



Blue Economy and International Law – Marine Commodities in the 21st Century

25 & 26 September 2025

Venue: IBZ, Kiellinie 5, 24105 Kiel



Registration open
(until 15 September)

Thursday, 25 September

13:30 – 13:45

Welcome & Greeting

13:45 – 14:30

Keynote: The Turn Towards the Ocean – Legal Challenges for
Commodity Extraction (Frida Maria Armas Pfirter)

14:30 – 16:30

Panel 1: General Questions

The Legal Framework for the Blue Economy between
Interaction and Fragmentation (Assunção Cristas)

Diverse Approaches to Marine Commodities (Fernando Loureiro Bastos)

Blue Economy and the Common Heritage of Humankind as a
Principle for Marine Resources (Naiade El-Khoury)

17:00 – 18:30

Panel 2: Seabed Mining

Unilateral Approaches to Licensing Deep Seabed Mining in International
Waters and International Law (Joanna Dingwall)

The Call for a Moratorium on Deep-Sea Mining (Pradeep Singh)

Seabed Mining on the Continental Shelves (Maria das Neves)

Friday, 26 September

09:30 – 10:45

Roundtable Discussion: Chances and Challenges for Commodity
Extraction with *inter alia* Alexander Proelss, Christian Tietje

11:15 – 12:15

Panel 3: Polar Waters

Overview: Two Poles – Two Regimes (Anaïs Remont)

A Regime for Antarctic Mineral Extraction (Rüdiger Wolfrum)

Regulating Extractive Industries in Polar Waters (Timo Koivurova)

12:15 – 13:00

Open Discussion & Wrap-up, Farewell

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