

Hong Kong Centre for Maritime and Transportation Law *presents a public seminar on* **The Nairobi Wreck Removal Convention**

Date : Thursday, 23 February 2012
Venue : LT-16, 4/F, Academic 1, City University of Hong Kong
Speaker : Professor Craig Forrest
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Language : English
Programme :
6:30 pm Opening Remarks
6:35 pm Seminar
7:05 pm Tea Break
7:20 pm Seminar (continued)
7:50 pm Questions and Answers
8:05 pm Closing Comments
8:15 pm Presentation of Souvenir and Group Photo

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Abstract:

The Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks was adopted in 2007, having effectively taken almost 40 years to develop. This seminar considers the development of the Wreck Removal Convention, and critically considers its two main aims. First, it seeks to extend the powers of a coastal State to protect its marine and coastal environment and ensure that navigation to and from its ports is unhindered by having a hazardous wreck removed from any waters within 200nm from its coastline. Secondly, the Convention not only empowers a coastal State to have such a wreck removed, but to do so at the shipowner's expense, at the same time ensuring that shipowners are able to cover this possible expense through a system of compulsory insurance. It places significant obligations in respect of the reporting, location, marking and removal of wrecks not only on States but also on shipowners. Finally, this seminar considers the Wreck Removal Convention in the context of the International Maritime Organization's long term agenda to deal with the problem of developing a sufficiently rigorous system of providing financial security for pollution claimants.

Biographical Note:

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Craig Forrest teaches and undertakes research in the areas of private international law, cultural heritage law and maritime law. His current research interest focuses on the international law applicable to wrecks, and has published a number of articles on the subject, most recently in *Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly*. He was a member of the South African delegation to the UNESCO meeting of experts to draft the international convention on the protection of underwater cultural heritage from 1998-2000, was a Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge in 2005, and recently was awarded a *Universitas 21* Fellowship to undertake collaborative research at the University of Nottingham. He is a member of the International Law Association's International Committee on Cultural Heritage Law, the lead-editor of *LAWASIA Journal*, associate editor of the *Australian International Law Journal* and on the editorial board of the *World Maritime University Journal of Maritime Affairs*. Prior to joining the University of Queensland, he worked at Kings College and Holborn College, London and the Universities of Wolverhampton and Teesside. He has also taught courses in South Africa, Hong Kong and Republic of Korea. Before turning to the law, he served as a naval officer in the South African Navy.



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