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Fairness in the law of the sea, and the quest for inclusion

To honour the legacy of its former director, the Walther Schücking Institute invites renowned international law scholars for an annual lecture in the spirit of Walther Schücking, who as a researcher, politician and judge advocated the idea of peace through law and international cooperation.

This year’s lecture will be given by Professor Liesbeth Lijnzaad, who is one of the leading experts in the international law of the sea. In addition to being a professor at Maastricht University, Professor Lijnzaad has gained extensive practical experience in the international law as Legal Advisor and Head of the International Law Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, agent for the Netherlands at different international courts and tribunals and, since 2017, as a Judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg. Her publications cover a wide range of topics – inter alia naval warfare, cultural property, biodiversity, the nomination of female judges to the bench, and different aspects of the peaceful settlement of disputes – but all share the common ground that peace relies firmly upon international law.

In her lecture Liesbeth Lijnzaad will elaborate upon the question of fairness in the law of the sea. The central theme of the lecture is how and to what extent the law of the sea is “fair” in the sense of treating people and diverse interests the oceans in a balanced manner. Who is in, and who is out and why? Is fairness a relevant standard to discuss issues of inclusion in the law of the sea? The questions will be be discussed in the context of procedural law, the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and finally with regard to those issues which are not addressed by the Convention.

The lecture and discussion will be in English.

Donnerstag, 3. November 2022, 17–20 Uhr
Christian-Albrechts-Platz 2 (Audimax), Hörsaal A

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