

Into the Blue: Rethinking Maritime Security

An Ideaslub

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The concept of maritime security is one of the most recent additions to the vocabulary of international security. If security at sea used to be discussed in the frame of concepts such as seapower, maritime safety, or less frequently maritime terrorism, maritime security offers a new umbrella term, which to some degree replaces or subordinates the older terms and discussions. The salience of maritime security is related to the significant challenges that issues such as maritime terrorism, and, perhaps most prominently, maritime piracy pose. Piracy off the coast of Somalia was one of the determining concerns that lifted maritime security on the agendas of the major security organizations, including NATO, the European Union, but also the African Union or the Southern African Development Community. The rise of the concept of maritime security and the increasing importance that security actors grant to the maritime has so far been hardly reflected in the academic literature on the subject. While piracy in Somalia, West Africa and East Asia, illegal trafficking by sea, or the rise of new naval powers such as China have received more extensive treatment in the literature, the academic discourse is only slowly catching up with the empirical developments. Compared to the attention land based security questions receive, the maritime domain remains a blind spot of security studies and international relations.

The objective of this two day workshop is to strengthen the academic discourse on maritime security by discussing work in progress and facilitating international collaboration among scholars working on the subject. The goal is to address general theoretical questions pertaining to the maritime space as a field of international activity, to consider the governance of the maritime and the securitization processes underlying it and to study the international strategies towards maritime capacity building in regions such as Africa. Correspondingly the workshop sessions will focus on the following themes:

- Theorizing the Maritime as a space of international practice
- From Seapower to Maritime Security: The securitization of the maritime
- After UNCLOS: governing the maritime
- Responses to maritime threats with an emphasis on piracy
- Making maritime security strategies
- The role of navies, coast guards and development agencies in capacity building and external assistance

Agenda

Thursday, 26th of June

- 10.00-11.00 *Registration and Coffee*
- 11.00-11.30 *In the Lab: Welcome & Introduction*
Christian Bueger (Cardiff University)
- 11.30-12.00 *Securing the Seas and Oceans: Legal, Environmental and Material Perspectives*
Kimberley Peters (Aberystwyth University) and Jon Anderson (Cardiff University)
- 12.00-12.30 *Legal Aspects of Maritime Security and fixed Platforms on the Continental Shelf*
Douglas Guilfoyle (University College London)
- 12.30-13.00 *The Law of the Sea, Common Heritage Regimes and Global Distributive Justice*
Peri Roberts and Peter Sutch (Cardiff University)
- 13.00-14.00 *Lunch Break (Aberdare Hall)*
- 14.00-14.30 *Temporalizing Radical Difference to Govern Somali Piracy*
Anna Leander (Copenhagen Business School)
- 14.30-15.00 *Unmanned Systems in Maritime Security: Creating Security and/or Insecurity?*
Tobias Burger (Free University Berlin)
- 15.00-15.15 *Coffee Break*
- 15.15-15.45 *Maritime Security at Risk: Trends, Future Threat Vectors, and Capability Requirements*
Heiko Borchert (Sandfire)
- 15.45-16.30 *Discussion: The Future of Maritime Security*
- 16.30-16.45 *Summary of the Day*
Christian Bueger (Cardiff University)
- 17.00-19.00 Football World Cup (Germany-USA)
- 19:30 Dinner

Friday, 27th of June

- 9.00-9.30 *Arrival and Coffee*
- 9.30-10.00 *An “Enemy of all Mankind”? Piracy, International Order and the Law of the Sea*
Bryan Mabee (Queen Mary University)
- 10.00-10.30 *The Performativity of the Pirate Business Model in Global Maritime Security Governance*
Jan Stockbruegger (Cardiff University)
- 10.30-11.00 *Chinese Anti-piracy Operation and its implications in the Indian Ocean*
Xu Ke (Xianmen University)
- 11.00-11.30 *Flight MH370 and the Appearance of the Indian Ocean*
Lindsay Bremner (University of Westminster)
- 11.30-11.45 *Coffee Break*
- 11.45-12.15 *The Geopolitical Dimension of Maritime Security*
Basil Germond (Lancaster University)
- 12.15-12.45 *The Limits of Coercion: Norms, Boundaries and the Law of the Sea.*
James Baker (Royal Military Academy Sandhurst)
- 12.45-13.45 *Lunch Break (Aberdare Hall)*
- 13:45-14.15 *Writing the UK’s Maritime Security Strategy*
Ian Lynn (Royal Navy)
- 14.15-15.30 *Whither Maritime Security Studies? A Roundtable*
Peter Roberts (Royal United Services Institute)
Thorsten Bargfrede (European External Action Service)
Mercedes Rosello (House of Ocean)
John Guy (Author of “The Reluctant Pirate”)
- 15.30-16.00 *Summary and Conclusion*
Christian Bueger (Cardiff University)

