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Winter is coming: The Arctic Sunrise Arbitration

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Introduction

We have the pleasure of inviting you to this presentation by Marco Benatar on the Arctic Sunrise case. His personal experiences from working on this case will indubitably provide a uniquely rich point of view. The topic of this presentation is an international dispute involving the Arctic Sunrise, a Greenpeace vessel flying the Dutch flag that sailed to the Arctic on a mission to protest a Russian oil platform in the summer of 2013. Following unsuccessful attempts to climb the oil rig, Russian authorities detained the ship and its crew. At the diplomatic level, the Netherlands, the flag state, and Russia were unable to resolve the crisis. This failure prompted the Netherlands to bring its dispute with Russia before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) and an *ad hoc* arbitral tribunal. It is these court cases that will form the centrepiece of the presentation.

Bibliographical note:

Marco Benatar is a Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law (Department of International Law and Dispute Resolution). He holds an MA from the Free University of Brussels (VUB) and an LL.M. from New York University. Currently he is completing his Ph.D. at the VUB on the topic of fact-finding in inter-state litigation. Marco has acted as assistant to counsel or advisor in cases before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and arbitral tribunals. He has also advised a government on the procedure of the International Court of Justice. Currently he serves in the editorial boards of Wereldbeeld (United Nations Association Flanders), the Chinese (Taiwan) Yearbook of International Law and Affairs, and the Military Law and the Law of War Review.

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