



Session 1: Monday 18th March

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COURSE OPENING

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LAW OF THE SEA AND OCEAN GOVERNANCE FUNDAMENTALS

Course Opening

- Opening remarks
- Welcome and introductions

Key lecture topics

- What is “governance”?
- The levels of governance
- Categories of global conventions
- Law of the Sea basics
- Examples of governance regimes

Preparatory materials

International Institute for Sustainable Development, [The Rising Pressures on Ocean Governance](#) (IISD Policy Brief, 2021) – with some introductory videos on, *inter alia*, [United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea](#) to dip into if you have time.

Joanna Mossop, [Can We Make the Oceans Greener? The Successes and Failures of UNCLOS as an Environmental Treaty](#), Victoria University of Wellington Law Review (2018)

Optional extra materials (*not compulsory*)

Lucia Fanning & Robin Mahon, [Governance of the Global Oceans Commons: Hopelessly Fragmented or Fixable?](#) (2020) (abstract only)

Daniela Diz, Carolina Hazin, Ben Boteler, Carole Durussel, [Glossary of Ocean Governance Terms](#), STRONG High Seas Project, 2022. (Useful reference during the course; in English, French, Spanish.)

Question (for reflection only, not written response)

Fanning and Mahon believe that fragmentation in ocean governance can be overcome. What do you think we, as ocean practitioners, need to do to make this happen?