

## Publications

### NEW! Maritime Briefings

#### Undelimited Maritime Boundaries of the Pacific Ocean Excluding the Asian Rim

Victor Prescott and Grant Boyes

Reviews the 38 undelimited boundaries of the Pacific Ocean and notes the status of each country and types of marine regimes that might eventually be separated by a delimited boundary. The line of equidistance is defined related to all appropriate basepoints located on the mainland and islands.

The possibility that circumstances might persuade one or both countries to argue that the line of equidistance would create an inequitable maritime boundary is explored.



Maritime Briefing Vol. 2 No. 8 (50 pages; 8 maps)

#### Undelimited Maritime Boundaries of the Asian Rim in the Pacific Ocean

Victor Prescott and Clive Schofield

A systematic review of 20 undelimited maritime boundaries in the seas and gulf lying between the mainland of Asia and the chain of archipelagos stretching from Indonesia to Japan via the Philippines and Taiwan.



Maritime Briefing Vol. 3 No. 1 (68 pages; 20 maps)

For each potential delimitation the analysis notes the status of each country and the types of marine regimes that might eventually be separated by a delimited boundary. The line of equidistance related to all appropriate basepoints is noted. Consideration is also given to the possible creation of inequitable maritime boundaries using a line of equidistance.

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### Web Watch FOCUS ON MAPS

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Map Machine by the National Geographic Society: [www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com)

Odden's Bookmarks with over 140,000 map links: <http://oddens.geog.uu.nl>

The Perry-Castañeda Library map collection: [www.lib.utexas.edu/maps](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps)

United Nations Cartographic Section: [www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic](http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic)

## Jane's EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONES

October 2001 sees the publication of the third edition of *Jane's Exclusive Economic Zones* which IBRU edits for the internationally-respected Jane's Information Group.

Affectionately known as *JEEZ*, Exclusive Economic Zones is a unique global survey of maritime claims, disputes and management issues, with a special emphasis on the exclusive economic zone. Most maritime activity takes place in waters which fall under coastal state jurisdiction yet, if enquiries to IBRU are any guide, considerable uncertainty continues to exist among offshore operators about the nature and extent of that jurisdiction.

Published yearly in printed form and updated monthly online, *JEEZ* provides a country-by-country analysis of maritime legislation, boundary agreements, areas of dispute and current negotiations. The analysis is complemented by a specially-commissioned series of regional and country maps, together with listings of naval forces and other resources available for EEZ surveillance and management.

Although designed to be accessible to non-specialists, *JEEZ* is also an essential reference for boundary and law of the sea experts. Martin Pratt, who coordinates the project, says: "A lot of work goes into keeping *JEEZ* as up-to-date and informative as possible but, since I rely on it on a daily basis in my research work, it is definitely worth the effort!"



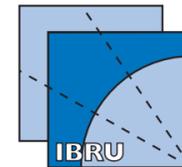
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# Borderlines

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**IBRU works to enhance the resources available for the peaceful resolution of problems associated with international boundaries on land and at sea, including their delimitation, demarcation and management**



### NEW FRONTIERS

Autumn 2001 brings changes to IBRU. Director Gerald Blake retires after a distinguished academic career, which includes a Chair in Geography at the University of Durham. A major focus for Gerald's scholarly work since his arrival in Durham in 1964 has been the Middle East – a region in which problems of political geography abound. His contribution to the literature in this field and, in particular, his role in engaging students and guiding their research has been significant.

Throughout his career as a political geographer Gerald Blake has devoted much of his academic energy to the study of international boundaries – both land and maritime – and with what has been termed "a prescience unusual in academe", (Miles, 1994) he founded the International Boundaries Research Unit in 1989. Under his guidance IBRU has grown in stature and strength and is now the pre-eminent research centre of its kind in the world.

*"The International Boundaries Research Unit...has made a larger published contribution to the study of international boundaries in general than any other individual or organisation in the history of the discipline."*

Victor Prescott, Emeritus Professor,  
University of Melbourne

Gerald Blake's retirement does not, however, mean an end to his involvement in IBRU and boundary studies. As an Emeritus Professor at Durham and an Honorary Fellow in both Geography and the Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies (CMEIS) he will remain involved in postgraduate teaching as well as continuing with his own research interests. Best of all Gerald will maintain his guiding role with IBRU as a member of the newly appointed Board of Directors. The Board will draw upon expertise from academic, legal and governmental circles, bringing together a group of highly experienced colleagues to provide IBRU with support and advice, ensuring its continued development.

In addition to Gerald, the following people have been invited to join the Board:

#### Mr Chris Carleton

Head of the Law of the Sea Division, UK Hydrographic Office

#### Mr Tim Daniel

Partner, DJ Freeman solicitors, London

#### Mr Davis Robinson

Partner, LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP, Washington DC

#### Dr Robert Smith

Office of Ocean Affairs, US Department of State

#### Professor Colin Warbrick

Chairman of the Board of Studies, Department of Law, University of Durham.

Among the IBRU staff, Martin Pratt becomes the Unit's Executive Officer and Clive Schofield will take on the role of Director of Research. Michelle Speak will continue to manage IBRU's events and external relations, assisted by Julia Oliver. Shelagh Furness is the Unit's Publications Officer and Becky Clarke is Publications Secretary.

