

# Managing Transboundary Resources

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## Tutors:

- Mr John Donaldson, International Boundaries Research Unit
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# Introduction

Many of the world's international boundaries run through areas rich in natural resources, for which there is ever-increasing competition. Most states agree in principle that transboundary resources should be shared in an equitable manner and managed as efficiently as possible. However, in practice it is often very difficult to establish effective regimes that achieve these goals.

Led by a team of expert tutors, this innovative workshop will identify strategies and tools for the effective management of transboundary resources on land and at sea.

The workshop is preceded by a workshop on 20-22 July on the theme *Maritime Boundary Delimitation*, which may be of relevance to some participants. A discounted rate is available for participants who attend both workshops (see page 4 for details).

## Who should attend?

- Diplomats
- Legal advisers
- Boundary commissioners
- Energy officials
- Exploration and production managers
- Borderland planners and managers
- Water policy officials
- Fisheries managers
- Researchers & consultants

## Tutors



**John Donaldson** joined the International Boundaries Research Unit as a Research Associate in 2003. Since that time he has conducted archive research and written extensively on a variety of boundary issues. His current research examines the structure of historic and contemporary boundary commissions and their roles in boundary demarcation, border management and transboundary cooperation. John obtained an MA in International Boundaries from Durham University in 2002, and has just completed his PhD research on local boundary demarcation in southern Africa.



**Alex Munton** joined Wood Mackenzie's Middle East research team in 2006. His core research responsibilities cover the Northwest Arabia service, with a major focus on Iraq, Kuwait and Syria. He has written extensively on the oil and gas industries in these countries and has contributed to a number of consultancy projects concerning investment strategies in this region. Previous to joining Wood Mackenzie, Alex graduated with a PhD in International Relations from the Australian National University. His doctoral research investigated the offshore petroleum negotiations between Australia, the UN and East Timor.



**David M. Ong** is Reader in International and Environmental Law at the University of Essex, Law School. His research interests are located in the intersections between the Law of the Sea and International Environmental Law and he has published in these fields for the *American & European Journals of International Law*, as well as other academic and professional law journals, most notably on the subject of Joint Development of Offshore Oil and Gas Resources. As Co-Rapporteur to the International Committee on Outer Continental Shelf issues for the International Law Association, he is currently completing the final draft of the report on Article 82 of the 1982 UNCLOS that was presented at the last Biennial ILA Conference in Rio de Janeiro, in August, 2008. He has recently been appointed the (British) National Reporter to the International Academy of Comparative Law on 'The law applicable on the continental shelf and in the exclusive economic zone' to the 18th International Congress of Comparative Law.



After completing his PhD at Liverpool University on Scottish Highland geology, **Lindsay Parson** joined the former Institute of Oceanographic Sciences as a marine geologist/geophysicist studying tectonics of the ocean floor, evolution of continental margins and active plate boundaries; interests which involved participation in more than forty research cruises in all the world's oceans. Since the early 1990s Lindsay has led a research group at the UK's National Oceanography Centre specialising in technical aspects of the Law of the Sea, and the implications of maritime territorial rights and responsibilities on the exploitation of marine resources. He advises the UK Government on technical issues related to the Law of the Sea and has served on the Legal and Technical Commission at the United Nations International Seabed Authority. He is currently the head of the technical team preparing, presenting and defending the UK's four cases for areas of outer continental shelf as provided for by Article 76 of UNCLOS.



**Alistair Rieu-Clarke** is a lecturer at the UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science at the University of Dundee, specialising in international and European water law. Recent and on-going work includes two twinning projects between European and southeast Asian river basins, and an assessment of the role and relevance of the 1997 UN Watercourses Convention to EU and West African States. Alistair is author of *International Law and Sustainable Development: Lessons from the Law of International Watercourses* and has contributed to numerous projects and reports on transboundary water issues including *Transboundary Water Sharing: A Review of Best Practice* in 2005.

