



# ISLANDS AND THEIR ENTITLEMENTS

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 TIME: 5.00pm  
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From the 1921 *Aaland Islands* case to the current *Chagos Archipelago Advisory Opinion* before the International Court of Justice, islands and their peoples have occupied governments, the League of Nations, the United Nations, and international courts and tribunals. Self-determination for islanders remains a live issue in international law, highlighted most significantly by Greenland and its gradual movement towards independence from Denmark. Australia is very familiar with this issue given its history with Papua New Guinea and Nauru and contemporary issues arising from external territories such as Norfolk Island. This roundtable, to be led by **Donald Rothwell**, revisits some of these modern challenges faced by international law with respect to the status of islands and islanders, including navigational rights and freedoms in the waters adjoining islands and artificial islands.

**Henry Burmester** will make additional comments after Don highlighting some of the ways in which islands have raised issues in Australian law, including questions of jurisdiction, and the legislative and judicial responses to those issues.

## SPEAKERS:

**Donald R. Rothwell** has served since 2006 as Professor of International Law at the ANU College of Law, ANU and previously as Challis Professor of International Law and Director of the Sydney Centre for International and Global Law, University of Sydney (2004-2006). In 2015 he was elected a Fellow to the Australian Academy of Law (FAAL). His research and practice focuses on law of the sea, international polar law, whaling, dispute resolution, consular and diplomatic protection, and international law in Australia. He is Co-Editor of the *Australian Year Book of International Law*, Editor-in-Chief of the *Brill Research Perspectives in Law of the Sea*, Australian-



nominated Arbitrator under the Madrid Protocol to the Antarctic Treaty, and was Rapporteur (2012-18) of the ILA Committee on 'Baselines under the International Law of the Sea'. His 30-year teaching experience includes courses on Law of the Sea, International Dispute Resolution, and Public International Law.

**Henry Burmester AO QC** is an Honorary Professor at the ANU College of Law. He was previously Chief General Counsel with the Australian Government Solicitor and before that head of the Office of International Law in the Attorney-General's Department

