

Making the law of the sea : a study in the development of international law

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Abstrak

The law of the sea is an important area of international law which must be able to adapt to the changing needs of the international community. Making the Law of the Sea examines how various international organisations have contributed to the development of this law and what kinds of instruments and law-making techniques have been used. Each chapter considers a different international institution ? including the International Maritime Organization and the United Nations ? and analyses its functions and powers. Important questions are posed about the law-making process, including what actors are involved and what procedures are followed. Potential problems for the development of the law of the sea are considered and solutions are proposed. In particular, James Harrison explores and evaluates the current methods employed by international institutions to coordinate their law-making activities in order to overcome fragmentation of the law-making process. Provides a sustained case study of international law-making; Gives a detailed analysis of the functions and powers of various international organizations involved in maritime law and policy; Details some of the development in the law of the sea since the conclusion of the Law of the Sea Convention in 1982.