



SAIELN'S SECOND BIENNIAL CONFERENCE



THE LAW OF THE BLUE ECONOMY:

INTERNATIONAL AND SOUTH ASIAN PERSPECTIVES



[27 - 28 JULY, 2019]

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 27TH JULY, 2019

REGISTRATION	09:00 Onwards
WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction: Prof. James Nedumpara & Prof. Leïla Choukroune, Co-Chairs, SAIELN 	09:30 – 09:45
GUEST ADDRESSES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inaugural Address: Dr. Christy Fernandez, Chairman, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Limited Video Message: Prof. Peter Van den Bossche, Former WTO Appellate Body Member & President, Society of International Economic Law Keynote Address: Dr. Ravi Raman, Member, Kerala State Planning Board, Government of Kerala Vote of Thanks: Mr. Aditya Laddha, Joint Secretary, SAIELN 	09:45 – 10:40
COFFEE/TEA	10:40 – 10:50
SESSION 1 PANEL: THE LAW OF BLUE ECONOMY AND SOUTH ASIA	10:50 – 12:10

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<p>Moderator: Prof. Leïla Choukroune, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom</p> <p>Discussant: Prof. Pierre Failler, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom</p> <p>Paper Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rumana Islam, University of Dhaka — —Paving the way for Blue Economy Towards Sustainable Development: Challenges for Bangladeshll • Mr. Ashutosh Kumar, Advocate and Mr. Madhav Mallya, Bennett University — —International Investment Law and the Blue Economy in India: Conflicts, Challenges and Solutionsll • Dr. Jacob Joseph, Director (In-charge), Centre for Law and Agriculture, National University of Advanced Legal Studies — —Blue Economy and Fisheries Subsidiesll 	
<p>SESSION 2 PANEL: FISHERIES SUBSIDIES NEGOTIATIONS IN THE WTO - SUSTAINABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES</p> <p><i>This Panel is organized by the Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi</i></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Abhijit Das, Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi</p> <p>Discussants: Prof. Mukesh Bhatnagar, Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi</p> <p>Panel Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. K. R. Jyothilal, Department of Fisheries and Ports, Government of Kerala — “Problems faced by coastal states with respect to Fisheries Subsidies issues”. 2. Ms. Pallavi Arora, Centre for WTO Studies — —Fisheries Subsidies and the WTO: Lifting the Veil of Sustainabilityll 3. Mr. Peter Lunenborg, South Centre — “Dynamics of the Fisheries Subsidies negotiations in WTO - Developing country perspectivesll ”. 4. Ms. Coralie D’ Lima, WWF- India — “Reforms of Fisheries Subsidies in Developing countriesll ”. 5. Mr. Sebastian Mathew, International Collective in Support of Fishworkers — “Implementation of various international instruments IPOA-IUU, UNCLOS, Fish Stock Agreement and role of RFMOs (IOTC)”. 	12:10 – 13:30
CONFERENCE LUNCH	13:30 – 14:30

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<p>SESSION 3 PANEL: INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW AND THE LAW OF BLUE ECONOMY</p> <p><i>This Panel is organized by P&A Law Offices, New Delhi</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Harshad Pathak, P&A Law Offices, New Delhi</p> <p>Panel Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Prabhash Ranjan, South Asian University, New Delhi 2. Dr. James D. Fry, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong 3. Mr. Sharad Bansal, Advocate 4. Mr. Anirudh Krishnan, AK Law Chambers, Chennai 	<p>14:30 – 15:45</p>
<p>COFFEE/TEA</p> <p>&</p> <p>AUTHOR MEETS READER: BOOK REVIEW</p> <p>(1) Book Review of “<i>India and Bilateral Investment Treaties: Refusal, Acceptance, Backlash</i>” by Prof. Prabhash Ranjan</p> <p>Discussants: Mr. Satwik Shekhar & Ms. Aparna Bhattacharya, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, New Delhi</p> <p>(2) Book Review of “<i>Public Private Partnership for WTO Dispute Settlement: Enabling Developing Countries</i>” by Amrita Bahri</p> <p>Discussant: Prof. Abhijit Das, Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi</p>	<p>15:45 – 16:45</p>
<p>SESSION 4: GOVERNANCE AND LAW OF THE BLUE ECONOMY</p> <p><i>This panel is organized by the University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. James Nedumpara, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, New Delhi</p> <p>Panel Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Ranjit Singh, Joint Secretary National Human Rights Commission of India — “Why Human Rights Matter in the Blue Economy Tooll ”. 2. Prof. Leïla Choukroune, University of Portsmouth — “An International Law Approach to Blue Governance: Reconciling Disciplines on the Basis of Rightsll . 3. Prof. Pierre Failler, University of Portsmouth — “The Institutional Challenges for the Implementation of a Blue Economy Governancell ”. 	<p>16:45 – 18:30</p>

