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Bio-sketch

Mr. Ravin holds a degree in law from the Royal University of Law and Economics Sciences in Phnom Penh. Upon completion of his studies, Mr. Ravin began working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, in the General Department for ASEAN, where he continues to work today as the Bureau Chief of ASEAN Regional Forum Division. His responsibilities include, inter alia, security issues of the ASEAN Dialogue Partners, the Treaty on the Southeast Asian Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (SEANWFZ) and the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC).

Fellowship Host Institutions and Supervisors

1. Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, The Max Plank Institute (Dr. R. Wolfrum)
2. The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (TBD)

Research Abstract

Law of the Sea: Maritime Boundaries and Disputes Settlement Mechanism

This work focuses on the maritime zones under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), into which the author looks at all the sea zones stipulated in UN Conventions, such as baselines, internal water, territorial sea, continuous zone, continental shelf, exclusive economic zone, high sea, the area and archipelagic waters. Consideration is equally had of the maritime boundary claims in the Gulf of Thailand, in which all claims, both formal and informal, and agreements made by the four coastal states bordering the Gulf, are critically studied. The work will equally give a critical examination of the equidistance principle of maritime boundary delimitation. In this respect, the delimitation of maritime boundary between the opposite and adjacent coastal states will be studied. The practice of maritime boundary delimitation, in which some maritime boundary agreements and maritime boundaries are adjudicated by international tribunals, or by arbitration, as the case may be. Lastly, the research focuses on international institutions concerned with the settlement of sea disputes. Here, the organization, role, and practices of the institutions stated in UNCLOS to have jurisdiction over maritime disputes shall be analyzed. These include the International Tribunal for Law of the Sea, International Court of Justice, Arbitration and Special Arbitration.

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