

Managing Editor's Comments

Welcome to Volume 5, No. 2, the summer/fall 2018 issue of the *Journal of Territorial and Maritime Studies*. *JTMS* is particularly delighted to publish this volume with a new editor, Professor Ajin Choi (Yonsei University). The editorial team of *JTMS* will continue to endeavor to contribute to interdisciplinary study relating to territorial and maritime issues.

Three key phrases represent this volume of *JTMS*: maritime space, dispute settlement and international law. All five articles in this volume deal with maritime issues, which shows the great interest of scholars in this space.

The first article is Valentin J. Schatz's "The Contribution of Fisheries Access Agreements to the Emergence of the Exclusive Economic Zone: A Historical Perspective." This article concerns the exclusive economic zone (EEZ), one of the most troubled maritime zones. Much has been said about the emergence of the EEZ under international law so far. Schatz, however, shows the originality of his research by focusing on the role of fisheries access agreements (FAAs) in the creation of the concept of the EEZ. This interdisciplinary approach—legal and historical—results in interesting insights on the concept of the EEZ.

Brian McGarry's article, "The Settlement of Maritime Boundary Disputes in Southeast Asia and Oceania: A Synthesis in Light of Indonesian Practice," chooses Indonesia's practice on maritime delimitation as a case study. McGarry infers notable findings from this by assessing the utility of various modalities that Indonesia used for its delimitation. These findings are expected to provide practical information for those who engage in maritime delimitation as well as academics.

The third and fourth articles deal with a common topic from different perspectives. Diego Mejía-Lemos and Edgardo Sobenes Obregon analyze *res judicata* in the International Court of Justice's cases particularly concerning maritime delimitation. Both articles—Mejía-Lemos' "The Principle of *Res Judicata*, Determination by 'Necessary Implication,' and the Settlement of Maritime Delimitation Disputes by the International Court of Justice" and Sobenes Obregon's "*Res Judicata* and the Test of Finality"—adopt as a methodology a comparative case study of the International Court of Justice. Both articles provide remarkable conclusions on the identification of conditions for *res judicata*. However, they are also distinguishable: while Mejía-Lemos analyzes the conditions for *res judicata* to be applied in relation to "necessary implication," Sobenes Obregon studies the same by using a "test of finality." It should prove an interesting experience for readers to read and compare these two topically-similar, but different articles.

The last article in this volume is Joshua Nash's "Inside(r)-Outside(r): Linguistics, Sociology, and the Microterritoriality of Maritime Space on Pitcairn Island." This research represents the basis of the author's field work on Pitcairn Island and invites readers to explore linguistic, cultural and island studies.

The editorial team of *JTMS* expresses our sincere thanks to our readers for your interest. We always make our best effort to discover insightful research concerning territorial and maritime issues.

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