With this new regime IBRU will build on its already significant contribution to boundary studies, and will continue to work to enhance the resources available for the peaceful resolution of problems associated with boundaries worldwide.



Gerald Blake

## International Boundaries SUMMER SCHOOL

**New for 2002!**

IBRU is planning to host an intensive week-long Summer School in Durham, 24-28 June 2002.

Combining lectures, seminars and practical exercises, the summer school is designed to provide a thorough grounding in the principles and practice of boundary delimitation, management and dispute resolution on land and at sea.

This initiative is in response to numerous requests for general training in international boundary issues and is aimed at students, researchers and those recently embarked on careers in boundary-related fields.

Led by the IBRU training team and a world-class group of guest lecturers, the course will be of benefit to anyone with an interest in international boundaries, especially:

- current and prospective research or MA students
- junior government officials whose work addresses boundary or transboundary issues
- trainee international lawyers
- cartographers and spatial analysts
- NGO staff

## UN ADDRESSES BOUNDARY MAPPING

On 5-7 March IBRU attended the second plenary meeting of the United Nations Geographic Information Working Group (UNGIWG) in its capacity as advisor to the Working Group's Task Force on International Boundaries and Coastlines.

UNGIWG was formally established in March 2000 in response to a growing awareness of the need for accurate cartography, geographic information and spatial data to support UN operations around the world. The primary long-term aim of UNGIWG is to facilitate the development of a common geographic database for UN departments, agencies and programmes. More immediately, it seeks to facilitate collaboration in the use of geographic information both within the UN system and between the UN and NGOs, scientific organisations and industry.

The Task Force on International Boundaries and Coastlines, coordinated by Robert Sandev of the UN Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea and Hélène Bray of the UN Cartographic Section, established both short-term and long-term objectives. In the short-term, it plans to evaluate datasets of international boundaries and coastlines already in use within

Costs will be kept as low as possible with accommodation and meals provided at standard student rates. The total cost of the summer school (including five-days tuition and full board) will be in the region of £500.

We would like to hear from you if you are interested in attending the school. Do contact us (without commitment), as this will help us in planning the programme and other activities. We hope this early announcement will maximise opportunities for prospective participants to seek financial support from their institutions and other sources of funding.

We do hope you will consider attending this unique and exciting event.

Further information on the summer school will be available on the IBRU web site as the programme develops or contact Michelle Speak or Julia Oliver at IBRU: Tel +44 (0)191 374 7705 Fax +44 (0)191 374 7702



the UN system (e.g. the Digital Chart of the World, Arc World, etc) and recommend a single dataset for maps involving national territorial and maritime limits. Weaknesses in existing datasets will be identified and editorial work will be undertaken to eliminate them. In the longer-term, the Task Force will assist the Cartographic Section in developing a dataset that reflects UN cartographic practice and meets the needs of geographic information managers across the UN system. This is clearly an ambitious goal but, given the sensitivity of boundary-related issues for many member states, it is vital that international boundaries and maritime limits are depicted as accurately as possible. Any organisation which can contribute to this initiative should contact the Task Force managers (sandev@un.org/ bray@un.org).

Further information on the work of UNGIWG can be found on the UN Cartographic Section website at <http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/ungis/ungis.htm>

## WORKSHOP REPORT

The Use of Evidence in Boundary Dispute Resolution 23-24 July 2001

An Introduction to Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundary Delimitation 25-26 July 2001

These workshops organised and hosted by IBRU in Durham are part of our annual training programme. Both workshops were voted a great success by the 30 plus participants. Coming from the US, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa and the Far East, participants included diplomats and negotiators, lawyers, technical experts and government officials.



A group working on the Maritime Delimitation exercise

Four days of intensive lectures, presentations and practical exercises provided invaluable assistance and advice on how to assemble, assess and present evidence in boundary negotiations and third party dispute settlement as well as a hands-on introduction to the concepts and tools involved in defining a maritime boundary from a technical perspective.



John McHugo (Trowers & Hamblins Solicitors) lecturing on 'Title to Territory'

## Training Workshop Calendar

### AUTUMN – WINTER 2001

12 - 13 September 2001

#### The Management of International Boundaries

Venue: University of Durham  
Business School  
Fee: £895 + VAT

5 - 6 November 2001

#### The Exploitation and Management of Offshore Transboundary Hydrocarbons

Venue: The Institute of Petroleum,  
London

Fee: £900 + VAT (IP members)

Fee: £1,100 + VAT (non members)

10 - 12 December 2001

#### The Negotiation of International Boundaries

Venue: University of Durham  
Business School

Fee: £1,050 +VAT

### ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

All fees exclude VAT at 17.5%, which will be added where applicable. Fees for events in Durham include en-suite accommodation and all meals.

IBRU reserves the right to alter dates and other details without further notice. Updated information will be available through our web site at [www-ibru.dur.ac.uk](http://www-ibru.dur.ac.uk)

Places are strictly limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

For further information, or to pre-register your interest, please contact Michelle Speak or Julia Oliver at IBRU

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