

INTERNATIONAL RULES ON THE USE OF FORCE: IMPLICATIONS FOR RUSSIA + UKRAINE, CHINA + SOUTH AND EAST CHINESE SEAS

INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION (AUSTRALIAN BRANCH)

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Speaker: Dr Alison Pert

The seminar will cover the history and extent of the maritime territorial claims of China in this area, the competing claims from other states in the region, the arbitral proceedings brought by the Philippines, and the legal status of the islands being created or expanded through Chinese dredging and land reclamation. Dr Pert will also briefly review the recent history of Russia's intervention in Ukraine, focussing on the legal justifications advanced by Russia. In light of the status of Russia and China as permanent members of the UN Security Council, protected from Security Council censure by their veto power, Dr Pert will raise the question of the role of international law, and the UN Charter system of collective security in particular, in this new post-post-Cold War era

Dr Alison Pert lectures in international law at the University of Sydney, and specialises in the law on the use of armed force and international humanitarian law. In this talk she will outline the international legal issues raised by the recent actions by China in the South China Sea, and reflect on the implications of those actions, and those by Russia in Ukraine, on the future of international law and the UN Charter system.

DETAILS

- Date: 20th of August 2015
- Time: 5:30 for a 5:45pm start
- Venue: Marque Lawyers, Level 4, 343 George Street, Sydney
- Cost: Free admission
- RSVP to Phoebe Saintilan [phoebesaintilan@gmail.com] by the 18th of August

