for Maritime Sec and Cooperation, China Institute of International Studies, China (Click for Presentation)
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	Prague, Czech • Dr. Senia Febrica , Director, Maritime
	Programme, Indonesian Institute of Ad
	International Studies, Indonesia
ROUNDTABLE 6: Polar Regions: New Frontiers Moderator: Prof. David Capie, Director of the Center for Strategic Studies	
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	• Prof. Timo Koivurova , Director of A
	Center, Lapin Yliopisto, University of L
	Finland (<u>Click for Presentation</u>) • Dr. Yongwook Ryu, Assistant Profes
	Kuan Yew School, NUS, Singapore (<u>Cli</u> <u>Presentation</u>)
<u>(Concluding</u> <u>SESSION 7</u> - <u>Plenary 1): Incident</u>	

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Prevention and Confidence
Building
Moderator: Ambassador
Pham Quang Vinh, Former
Deputy Minister of Foreign
Affairs of Vietnam (TBC)



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<u>SESSION 8 (Concluding</u> Plenary 2): Strengthening

The panel is set up to brief the outcomes concurrent roundtables in Session 5 and dis feasibility of different ideas and proposals.

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<u>Foundation for Peace and</u> <u>Rules-Based Order</u> Moderator: Ambassador Le Cong Phung, Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam (TBC)

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Wellington, New Zealand

- Prof. Kong Lingjie, Deputy Director, Institute of. Boundary and Ocean Stuc Wuhan University
- Dr. Nguyen Hung Son, Director Gen

East Sea (South China Sea) Institute,



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Closing Remarks by Assoc. Prof. N
Vu Tung , President of the Diplomatic
Academy of Vietnam