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Other: Reykjavík (Iceland)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Researcher

Centre for Law on Climate Change and Sustainability [09/2022 – Current]

City: Reykjavík

Country: Iceland

Visiting Researcher

Arctic Centre - University of Lapland [08/2021 – Current]

City: Rovaniemi

Country: Finland

Visiting researcher in the Arctic Governance Research Group. Main activities encompass legal research on the law of the sea in the Arctic and Arctic governance.

Researcher

Stefansson Arctic Institute [20/02/2023 – 28/06/2024]

City: Akureyri

Country: Iceland

Compilation project on international and regional standards and case-law on Minorities and Indigenous Peoples under the supervision of Professor Guðmundur Alfreðsson.

Researcher

Stefansson Arctic Institute [08/2021 – 12/2022]

City: Akureyri

Country: Iceland

Compilation project on international and regional standards and case-law on Minorities and Indigenous Peoples under the supervision of Professor Guðmundur Alfreðsson.

Researcher

Stefansson Arctic Institute [03/2021 – 06/2021]

City: Akureyri

Country: Iceland

Compilation project on international and regional standards and case-law on Minorities and Indigenous Peoples under the supervision of Professor Guðmundur Alfreðsson.

Researcher

Stefansson Arctic Institute [05/2020 – 01/2021]

City: Akureyri

Country: Iceland

Compilation project on international and regional standards and case-law on Minorities and Indigenous Peoples under the supervision of Professor Guðmundur Alfreðsson.

TEACHING

Lecturer, Reykjavík University

[12/04/2024]

2 teaching hours in the course on International Law of the Sea

Topic: Law of the Sea in the Arctic, Selected Issues

Lecturer, Reykjavík University

[05/04/2024]

1 teaching hour in the course on International Law of the Sea

Topic: Marine Scientific Research

Lecturer, Reykjavík University

[16/02/2024]

2 teaching hours in the course on International Law of the Sea

Topic: Navigation

Lecturer, University of Akureyri

[31/01/2024]

2 teaching hours in the course the International Law of the Sea

Topic: Regional Implementation of the Law of the Sea in the Arctic

Lecturer, Reykjavík University

[13/04/2023]

2 teaching hours in the course on International Environmental Law in the Context of Climate Change

Topic: Conservation of Marine Living Resources

Lecturer, Reykjavík University

[02/03/2023]

2 teaching hours in the course on International Environmental Law in the Context of Climate Change

Topic: Arctic Environment

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Ph.D in Law

Reykjavík University [09/2022 – Current]

Thesis: Normative Impact of Climate Change on the Law of the Sea in the Arctic

LL.M Polar Law

Háskolinn á Akureyri (University of Akureyri) - Faculty of Law [07/2019 – 06/2021]

City: Akureyri

Country: Iceland

Thesis: Redefining Arctic Stakeholders: Integration of Asian States in Arctic Law and Governance (under the supervision of Professor Akiho Shibata, PCRC, Kobe University)

Link: <http://hdl.handle.net/1946/39069>

Master I - Droit International et Transnational

Université de Strasbourg - Faculté de Droit, de Sciences Politiques et de Gestion [08/2018 – 06/2019]

City: Strasbourg

Country: France

Licence Droit

Université de Strasbourg - Faculté de Droit, de Sciences Politiques et de Gestion [08/2015 – 07/2018]

City: Strasbourg

Country: France

PUBLICATIONS

Iceland — Bjarni Már Magnússon, Medy Dervovic

[2024]

in Rothwell, Lalonde, McGee, Bloom (eds), *Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Polar Law* (forthcoming)

Stefan Kirchner, Medy Dervovic, Laura Ulatowski, Sanna Kopra (eds), Arctic Policies of Non-Arctic States (LIT Verlag)

[2024]

The Contiguous Zone in the light of Alleged Violations of Sovereign Rights and Maritime Spaces in the Caribbean Sea (Nicaragua v. Colombia) — Bjarni Már Magnússon, Medy Dervovic

[2023]

in Andrew Serdy, Suzanne Lalonde (eds), *Research Handbook on the Law of the Sea* (forthcoming)

This chapter addresses the contiguous zone aspect of the 2022 *Alleged Violations of Sovereign Rights and Maritime Spaces in the Caribbean Sea* case that was brought by Nicaragua against Colombia before the International Court of Justice. The judgment is a landmark decision for the contiguous zone. It determines the customary status of Article 33 and 303(2) of UNCLOS concerning the contiguous zone. It discusses whether the legal regime of the contiguous zone has evolved and whether it is broader than the express powers identified in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. In addition, it answers how the contiguous zone and the exclusive economic zone interact when they overlap and finds that a coastal state may declare a contiguous zone which overlaps with the EEZ of another state. These issues are analyzed in the chapter and put in context with State practice and scholarly writings.

