LAWENVIR733 2011
International Fisheries Law

Lecturer Bio
Kerry Tetzlaff has taught law at the Universities of Cambridge, Trier (Germany), and Auckland. Kerry is a member of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law Specialist Group on Oceans, Coasts and Coral Reefs, and consults for governments, organizations and companies on issues of international and environmental law. She is rapporteur to the Yearbook of International Environmental Law on Oceania, the Indian Ocean Commission, France and the United Nations Environment Programme. She has published in various international journals and spoken at conferences and/or given lectures in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Norway, Italy, New Zealand, and the Cook Islands. Kerry studied law at Cambridge, Harvard, Melbourne, Auckland and the European University Institute. Prior to the move to academia, Kerry practiced law as a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand.

Course Outline
This course will focus on the legal framework for international fisheries as well as contemporary issues in international fisheries law. The first part of the course will examine the legal framework and "soft law" instruments relating to international fisheries. The legal regime for the conservation and management of fisheries located in the various maritime zones including the exclusive economic zone and high seas will be examined together with the rules for governing the conservation and management of highly migratory fish stocks and straddling fish stocks (fish stocks which occur within more than one maritime zone). The second part of the course will examine current and emerging issues in international fisheries law including illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries and trade, the access of developing States to high seas fisheries, the role/s of regional fisheries management organisations, and compliance and enforcement issues.

Syllabus
Principal topics will include:
Part I Legal Framework for International Fisheries
- United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (UNFSA)
- FAO Compliance Agreement
- FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries
- FAO International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

Part II Current and Emerging Issues in International Fisheries Law
- Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (IUU Fishing)
- Fisheries and climate change
- Fisheries and CITES
- Fisheries and trade (WTO)
- Developing States and high seas fisheries
- Regional fisheries management organisations
- Compliance and enforcement issues

Outcomes
Students who complete this course successfully should:
- Develop knowledge of the main rules and principles governing international fisheries
- Develop an understanding of the current and emerging issues in international fisheries law and be able to contribute to scholarly discussion of these issues
- Be able to discuss the overall efficacy of current international fisheries law.
Assessment
- 80% Research Essay (12,500 words due by 4.00 pm, Friday 7 October 2011); and
- 20% Class Participation (includes a presentation)

Course Details
Semester Two
Study Mode Intensive
Day 13-15 & 18-19 July
Time 9am – 4.30pm
Location Room 340, Building 810, 1-11 Short Street
Value 30 Points

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