



**THE 16th ANNUAL MARITIME LAW AND POLICY RESEARCH
CONFERENCE 2026**

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PROGRAMME

08:30 **Registration and Tea/Coffee, The Law Lecture Theatre Foyer (TLG11), The City Law School Building, City St George's, University of London, Goswell Road**

08:45 **Order of Programme, Cyril Uchenna Amaefule, City St George's, University of London
Welcome Address, Professor Jason Chuah, City St George's, University of London, UK**

Session One – The Maritime Geopolitical Arena

Chair: Professor Jason Chuah, City St George's, University of London, UK

09:00 *Strengthening the Security of Undersea Cables: The Case of Taiwan*
(Dr. Yachi Chiang, Deputy Representative, Taipei Representative Office, UK)

09:15 *Beyond the Ivory Tower: Assessing the Erosion of Traditional Maritime Law in the Strait of Hormuz*
(Dr. (Sir) Craig Laverick, Northumbria University, UK)

09:30 *Türkiye's Becoming Party to the International Convention on the Law of the Sea: Identifying the Basis of Its Approach in Light of Recent Practice*
(Dr. Teoman Uykur, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Türkiye)

09:45 *Ships Are the New Chips*
(Dr. Trisha Rajput, University of Gothenburg, Sweden)

10:00 Discussion

Session Two – Peripheral Interactions with The Maritime Regimes

Chair: Associate Professor Abhinayan Basu Bal, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

10:15 *Exploratory Case Study of Maritime Piracy Responses in Nigeria, Ghana and Togo along the Gulf of Guinea*
(Nwenenda Chinda, University of Derby, UK)

10:30 *Reassessing the Boundary Between the Maritime Code and the Civil Code in Chinese Multimodal Transport Liability*
(Zihao Xu, University of Southampton, UK)

10:45 *Applicability of the CLC and the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage to Mobile Offshore Drilling Units*
(Eylül İrem Çavuşoğlu Koyunco, Ankara University, Türkiye)

11:00 *GNSS Interference at Sea: Navigational Disruption to Evidentiary Corruption in IMO Cyber Risk Governance*
(Bikashita Choudhury, National University of Singapore)

11:15 **BREAK**

Session Three – Sustainable Maritime Sector

Chair: Dr. Pia Rebelo, City St George's, University of London, UK

- 11:30 *Maritime Decarbonization and Economic Security at the Ship-Port Interface*
(Associate Professor Abhinayan Basu Bal, University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
- 11:45 *From Regulation to Strategy: How FuelEU Maritime Impacts the Norwegian Shipping Fleet*
(Associate Professor Erna Engebretsen, BI Norwegian Business School, Norway)
- 12:00 *The Legal Framework for the Decommissioning of Offshore Wind Farms in the United Kingdom*
(Refia Nur Yagmur, Ankara University, Türkiye)
- 12:15 *Climate Non-Compliance at Sea: Liability and Enforcement in Maritime Decarbonization*
(Swati Rani, Devi Ahilya Viswavidyalaya, Indore, India)
- 12:30 Discussion
- 12:45 **LUNCH BREAK**

Session Four – Tech and Shipping

Chair: Associate Prof Katherine Reece Thomas, City St George's, University of London, UK

- 13:45 *The Liability Regime for MASS Owners and RCC Owners*
(Xiaofei Yue, University of Southampton, UK)
- 14:00 *Reallocating Responsibility in Autonomous Shipping: Remote Operation Centre and Carbon Emissions Governance*
(Lan Ma, University of Reading, UK)
- 14:15 *Reconceptualizing Seaworthiness and Cyber-Worthiness in Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships*
(Chang-Wei Zang, University of Glasgow, UK)
- 14:30 Discussion

Session Five – Human Considerations

Chair: Cyril Uchenna Amaefule, City St George's, University of London, UK

- 14:45 *Criminalization of Seafarers – A Conundrum of Fairness and Effectiveness*
(Dr. Julia Lessa, University of Essex, UK)
- 15:00 *Governing the Seas, Forgetting the Victim: Toward a Victim-Centric Turn in Maritime Law*
(Shambhavi Gour, Amity University, Haryana India)
- 15:15 *Stranded for Commerce: Seafarers' Rights in an Age of Crisis*
(Oltea Kaltsouni, Queen Mary University of London, UK)
- 15:30 Discussion
- 15:45 **BREAK**

Session Six – Liability Matters in Shipping

Chair: Mr Jeffrey Thomson, City St George's, University of London, UK

- 16:00 *The Doctrine of Seaworthiness in the Context of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships*
(Sharon Msiza, Dalian Maritime University, China)
- 16:15 *Who Sends a Cruise Ship to Sea, and Does it Matter?*
(Dariusz Goździk, Captain/Solicitor (non-practicing,) UK)
- 16:30 *The Coherence of Negligence in the Age of Autonomous Shipping: Fault-Based Liability and Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships*
(Albin Dangardt, Lund University, Sweden)
- 16:45 *Digital Twins and Rethinking Good Weather in Speed and Consumption Warranties*
(Dr. Raphael Esu, University of Hertfordshire, UK)
- 17:00 Discussion
- 17:15 Closing Remarks and Thanks from Cyril Uchenna Amaefule, The City Law School

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