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CONFERENCE DINNER (HOTEL KTDC SAMUDRA)	20:30 Onwards
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SUNDAY, 28TH JULY, 2019

<p>SESSION 5 PANEL: THE LAW OF WTO AND BLUE ECONOMY</p> <p><i>This Panel is organized by the Centre for Trade and Investment Law, New Delhi.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Sharmila Mary Joseph, Secretary, AYUSH, Government of Kerala</p> <p>Discussants: (1) Prof. James Nedumpara, Co-chair, SAIELN (2) Mr. Aditya Laddha, Joint Secretary, SAIELN</p> <p>Paper Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Shiny Pradeep, Centre for Trade and Investment Law – “WTO, Climate Change and Blue Economy” • Mr. Kar Lok Carlos LI, The Chinese University of Hong Kong – “WTO and Blue Economy: Towards a more sustainable trade policy in maintaining the marine biodiversity in South Asia” • Mr. E.N.R de Silva, International University of Japan – “Harmonization with Multilateral Trade Laws and implementation the environmental protection provisions in South Asian Bilateral Trade Agreements – Challenges and future perspectives” 	09:00 – 10:05
<p>SESSION 6 PANEL: LAW OF THE SEA AND BLUE ECONOMY</p> <p><i>This Panel is organized by the VIT School of Law, Chennai.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Suresh Nanwani, Durham University, School of Government and International Affairs, United Kingdom</p> <p>Panel Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kirsten Sellars, Coral Bell School of Asia-Pacific Affairs, Australian National University — “Colonialism’s final frontier: India’s interventions on law of the sea” • Prof. M. Gandhi, VIT School of Law, Chennai — —Law relating to Deep Sea Mining in the Area and ABNJ” • Mr. Aditya Laddha, SAIELN — “Law of Blue Economy & UNCLOS” • Ms. Anjali Sugadev, Independent Researcher — “The evolving international treaty on marine genetic resources and its potential impact on future economy 	10:05 – 11:00

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<p><u>SPECIAL PANEL ON KERALA & THE BLUE ECONOMY</u></p> <p>SPECIAL ADDRESS: Smt. J. Mercykutty Amma, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Harbour Engineering and Cashew Industry, Government of Kerala</p> <p>REMARKS: Ms. Gayatri Nair, Economic Advisor, State Planning Board, Government of Kerala</p> <p>REMARKS: Prof. Mukesh Bhatnagar, Centre for WTO Studies, An Update on the Fisheries subsidies negotiations: India's Perspective</p> <p>REMARKS: Sri. S. Venkatesapathy, Director of Fisheries, Department of Fisheries, Government of Kerala.</p>	<p>11:00 – 11:50</p>
<p>COFFEE/TEA</p>	<p>11:50 – 12:00</p>
<p>SESSION 7 PANEL: ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN FORMULATING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS RELEVANT UNDER TBT AGREEMENT AND SPS AGREEMENT – IMPLICATIONS AND ISSUES FACED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES</p> <p><i>This Panel is organized by L&L Partners Law Offices, New Delhi.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Ravi Raman, Member, Kerala State Planning Board, Government of Kerala</p> <p>Panel Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. S. Dave, Former Chairperson of Codex Alimentarius Commission 2. Mr. K S Srinivas, Chairman, Marine Products Export Development Authority 3. Dr. James J. Nedumpara, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, New Delhi 4. Mr. Ashish Chandra, L&L Partners, New Delhi 	<p>12:00 – 13:30</p>
<p>CONFERENCE LUNCH</p>	<p>13:30 – 14:30</p>

