

# CONFLICT IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

May 6-7, 2016

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### FRIDAY MAY 6, 2016

08:30 – 09:00 Registration / Coffee and Breakfast Buffet

09:00 – 09:20 OPENING REMARKS

**Michael Dove** (School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University)

**Erik Harms** (Department of Anthropology, Yale University)

09:20 – 09:45 PHOTO SESSION / Tea and Coffee

### PANEL 1 HISTORIC ISSUES OF DISPUTE ON THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

#### Moderators:

**Bradley C. Davis** (Eastern Connecticut State University)

**Michele Thompson** (Southern Connecticut State University)

#### Presenters:

09:45 – 10:15 **Chris P.C. Chung** (University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada):

*“Of dots and dashes: the history of China’s u-shaped line claim”.*

10:15 – 10:45 **Bill Hayton** (Associate Fellow, Asia Programme, Chatham House):

*“Maps, myths and the making of China’s maritime geobody”.*

10:45 – 11:15 **Tran Duc Anh Son** (Visiting Fellow, Council on Southeast Asia Studies, Yale University):

*“Historical documents and ancient maps issued by Western countries and by China show Vietnam’s sovereignty over Hoang Sa (Paracels) and Truong Sa (Spratlys)”*

11:15 – 11:45 **Enrico Fels** (Research Fellow, University of Bonn, Germany):

*“Power politics in Asia’s most troubled water. The disputes in the South China Sea and a helpful lesson from Europe’s past”.*

#### Discussants:

11:45 – 12:30 **Ta Van Tai** (Retired, Harvard Law School, Harvard University)

**Edward Miller** (Dartmouth University)

12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH (Buffet)

## **PANEL 2 THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND ITS GEOPOLITICS**

### Moderators:

**Ivan Small** (Central Connecticut State University)

**Bill Hayton** (Associate Fellow, Asia Programme, Chatham House):

### Presenters

13:30 – 14:00 **Daniel Schaeffer** (Asia think-tank 21, France):

*“Why China wants the South China Sea for itself alone”*

14:00 – 14:30 **Carlyle A. Thayer** (University of New South Wales, Australia):

*“South China Sea: The strategic implications of China’s artificial islands”.*

14:30 – 15:00 **Ngo Vinh Long** (Maine University):

*“Vietnam’s geopolitical position and crisis resolution in the South China Sea”*

15:00 – 15:15 *Tea / Coffee Break*

15:15 – 15:45 **Aileen S.P. Baviera** (University of the Philippines, Philippines):

*“The geopolitical quandaries in the South China Sea: Implications for the Philippines, China and the US”.*

15:45 – 16:15 **Harry Kazianis** (Fellow for National Security Policy at the Potomac Foundation):

*“Shamefare’: A new United States strategy for the South China Sea”.*

### Discussants:

16:15 – 17:30 **Hong Nong** (Director, Institute for China-American Studies, Washington D.C.)

**Nayan Chanda** (Yale Global Online)

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## **SATURDAY MAY 7, 2016**

8:30 – 09:00 *Coffee and Breakfast Buffet*

## **PANEL 3 LAWFARE ON THE SOUTH CHINA SEA CONFLICT**

### Moderators:

**Erik Harms** (Yale University)

**Mitch Aso** (SUNY, Albany)

Presenters:

09:00 – 09:30 **Hong Nong** (Director, Institute for China-America Studies, Washington D.C.):

*“Post-arbitration implication in the South China Sea: The role of UNCLOS”*

09:30 – 10:00 **Patrick M. Cronin** (Asia-Pacific Security, Center for a New American Security):

*“A roadmap for a rules-based order in the South China Sea”*

10:00 – 10:30 **Ta Van Tai** (Harvard Law School, Harvard University):

*“Vietnam’s lawfare for claiming territorial sovereignty and maritime rights in the South China Sea”.*

10:30 – 10:45 *Tea / Coffee Break*

10:45 – 11:15 **James Kraska** (U.S. Naval War College):

*“China’s maritime militia and international maritime law”.*

11:15 – 11:45 **Jeremy Lagelee** (LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown University Law Center):

*“Dispute settlement in the South China Sea: From joint FONOPs to joint proceedings?”*

Discussants:

11:45 – 12:45 **Bill Hayton** (Associate Fellow, Asia Programme, Chatham House)

**Tran Thi Vinh Tuong** (Independent Researcher, California)

12:45 – 13:45 *LUNCH (Buffet)*