# Programme

Thursday 23 July	0900-0930	<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transboundary resources: a global survey</li><li>• Conflicts over transboundary resources</li><li>• The need for effective management</li></ul>
	0930-1100	<b>Principles of transboundary energy resource management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An obligation to cooperate?</li><li>• “Provisional arrangements of a practical nature”</li><li>• Unitisation across international boundaries</li><li>• Models for joint development</li></ul>
	1100-1130	<i>Refreshments</i>
	1130-1230	<b>Lessons from managing transboundary energy resources in the Middle East</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Survey of transboundary resources</li><li>• The geopolitical context</li><li>• Challenges in the exploitation of transboundary oil and gas</li><li>• Case study: the Kuwait-Saudi Arabia “Partitioned Zone”</li></ul>
	1230-1330	<i>Lunch</i>
	1330-1500	<b>Managing the resources of the outer continental shelf</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The significance of Article 82 of UNCLOS</li><li>• Managing resources which straddle the boundary between the continental shelf and the Area</li><li>• Managing resources which straddle the 200 nautical mile line on a state’s continental shelf</li><li>• Issues relating to areas subject to joint and/or coordinated submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf</li></ul>
	1500-1530	<i>Refreshments</i>
	1530-1630	<b>Case study: managing transboundary energy resources in the Timor Sea</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resource potential</li><li>• Arrangements between Australia and Indonesia</li><li>• Negotiations between Australia and East Timor</li><li>• Joint development in practice</li></ul>
	1630-1730	<b>Practical exercise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working in teams, participants will make recommendations for transboundary energy resource development and management regimes in a variety of settings</li></ul>
	1900	<b>Workshop dinner, Newcastle quayside</b>

Friday 23 July	0900-1030	<b>Transboundary water resource management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issues and challenges in managing transboundary waters and international rivers</li><li>• Legal frameworks for transboundary water management</li><li>• Evaluating optimal and equitable allocations</li><li>• Case studies</li></ul>
	1030-1100	<i>Refreshments</i>
	1100-1230	<b>Regimes for transboundary resource management: the role and value of mixed commissions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boundary commissions</li><li>• Transboundary energy commissions</li><li>• Transboundary water commissions</li><li>• Transboundary environmental commissions</li><li>• Resolving transboundary resource disputes</li></ul>
	1230-1330	<i>Lunch</i>
	1330-1530	<b>Practical exercise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working in teams, participants will seek to develop a transboundary resource management strategy in a fictional border landscape</li></ul>
	1530-1600	<b>Closing discussion and wrap-up</b>

## What will it cost?

The cost of the workshop will be £1,250 per participant. Fees for UK-based participants are normally subject to Value Added Tax (VAT) of 15%.

**A discounted rate of £2,495 is available to participants attending both this workshop and Maritime Boundary Delimitation (20-22 July; see separate flyer).**

We regret that payment can only be accepted in £ sterling. However, we are able to accept payment by most major credit and debit cards. Full payment **MUST** be received prior to the workshop to guarantee the booking.

In addition to tuition and all course materials, the fees cover the following:

- accommodation in a single en-suite room at Collingwood College for the nights of 22 and 23 July
- evening dinner on 22 and 23 July
- lunch and refreshment breaks on 23 and 24 July

**Accommodation for additional nights can be arranged at cost, subject to availability.**



Collingwood College – The workshop venue

## How to book

Places are limited and early booking is highly recommended:

- 1 Contact Jane Hogg at IBRU to confirm availability of places.
- 2 Once confirmed, please complete an online booking form at [www.durham.ac.uk/workshops/booking](http://www.durham.ac.uk/workshops/booking) or request a hard copy from IBRU.
- 3 Acknowledgement of the provisional booking will be sent by email (or letter/fax) with information on how to pay.
- 4 If payment is not received by the deadline specified, the place will be released. The original booking will be transferred to a waiting list and the place only confirmed when payment is received, if a place is still available.

## Other administrative information

### Venue

Workshop accommodation and teaching will be based at Collingwood College, which is part of Durham University (approximately 20 minutes walk from the City centre).

### Language

Teaching and workshop materials will be in English. We regret that we are unable to provide translation or interpreting services.

### Cancellation

Cancellations must be received in writing not later than Friday 3 July 2009, and will be subject to a £50 cancellation fee, unless a substitute participant is offered. After this date the full registration fee will apply. Substitutions for registered participants may be made at any time, but we would appreciate prior notification.

### Programme changes

IBRU reserves the right to modify the programme as may be necessary without notice to participants.

### Travel to Durham

Full details of the venue, plus maps and travel information will be sent to all participants following registration.



## Further information

If you have any questions about the workshop please contact:  
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