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<p>SESSION 8 PANEL: MARITIME SILK ROAD AND BLUE ECONOMY</p> <p>Moderators: Prof. Suresh Nanwani, Durham University, School of Government and International Affairs, United Kingdom</p> <p>Discussant: Prof. Leïla Choukroune, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom</p> <p>Paper Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Aveek Chakravarty, Università degli Studi di Torino — “The Maritime Silk Road and The Investment Treaty Network Between South Asian States and China: Potential ‘Chilling Effect’ on Environmental Regulation?” • Mr. Rishabh Raturi, Ernst and Young, Gurugram — “Environmental Considerations in strategising the Maritime Silk Route” • Ms. Sreelakshmi S. Kurup, Centre for Trade and Investment Law — “Belt and Road Initiative: An analogy to none” 	14:30 – 15:50
COFFEE/TEA	15:50 – 16:00
<p>VALEDICTORY SESSION</p> <p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Ambassador Anup Kumar Mudgal, Former High Commissioner of India in Mauritius</p> <p>CONCLUDING REMARKS: Mr. Anupal Dasgupta, Joint Secretary, SAIELN & Rapporteur for the event.</p>	16:00 – 16:30

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About the Conference

South Asia International Economic Law Network (SAIELN) was established in April 2017. The objective of SAIELN is to encourage and support the development of international economic law (IEL) in the South Asia region in cooperation with global partners. The network is a freestanding body associated with the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) and other IEL groups.

The Second Biennial Conference will address the Law of the Blue Economy from an international and South Asian perspective. Oceans cover 71 per cent of the Earth and contain 97 per cent of Earth’s water. The oceans also contain 99 per cent of Earth’s living space. As the single largest natural asset, oceans are a source of boundless benefits for mankind. They serve as a vital medium for international trade of goods. Studies have estimated that about 80 per cent of world trade is carried by oceans. Like any natural resource, oceans can eternally serve humanity only if it is governed and managed sustainably through an effective governance programme. The concept of Blue Economy is premised on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), this concept is based on protection and the restoration of the ocean base, which provides livelihood and food to many in the world and sustains economic activities.

Considering the fact that some of the most vulnerable economies and Small Island Developing States are situated around the Indian Ocean region and South Asia, this conference aims to bring together scholars, practitioners, and policymakers from these States to examine and evaluate the need for international economic law to sustainably manage this boundless resource.

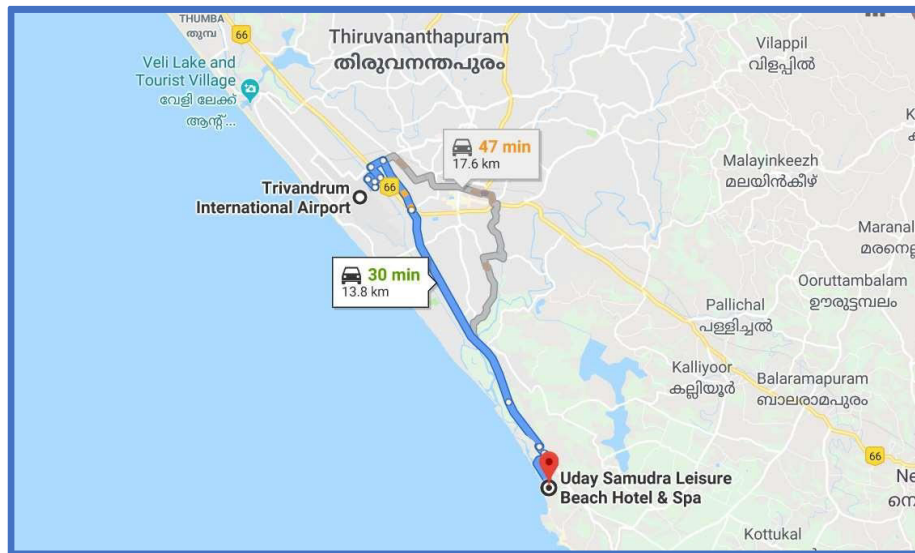
Conference Venue



Venue – Bay Hall, Hotel Uday Samudra, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Dates – 27 – 28 July, 2019

Directions to the Venue from the Airport



1. Take Thiruvananthapuram Airport Exit Rd to NH 66 in Vallakkadavu
2. Take Palayam - Airport Rd to Akshara Veedi in Pettah
3. Turn right at Kirti Dental Clinic onto Akshara Veedi
4. Follow Kazhakootam - Kovalam Bypass Rd/Kovalam Rd to Vazhamuttom
5. Drive to destination - Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel & Spa Samudra Beach, GV Raja Rd, Kovalam, Kerala.

