



The [Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law](#) (MPFPR) is pleased to invite papers for a special issue on the **Law of the Sea in the ASEAN Maritime Domain** to be prepared and published as part of the ongoing ASEAN-MPFPR Cooperation Project entitled “[Strengthening Regional Integration and the Implementation of a Rules-Based International Order in ASEAN](#)”.

Further information and submission guidelines can be found below.

Theme

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Foreign Ministers’ Statement of December 2023 “recognised the need to maintain and strengthen stability in the maritime sphere” in Southeast Asia and “underlined the importance of strengthening maritime cooperation and exploring new initiatives towards this end, as appropriate”. Likewise, the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific of 22 June 2019 fosters maritime cooperation in a wider Indo-Pacific region, with Southeast Asia laying at its centre. Universally recognised principles of international law, including those found within the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, are considered as the foundations upon which regional efforts in both domains will advance.

In the spirit of such efforts and understandings, this Special Issue will seek to reflect upon the progress and prospects of implementing and deepening the law of the sea in the practice of Southeast Asian States (including Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam). The guest editors welcome submissions addressing the contributions, challenges, best practices, or cooperation of Southeast Asian States in ocean governance within the Southeast Asia region, or beyond. Apart from possible pieces on the South China Sea disputes, contributions addressing novel and broader examples of successes and shortcomings for the law of the sea in Southeast Asia are particularly welcome. Similarly, contributions addressing the role played –or to be played– by the ASEAN Community in ocean governance are strongly encouraged. In addition, articles discussing regimes interacting with the law of the sea, such as international human rights law, including, e.g., labour standards at sea, as well as legislative drafting standards and techniques in a law of the sea context, are also highly appreciated.



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Diverse perspectives from academics, practitioners, policymakers, and legal experts, including co-authored submissions are welcome. Any queries or clarifications concerning possible submissions may be addressed to the guest editors who are happy to provide feedback.

Submissions

Abstracts of approximately 500 words, together with a short biography (max 200 words) should be submitted to the guest editors (honniball@mpfpr.de; pham@mpfpr.de; fedorov@mpfpr.de) by **20 June 2024**.

The editors will take a decision on the selection of papers by **4 July 2024** for publication in either a special issue of an academic journal or an edited volume. Full draft papers (5,000-12,000 words) are to be submitted by **1 October 2024**. The final version following peer review is due **15 January 2025** for an anticipated publication in **June 2025**.

Further information about the publication process will be shared in due course.

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