



Invitation

On the occasion of the International Law Week

Please join the

Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations

At a

Panel Discussion

On

**The Importance of Navigational Rights and Freedoms
in International Law**

Thursday October 31, 2018

9:00 – 9:45 AM

UNHQ Conference Room 6

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The Importance of Navigational Rights and Freedoms in International Law

The freedom of navigation has long been of concern to scholars and practitioners of international politics. Increasing tensions around the world, including in the Strait of Hormuz or the South China Sea, have recently propelled the issue to the forefront of global foreign and security policy making. Yet, despite the frequent invocation of threats to the 'freedom of navigation', or to concepts such as 'innocent passage' or 'transit passage', the substance of this matter remains ambiguous and the nature of the threatened order unclear. Starting from the original provisions on navigational regimes in international law, this panel will analyze the meanings that officials, courts, tribunals and academics have been attributing to the freedom of navigation and related rights and contextualize them in the evolving debate about these topics.

After the presentations, the floor will be open for the audience to engage in an interactive exchange with the Panelists.

Panelists:

Prof. **Jean-Marc Thouvenin**, Secretary-General, The Hague Academy for International Law

Prof. **Sean Murphy**, President of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) member of the International Law Commission

Prof. **Concepción Escobar Hernández**, Chair in Public International Law (UNED) and Member of the International Law Commission