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## SYMPOSIUM 30TH ANNIVERSARY UN CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

**10 December 2012**

**Venue** Gareth Evens Theatre  
Dept of Foreign Affairs & Trade  
RG Casey Building  
John McEwen Crescent  
Barton ACT

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The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea opened for signature on 10 December 1982 at Montego Bay, Jamaica. Thirty years on, the Convention has assumed the contours of universality—with 162 States Party. The achievements it embodies are immense. The drafters of the Convention strived to improve global security and justice among states, while recognising that the oceans and their finite resources should be dealt with holistically. It is a framework for dealing with the myriad ways in which humanity interacts with the oceans. The Convention has created a robust but flexible framework for balancing intricate relationships, such as those of coastal states and seafaring

nations, developing and developed states, as well as for balancing protection and preservation of the marine environment with sustainable use of the resources of the oceans. But significant challenges remain. As an island state, straddling three great oceans—the Pacific, the Indian and the Southern—Australia has fundamental and abiding interests in the strengthening and progressive development of the Convention regime.

Join Professor Ivan Shearer, one of the world's leading scholars on the law of the sea, together with a range of eminent practitioners and academics, as they consider the achievements of the last 30 years and the challenges of the future.

## PROGRAM (DRAFT)

9 – 9.15am	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> > DFAT speaker <i>tbc</i>
9.15 – 9.45am	<b>REFLECTIONS ON THE CONVENTION</b> > Professor Ivan Shearer
9.45 – 10.45am	<b>IMPLEMENTATION &amp; PRACTICE OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION</b> <b>The Enduring Relevance of UNCLOS for Maritime Security</b> > Professor Natalie Klein, Macquarie University <b>Freedom of Navigation</b> > Professor Stuart Kaye, University of Western Australia
10.45 – 11.15am	Break
11.15am – 12.45pm	<b>THE LAW OF THE SEA INSTITUTIONS</b> <b>The International Sea-Bed Authority</b> > Associate Professor Don Anton, The Australian National University <b>The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea</b> > Speaker <i>tbc</i> <b>The Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf</b> > Dr Phil Symonds
12.45 – 1.45pm	Lunch break
1.45 – 3.15pm	<b>CURRENT ISSUES &amp; FUTURE CHALLENGES IN THE LAW OF THE SEA</b> <b>The LOSC 30 Years On: The continuing enigma of the EEZ</b> > Associate Professor Tim Stephens, University of Sydney DSEWPaC <i>tbc</i> > Speaker <i>tbc</i> <b>Marine Genetic Resources in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction</b> > Dr David Leary, University of Technology Sydney <b>Conservation of Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction</b> > Associate Professor Robin Warner, University of Wollongong
3.15 – 3.45pm	Break
3.45 – 5pm	<b>AUSTRALIA AND THE LAW OF THE SEA</b> <b>Australia's Extended Continental Shelf</b> > Bill Campbell QC, AGD <i>tbc</i> <b>Aspects of Australia's Practice &amp; Prospects on Maritime Boundaries &amp; Fisheries</b> > DFAT speaker <i>tbc</i> <b>Title <i>tbc</i></b> > Dr Anthony Bergin, Australian Strategic Policy Institute <i>tbc</i>

## FREE REGISTRATION

Registration is free but limited places are available. Please note all registrants will be subject to security clearance at the venue. Registration must be received by **cob 6 December 2012** (late registrations will not be accepted). Lunch will not be supplied however facilities are available for participants to purchase their own.

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