



# Navigating the South China Sea: Challenges and Opportunities

10 March 2017, Senate Room (Academy Building)

## Seminar Programme

9.00-9.30: Registration & Coffee (Bruinszaal, Academy Building)

9.30-9.40: Welcome: Jan van der Harst (University of Groningen)

### First session: The South China Sea Arbitration and International Rule of Law

Chair: Jan van der Harst (University of Groningen)

9.40-10.00 Marcel Brus (University of Groningen): *Arbitration and Law of the Sea Disputes: General Observations*

10.00-10.20 Fu Kuenchen (Xiamen University): *Has China Negated its Historic Rights in the SCS with Tolerance of Free Navigation and Sea-forbiddance?*

10.20-10.40 André de Hoogh (University of Groningen): *The Spratly Islands and Claims of Sovereignty*

10.40-10.50 Sun Guoshun (China Embassy), *Comments on South China Sea Arbitration and China's Position Towards International Law*

10.50-11.05 Discussion

11.05-11.20 Coffee break

### Second session: The South China Sea Arbitration and its Legal implications

Chair: Tjalling Halbertsma (University of Groningen)

11.20-11.40 Song Ke (University of Leiden): *An Analysis on Identification of Maritime Features Disputes in South China Sea Arbitral Award*

11.40-12.00 Otto Spijkers (University of Utrecht): *The Legal Consequences of China's Non-participation in the South China Sea arbitration*

12.00-12.15 Xu Qi (University of Groningen): *The Monetary Gold Principle and the South China Sea Arbitration*

12.15-12.30 Discussion

12.30-14.00 Lunch (for invited guests)

### Third Session: The South China Sea Politics: China and the Outside World

Chair: Ron Holzhaecker (University of Groningen)

14.00-14.20 Cha Chang Hoon (Pusan National University): *Clash of Interests, Conflicts between US and China in South China Sea*

14.20-14.40 Henk Schulte Nordholt (Sinologist): *Beijing's Motivations in the South China Sea disputes*

14.40-15.00 Chris Lamont (University of Groningen): *The U.S. Foreign Policy and the South China Sea under the Trump Administration*

15.00-15.20 Matej Šimalčík (University of Groningen): *Confucianism in Chinese Foreign Policy: A Strategic-Cultural Analysis of the South China Sea Dispute*

15.20-15.35 Discussion

15.35-15.50 Tea break

### Fourth Session: The South China Sea Dispute Settlement: Present and Future

Chair: Paul Rusman (University of Groningen)

15.50-16.10 Jiang He (Zhongnan University of Economics and Law): *SCS Security Cooperation: Practice of Moderate Internationalism*

16.10-16.30 Mamad Forough (University of Leiden): *South China Sea Disputes in the Context of the New Silk Road*

16.30-16.50 Ma Xuechan (University of Leiden): *A Possible Cooperation Mechanism in the South China Sea Area: "Patch Approach"*

16.50-17.05 Discussion

17.05-17.20 Closing statement: Oliver Moore (University of Groningen)

18.00 Dinner (for invited guests)