Accommodation and Stay

For accommodation during the conference, Hotel Samudra KTDC has agreed to provide booking in deluxe rooms at a discounted rate of 3000 INR/ night (CP). The venue for the conference, i.e. Hotel Uday Samudra is 210 meters from Hotel Samudra KTDC. SAIELN will provide pickup and drop facilities from Thiruvananthapuram Airport for the participants, as well as refreshments and meals for the duration of the conference.

Places to See

1. **Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple** is the key icon of the city. One of the oldest temples of India, it is a major Vishnu temple in the country. The entire Thiruvananthapuram city was built around this temple. It is an architectural wonder and was nominated from India into last round of 7 Wonders of World. The building style is a mixture of Kerala and Tamil architecture.
2. **Kovalam Beaches** - Kovalam is famous for its beaches, among the most pristine in India. It is extremely popular among westerners due to shallow waters and low tidal waves. There are three beaches in this area which are adjacent to each other and fit for swimming. Lighthouse Beach has a striped lighthouse with a viewing platform. Palm-backed beaches also include Hawa Beach and Samudra Beach (KTDC Samudra).
3. **Shanghumukham Beach** is about 8 km outside the Thiruvananthapuram city, adjacent to the airport. Local people flock there to watch the sunset. It is well maintained and safe beach. Matsyakanyaka a gigantic sculpture of a mermaid by Kanai Kunjiraman arouses mixed reaction. A small garden and star-fish shaped restaurant operates there, attracts large crowds.
4. **Poovar Beach** offers one a wonderful view of the formation of the backwaters and a large amount of exotic wildlife. The golden sands are home to some of best picnic spots in the area. This area is located at the juncture of the Neyyar River joining with the Arabian Sea. Boating trips in the area are exquisite and can be arranged at nominal rates.
5. **Vellayani Lake** is 7 kms from Kovalam. There are boat services available from Kovalam. It is one of the few freshwater lakes in Kerala that looks enchanting in the moonlight. It is the venue of world famous annual boat race organized during Onam festival.
6. **Napier Museum** was designed by Robert Chisholm, the consulting Architect of the Madras Government, and the construction was completed in 1880. It is a landmark in the city with its unique ornamentation and architectural style (Indo-Sarcenic) with gothic roof and minarets.
7. **Ponmudi** - Locals will declare that a weekend drive to Ponmudi is among the best ways to spend time in the city. Families and friends alike are known to go on long drives (70 kms) up the winding paths for a view they insist rivals any other in the State. The slopes shrouded in mist fill one with a feeling of wonder and amazement. A large amount of rare flora and fauna can be seen here including mountain flowers, wild orchids and exotic butterflies.
8. **Kanyakumari** - India is also one of those rare countries that have their shores shared between three great seas - the Bay of Bengal, the Arabian Sea, and the Indian Ocean. And the confluence of these three seas can be witnessed in Kanyakumari, 85 kms from Kovalam. The main attraction of Kanyakumari is the Vivekananda Rock and the Thiruvalluvar Statue. If you can escape from the crowds, you can visit Vivekanandapuram maintained by the Ramakrishna Mission.

Dining Suggestions

1. **Villa Maya** is an upscale award-winning restaurant showcasing global cuisine presented in an elegant, restored 18th-century house. The menu presents a wide repertoire of cuisine from the countries that historically traded with Kerala. The menu is a gastronomical journey through Kerala, India, Morocco and Italy.
2. **The Tides** - located inside the Leela Raviz, Kovalam – this upscale, open-air restaurant serves Pan-Asian delicacies. Fresh catch right from the sea below, cooked to perfection exactly to your specifications – located on the beach.
3. **Bait** - A seafood lover’s paradise. One of the best upscale restaurants in Kovalam for authentic seafood in Kerala. Informal seating that offers an endless view of the Arabian Sea. This restaurant is a part of Taj Green Cove Resort & Spa, Kovalam.
4. **Curry Leaf** is a mid-range restaurant offering amazing sea food with a great view right on Leela Beach, Kovalam.
5. **Sanjeevini Restaurant** is a no frills restaurant on Samudra Beach with great local seafood options.

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