Law-Science Nexus in International Law-Making: Perspectives from Arctic Fisheries Governance — Medy Dervovic, Katharina Heinrich

[2023]

Nordic Journal of International Law, Volume 92, Issue 4

Integrating science in the making and implementation of international and regional treaties emerges as an essential component of modern and future international law-making amidst profound climatic, geophysical, and biological changes. The interplay between science and law (law-science nexus) within the international legal frameworks on climate change, biodiversity, and fisheries offers different levels of integration of science. Subsidiary scientific bodies play a key role in enabling the dialogue between scientists and law/policymakers. However, challenges persist, hampering the optimal implementation of the law-science nexus. Against this background and with comparative perspectives from the 2018 Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries Agreement, this article explores the evolution of the law-science nexus in international law-making, highlights current challenges (i.e., politicization of science, scientific uncertainty), and identifies opportunities to enhance this interplay. In shedding light on the importance of building efficient law-science nexuses, this article aims to inspire future international law-making to strengthen global and regional governance.

Messages from the First Inter-Polar Conference Connecting the Arctic with the Third Pole - the Hindu Kush Himalaya — Medy Dervovic, Kamrul Hossain, Deepshikha Sharma, Albert van Wijngaarden, Marco Volpe, Arun Bhakta Shrestha, Avash Pandey, Pradyumna Rana, Udayan Mishra, Kirsi Latola

[2023]

Current Developments in Arctic Law, Volume 11 (forthcoming)

How to Tackle Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Regionally: The Experience of the Arctic Council — Timo Koivurova, Medy Dervovic, Mikael Hildén, Stefan Kirchner, Kaarle Kupiainen, Malgorzata Smieszek

[2023]

in Yulia Yamineva, Kati Kulovesi, and Eugenia Recio (eds), *Reducing Emissions of Short-Lived Climate Pollutants: Perspectives on Law, Policy and Science* (Brill, 2023)

Link: <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004684089>

Regulating Arctic Scientific Research: The 2017 Agreement on Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation — Medy Dervovic

[2023]

in Kamrul Hossain (ed), *Arctic Law in 1000 Words* (University of Lapland)

Link: https://lauda.ulapland.fi/bitstream/handle/10024/65641/Dervovic_Medy.pdf?sequence=4

Territorial Rights and Maritime Zones — Stefan Kirchner, Medy Dervovic, Katharina Heinrich

[2023]

Global Encyclopedia of Territorial Rights

Link: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-68846-6_20-1

Snjólaug Árnadóttir. Climate Change and Maritime Boundaries: Legal Consequences of Sea Level Rise, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2022, pp. 304. ISBN: 978-1-316-51789-5 — Medy Dervovic

[2023]

Yearbook of Polar Law, Vol. 14

Book review

Montreux Convention — Stefan Kirchner, Medy Dervovic

[2023]

Global Encyclopedia of Territorial Rights

Link: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-68846-6_715-1

Legality of Military Activities in the Exclusive Economic Zone: Lessons from the 2020 Bering Sea Incident — Medy Dervovic, Pavel Tkach

[2022]

in Stefan Kirchner (ed), *Security and Technology in Arctic Governance* (LIT Verlag)

In a changing era deeply impacted by climate change, navigational, economic, and military activities are rapidly emerging in the Arctic. To avoid recreating conflicts involving competing uses of the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs), this chapter endeavors to analyze factually and legally Russian military maneuvers performed in the Bering Sea under the Ocean Shield 2020 exercises. In particular, the focus is placed on the incident between US-flagged fishing vessels and Russian military vessels and aircraft in the border area of the Russian and the US EEZs. While the legality of foreign military activities in the EEZ is subject to certain conditions in the international law of the sea, this chapter concludes that circumstantial elements related to prior notification through appropriate communication channels and the establishment of maritime exclusion/safety zones influence the aforementioned legality in practice. Eventually, lessons drawn from the analysis of this incident shall guide the shaping of safety and security dimensions of Arctic governance.

[Sharing Arctic Science: Applying the Common Heritage and Common Concern of Humankind in the Arctic — Medy Dervovic](#)

[2022]

Yearbook of Polar Law, Volume 13

Addressing climate change effectively and efficiently requires a more in-depth understanding of its impacts and the interrelationships between climate patterns around the world. Given the magnitude of climatic and oceanic changes in the Arctic, marine scientific research in this region is of particular interest to humankind as it would improve mitigation and remediation strategies. The application of the Common Heritage and Common Concern of Humankind principles to Arctic Science aims at enhancing international scientific cooperation in the Arctic and generalizing the sharing of Arctic Scientific Data and Results. Despite exhibiting inherent conceptual limitations, both concepts show potential to legally and inclusively frame the Sharing of Arctic Science for the benefit of humankind. Moreover, this application contributes to the debate on a *sui generis* concept reflecting the need to face future challenges of climate change for the sake of humankind.

