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II TRAMEREN International Conference on

Frontiers in Ocean Environmental Governance: Private Actors, Public Goods

(Copenhagen, 17th and 18th September 2018)

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Center for Enterprise Liability (CEVIA), the Center for International Law, Conflict and Crisis (CILCC) **Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen** and the Frank Guarini Center, **School of Law, New York University** and the **Center for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)** and the **European Network Ocean Governance for Sustainability (OceanGov)** welcome proposals for paper presentations at the II TRAMEREN's International Conference on *Frontiers in Ocean Environmental Governance: Private Actors, Public Goods*, which will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark, on the 17th and 18th of September 2018.

Conference Background, Overarching Questions and Sessions

Building on the [First International TRAMEREN Conference](#) 2016 on maritime transport and climate change, the Second International TRAMEREN Conference aims to explore the intersections and limits of environmental ocean governance with specific focus on sustainable use of the oceans, including marine resources, and prevention of adverse impacts of climate change on the oceans.

The conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, including marine resources, is a key priority on the international agenda. In June 2017, the UN Conference *Our oceans, our future* was held in NY to foster the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and, in particular, the Sustainable Development Goal 14, adopted in 2015. As highlighted in the UN General Assembly Resolution, 'Our Ocean, Our Future: Call for Action', adopted in July 2017, presently ocean governance encounters many challenges. Gaps in the governance of the high seas, which make up more than 2/3 of the world's oceans, and which are areas beyond national jurisdiction under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, have contributed to significant environmental issues in oceans, some of which are a result of, or aggravated by, climate change.

In particular, governance of marine spaces beyond national jurisdiction, namely the high seas and the Area, presents a number of challenges with regard to, inter alia, marine environmental protection and prevention of impacts of climate change on the oceans. To address the challenges, as stressed in the Resolution of 2017, it is important to strengthen effective and transparent multi-stakeholder partnerships, including public-private partnerships.

Against that background, the Second International TRAMEREN conference seeks to explore new frontiers in public and private ocean governance, examining urgent emerging issues, such as the regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from shipping, the conservation of marine living resources, the use of the marine Arctic for extractive industries, and maritime transport issues. The Conference will focus on the role that private actors play in providing a way forward towards a sustainable use of the oceans.

Among others, the conference aims to address the **following questions**:

- How does the fragmented legal architecture governing the oceans relate to the effective conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources?
- What are the gaps in oceans environmental governance and existing legal frameworks and how can these gaps be addressed?
- How can international legal obligations at the interface of oceans and climate change be effectively implemented at the national and international level?
- What is the role of private and other non-state actors in oceans environmental governance?

The conference is organized around **five thematic sessions** addressing the following topics:

- 1) **Emerging Issues in International Oceans Governance and Private Actors**
This session will set the scene for the conference, providing an overview of the legal and governance issues and trends in oceans environmental governance. In particular, the interactions of different regimes, instruments, and actors, including theoretical underpinnings for private actors' role in environmental and climate change matters, will be highlighted.
- 2) **Sustainable Fisheries and Marine Resource Use**
This session will focus on fisheries and sustainable use of marine resources. In so doing, this session will explore the strategies for strengthening sustainable ocean-based economies. Papers addressing the use of the ocean as blue carbon and the impacts of ocean acidification also fit within this session.
- 3) **Maritime Transport**
This session will explore maritime transport and environmental governance-related matters. This session will also address themes such as the regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from shipping and frameworks for low-carbon and energy transitions for shipping.
- 4) **The Arctic**
This session explores the implications of an increasingly ice-free Arctic, including implications for extractive and maritime transport sectors, and marine pollution in the Arctic because of plastics, black carbon, particulate matter, and combustion of heavy fuel oil.
- 5) **Seabed Management**
This final session considers the effective governance of resources found in the deep seabed, which are subject to proposed mineral extraction, and which creates a number of legal and governance interfaces.

The conference is open to scholars from law and other social sciences with a research interest in ocean governance. The conference will include papers presented by invited participants (confirmed speakers include Michael Oppenheimer, Yoshifumi Tanaka, Katrina Wyman and Tristan Smith) as well as authors selected in the course of this call for papers.

Submission of Proposals

Proposals for paper presentations should deal with specific questions related to the overall theme of the conference.

The conference proceedings will be published in two ways:

1. A selection of papers presented at the conference will be published in a Special Issue of the Review of European, Comparative & International Environmental Law (RECIEL). All papers must conform to RECIELS' content scope and form, and will be processed through the journal's standard peer review procedures.
2. A selection of papers will be published in CIGI's paper series and a book is planned. CIGI's publications are peer-reviewed and CIGI Press books are distributed worldwide through McGill-Queen's University Press.

Further, presentations and short think pieces will be published at the TRAMEREN's conference website (www.trameren.dk).

Proposals should be submitted by the **15th of May 2018** to: beatriz.martinez.romera@jur.ku.dk, and include:

1. An abstract (max. 500-word) with a title, the author(s)'s name(s) and affiliation(s),
2. A biographical note / CV
3. Contact information
4. Please indicate what session of the conference your paper addresses (i.e., 1) International legal and policy framework; 2) Sustainable Fisheries and Marine Resource Use; 3) Maritime Transport; 4) The Arctic; 5) the Seabed)
5. Please indicate if you are interested in contributing a full paper (max 8.000 words) to the special issue of RECIEL or/and the CIGI's paper series and book.

Authors will be informed of the final decision by the **1st of June 2018**. The choice of proposals will seek to ensure a balanced representation of the various aspects of the conference theme.

Financing

There is no registration fee for the conference, and meals, coffee and refreshments will be covered for all the participants. Also, presenters and discussants will be invited to join the conference dinner on the 17th of September.

Travel costs and accommodation in Copenhagen could be covered for speakers, upon request and availability of funds. Participants coming from Inclusiveness Target Countries (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey) can – if their abstracts are selected for presentation – apply for travel and accommodation reimbursement through the *EU COST-Action on Ocean Governance for Sustainability - Challenges, Options and the Role of Science*. Please indicate your request for funding when submitting your paper proposal.

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