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Why are we interested in the Law of the Sea? The ocean covers 70% of the planet – it would more accurately be named ‘Ocean’ than ‘Earth’ – a fact brought home when we first saw photographs of our planet from outer space. The legal regime that covers these vast areas is of obvious importance and, unsurprisingly, it is not without controversies that require considerable study. Coastal States squabble about the delimitation of the areas close to their shores. These areas are important for exploitation of resources – oil and gas for example but also increasingly wind and other ocean renewable energy resources such as tidal energy. These coastal areas are also being impacted by the rise in sea levels brought about by climate change.

As humankind's voracious appetite for fish continues to grow, fishing vessels are being sent to further and more inhospitable parts of the oceans – competing with more expensive and sophisticated gear for the declining available stocks. All these resource demands require an increasingly sophisticated regulatory framework and are subject to more and more disputes.
More recently, the discovery of new resources on the deep ocean floor – mineral resources including precious metals associated with hydrothermal vents – but also genetic resources based on sulphur rather than oxygen, extremophile life forms that live in association with high temperature deep ocean volcanic vents, from which perhaps life first evolved. The United Nations is currently re-thinking the global legal regime of the high seas with a view to ensuring that the magnificent diversity of life forms the ocean hosts are conserved and exploited in a sustainable fashion. The issues at stake include ownership of, and access to, marine genetic resources harvested from these open ocean areas, the need to establish marine protected areas in ocean ecosystems beyond the control of coastal states and the requirement to assess more accurately the impacts on the areas of commons we now appreciate are increasingly vulnerable to human activities.
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Straits used for international navigation have provided critical connections between seas and the world ocean since the earliest days of sea-faring. The strategic importance of straits has shaped history and legal questions of rights and obligations of States in straits used for international navigation have taken their place in the great discourse that has shaped modern international law. The first case brought before the International Court of Justice was the landmark 1949 Corfu Channel (a strait providing passage from the Adriatic to the Ionian Sea) case. The competing demands of States bordering straits and those of user States played a central role in the historic negotiation leading to the adoption of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, widely considered the ‘Constitution of the Oceans’.

Lewis M. Alexander, in his seminal work on straits Navigational Restrictions Within the New LOS Context identified 90 major straits. The importance of straits and the legal issues concerning safety of navigation, protection of the marine environment and security have not diminished over the years.
but remain as relevant now as ever and are examined within the book series *International Straits of the World*. There remain many straits to be studied, and those that have been previously studied under the Series are worthy of revisiting given the changes that have taken place in the world. These include security issues since the post-9/11 security environment and the resurgence of piracy incidents have elevated the defence demands of maritime powers and coastal States. Technological changes, such as autonomous shipping raise new issues. Environmental concerns have created an added dimension of complexity to these narrow shipping lanes where coastal States increasingly demand additional regulatory measures such as mandatory pilotage and designation of particularly sensitive sea areas. Climate change, the melting of glaciers and sea-ice may open frozen areas of the Arctic for year-round navigation reviving legal questions concerning the status of the Northwest Passage.
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Series Editor: Nilufer Oral

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Book series

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It is almost self-evident that our world has become quite a dangerous place. Apart from the violent political and/or religious conflicts in several (sub)continents, terrorism as well as organized crime constitute a serious security threat in many metropolitan areas all over the globe. Against this background, the importance of research not only on the causes, the manifestations and the impact of these problems, but also the nature, the results and the consequences of the policies that have been put in place to contain them only increases. A deeper historical and sociological understanding of the way in which national governments and international institutions have tried to deal with these challenging questions is a fundamental prerequisite for the development of more adequate strategies in the future. It is for this reason that I have, in the last 40 years, devoted such a large part of my research to issues that relate to the containment of organized crime and terrorism in the Netherlands, Europe and the West in general.
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