

IN THE SEAT: 60 MINUTES WITH
STEPHEN FIETTA



**MARITIME DELIMITATION, SOVEREIGNTY
DISPUTES AND INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION
– A PRACTITIONER'S PERSPECTIVE**

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AVAILABLE.

DATE 30 June 2016

TIME 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Registration begins at 3.00pm

VENUE Seminar Room I
Kuala Lumpur Regional
Centre for Arbitration
Bangunan Sulaiman, Jalan Sultan
Hishamuddin, 50000 Kuala Lumpur

PROGRAMME

- 3.00pm Registration
- 3.30pm Maritime Delimitation, Sovereignty
Disputes and International Arbitration –
A Practitioner's Perspective
by Stephen Fietta
Moderated by Dr Ioannis Konstantinidis
- 4.30pm Q&A Session
- 5.00pm Refreshment

Maritime delimitation and territorial sovereignty disputes are as numerous today as they ever have been. Pursuant to Article 2(3) of the UN Charter and customary international law, such disputes must be settled peacefully. International arbitration has a central role to play in the resolution of such disputes between sovereign States, whether via *ad hoc* proceedings or institutional proceedings under UNCLOS. This talk will address that role, from the perspective of a leading public international law and arbitration practitioner who was counsel to Barbados in the first ever UNCLOS maritime boundary arbitration. The talk will explore the advantages and disadvantages of arbitration of such disputes as against with other options (such as litigation at the ICJ or ITLOS), the challenges and practicalities of managing a major boundary and sovereignty arbitration and the practical questions that can arise in the context of post-award implementation. The talk comes as Southeast Asia awaits the final award in the UNCLOS arbitration between the Philippines and China. It will be of interest to all those watching that dispute, together with all those involved in arbitration and international dispute resolution generally.

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STEPHEN FIETTA

Stephen Fietta is the principal and founder of Fietta, an international law firm based in London. He has practised at the forefront of public international law, both within government and private practice, for almost 20 years. The 2016 Chambers Global directory ranks him as among the world's top 10 public international law practitioners.

Mr Fietta has advised States and others on sovereignty and maritime delimitation cases heard before the International Court of Justice, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and an UNCLOS arbitral tribunal. He was counsel to Barbados in the first ever maritime delimitation arbitration proceeding under Annex VII to UNCLOS. He also has an active investment disputes practice, having appeared as counsel to Malaysia in ICSID (World Bank) arbitration proceedings.

Mr Fietta is the co-author (alongside Dr Robin Cleverly, a leading law of the sea technical expert) of a new book entitled "A Practitioner's Guide to Maritime Boundary Delimitation" (2016). It is the first ever legal monograph published by OUP in colour.



DR IOANNIS KONSTANTINIDIS

Dr Ioannis Konstantinidis is the Head of Investment Treaty Arbitration and International Law at the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA). He has a BA from the University of Athens (Greece), an MA from the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po, Paris, France), an LLM (International Law and International Organisations) and a PhD (International Law) from the Sorbonne Law School (École de Droit de la Sorbonne/Université Paris I Panthéon – Sorbonne, Paris, France).

Prior to joining the KLRCA, Ioannis worked as an associate (international law/ international arbitration) at a leading public international law firm in London, where he advised and represented governments, international organisations and companies on a wide range of contentious and non-contentious public international law and related dispute resolution issues, including the protection of foreign investments under international investment agreements, treaty interpretation, law of the sea and natural resources, land and maritime boundary issues. Dr Ioannis has advised in connection with disputes heard at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), and at a multitude of *ad hoc* and institutional arbitral *fora*.

Before that, Dr Ioannis worked at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) and the United Nations (UN) – Office of Legal Affairs. He was also a Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (University of Cambridge) and at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law.