Almost Arctic? Protecting the Baltic Marine Environment Through International Law — Stefan Kirchner, Medy Dervovic

[2021]

Strani Pravi Život / Foreign Legal Life, Volume 65, Issue 4

The Baltic Sea, the heart of the Baltic region, is one of the most polluted seas worldwide. For the countries of the Baltic region, the relative importance of the Baltic Sea varies, but all coastal states of the Baltic Sea use the sea and influence it through their manifold activities. The protection of the Baltic Sea therefore is a shared concern for the coastal states. This shared concern has led to the emergence of a specific international legal régime governing the Baltic Sea. In this text, current threats to the Baltic Sea's natural environment and the international legal measures that are taken to protect the sea are described, in particular with a view to possible improvements. Particular emphasis will be placed on the northernmost part of the Baltic Sea, the sub-Arctic Bay of Bothnia that faces particular environmental challenges.

[Comparing Japan's Arctic Policy with Those of China and the Republic of Korea: The Rule of Law, International Cooperation, Business Opportunities, and Indigenous Peoples] (in Japanese) — Medy Dervovic, Akiho Shibata

[2022]

ArCS II International Law Briefing Paper Series, No.4

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Reporting from the First Inter-Polar Conference Connecting the Arctic with the Third Pole (Kathmandu, Nepal, 2023)

[Arctic Circle, Reykjavík, Iceland, 21/10/2023]

Early-Career Scholars & Ocean Law: Second Edition

[Reykjavík, Iceland, 18/10/2023]

Organizer and Chair

Link: <https://www.ru.is/vidburdir/early-career-scholars-ocean-law-seminar>

First Inter-Polar Conference: Connecting the Arctic with the Third Pole

[Kathmandu, Nepal, 06/09/2023 – 09/09/2023]

Invited speaker and co-organizer.

Book Workshop: Arctic Policies of Non-Arctic States, eds. Stefan Kirchner, Medy Dervovic, Laura Ulatowski

[Rovaniemi, Finland, 11/05/2023]

Chair of the event.

NCLOS Research Lunch Seminar

[Tromsø, Norway, 27/04/2023]

Invited to present my ongoing research.

Early-Career Scholars & Ocean Law

[Reykjavík, Iceland, 14/10/2022]

Organizer -

Presenter - "Normative Impact of Climate Change on the Law of the Sea in the Arctic - PhD Project Description".

Link: <https://www.ru.is/haskolinn/vidburdir-hr/allir-vidburdir/early-career-scholars-ocean-law>

CArGo Conference Transitions in Climate Arctic Governance

[Copenhagen, Denmark, 09/2022]

Presenter - "Law of the Sea in a Transitioning Arctic: To Change or Not to Change?"

NAMMCO Marine Mammals Student Symposium

[Tromsø, Norway, 03/2022]

Presenter - follow-up presentation on the law-science nexus in international law and discussion with natural scientists

11th Annual Conference of the Cambridge International Law Journal

[Cambridge, United Kingdom, 02/2022]

Presenter - "Law-Science Nexus in International Law-Making: Perspectives from Arctic Fisheries Governance" (co-presented with Katharina Heinrich)

SNU GSIS Debate Club

[Seoul, Republic of Korea, 04/2021]

Invited Speaker - "Legal Framework Shaping the Future of Arctic Fisheries"

GSICS International Law Seminar

[Kobe, Japan, 11/2020]

Presenter - Presentation of the structure and progress of my LL.M thesis "Redefining Arctic Stakeholders: Integration of Asian States in Arctic Law and Governance"

13th Polar Law Symposium

[Kobe, Japan, 10/2020]

Presenter - "Sharing Arctic Science: Applying the Common Heritage and Common Concern of Humankind in the Arctic"

Model Arctic Council 2020

[Akureyri, Iceland, 02/2020]

Representing the United States in the Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME) Working Group in a simulation of the Arctic Council. The theme was marine protected areas.

Arctic Circle Workshop

[Reykjavík, Iceland, 10/2019]

Selected to participate in a workshop on sustainability and climate change in the Arctic, hosted by the Norwegian Embassy in Iceland and connected to the 2019 Arctic Circle Assembly.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **French**

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1

Serbian

LISTENING B1 READING A2 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B1 SPOKEN INTERACTION B1

Spanish

LISTENING B1 READING C1 WRITING B1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B1 SPOKEN INTERACTION B1

German

LISTENING B1 READING A2 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A1

Russian

LISTENING A1 READING A1 WRITING A1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A1 SPOKEN INTERACTION A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user