

## Special Issue

# The European Union and the Law of the Sea

### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear colleagues, In recent years, the European Union has become a more important actor in the development of the international law of the sea. This Special Issue of *Laws* will look at the role of the European Union in the development of the contemporary international law of the sea from three different angles: (1) from the perspective of the European Union; (2) from the point of view of the member states, looking at the crossroads of international, EU, and national norms; and (3) from the perspective of non-EU states, looking at the role of the European Union as an increasingly active maritime power of a sui generis nature and the implications of this increasing role in the development of the international law of the sea as a whole. The term “law of the sea” is understood widely, covering all international and public law regulations of maritime activities. Authors are particularly encouraged to look at the protection of the marine environment and at emerging and future issues in the international law of the sea, including in particular challenges which emerge as a consequence of climate change.

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