LISBON CONFERENCE - *Preparing for sea level rise*

18 November 2022

Lisbon, Portugal – Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon (Alameda da Universidade, 1649-014 Lisboa)

9:45 – 10:00 – Opening

- Patrícia Galvão Teles
- Davor Vidas
- Fernando Loureiro Bastos

10:00 – 10:30 – Introductory talk

- Clive Schofield – A scientific/geographical/legal perspective on sea level rise

10:30 – 11:45 – ILA Committee on International Law and Sea Level Rise: preliminary conclusions and the work ahead

- Davor Vidas – Levels of responses to sea level rise: an introduction
- David Freestone – State practice in the context of sea level rise: impacts on treaty interpretation or the creation of customary law?
- Elisa Fornalé – Sea level rise: the challenges to the concept of statehood and the rights of affected populations
- Davorin Lapaš – Sea level rise and dilemmas of international legal personality
11:45 – 12:15 – Coffee-break

**12:15 – 13:30 – Discussion of the sea level rise topic at the International Law Commission**

- *Patrícia Galvão Teles* – Introduction
- *Walter Kälin* – A comment on the Second Issues Paper
- *Sean Murphy* – Comments
- *Giuseppe Nesi* – Comments

13:30 – 15:00 – Lunch

**15:00 – 16:15 – Dealing with damages from sea level rise**

- *Daniela Martins Pereira da Silva* (PhD student/CIDP) – An overview of the available international liability mechanisms and their shortcomings
- *Lisa Benjamin* (online) – Loss and damage mechanism (Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage)
- *Duygu Çiçek* – International financial support for responses to sea level rise

16:15 – 16:45 – Coffee-break

**16:45 – 18:00 – Sea level rise and conflict resolution mechanisms**

- *Shiyue Lu* (PhD student/CIDP) – An overview of the available conflict resolution mechanisms and their shortcomings
- *Vasco Becker-Weinberg* – The need and the possibility of creating a specific international court for environmental issues
- *Margaretha Wewerinke-Sing* (online) – International Court of Justice and International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea possible advisory opinions on sea level rise