

13<sup>th</sup> Polar Law Symposium  
Panel on Emerging legal, policy and scientific issues in the Antarctic  
*presents online interactive seminar*

**Polar Regions, International Law and Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction**

**17 November 2020 (Tue) 10:30-12:30 JST**

Zoom Meeting (pre-registration through the PLS website required)

Speakers

Claire Christian, the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition  
& Nicole Bransome

Nicolas Kempf, the University of Montreal



**Kobe University  
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## Claire Christian

Ms. Claire Christian has worked for the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC) since 2009 and has substantial expertise on a full range of issues relevant to the Antarctic environment. Claire leads ASOC's delegations to Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings (ATCMs) and meetings of the Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR). She has authored blogs, opinion pieces, and academic articles, and has been interviewed by a wide variety of international publications and media outlets. Claire has a special fondness for Antarctica's fascinating but little-known invertebrate species, and aspires to make them as famous and beloved as penguins. She has an M.A. in International Affairs from the American University, School of International Service.

## Nicole Bransome

Nicole Bransome is a marine ecologist focused on achieving conservation outcomes for the ocean. She has worked with the Pew Charitable Trust's Protecting Antarctica's Southern Ocean program for over six years to secure marine reserves and a krill ecosystem-based fisheries management system through CCAMLR.

## Nicolas Kempf

Mr. Nicolas Kempf is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Montreal, under the supervision of Pr. Suzanne Lalonde. Mr. Kempf's research examines Antarctica's deep seabed legal regime, and is hence at the crossroads of various legal streams, including the Law of the Sea, International Environmental Law, and Polar Law. In 2018 and 2019, he was a CIGI research fellow, he is now with the North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN), and with the University of Montreal's Center for International Studies. In January 2021, he will be lecturer in international law at the University of Montreal's Faculty of law.

## Discussion-oriented seminar on Polar Regions, International Law and Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

### Claire Christian & Nicole Bransome:

“An Antarctic perspective on the BBNJ and IPCC processes”

### Nicolas Kempf:

“Post-2048 ATS: Some inspiring International Seabed Authority tools”

### Q & A

#### *Research questions:*

*What are the implications of some recent developments in international law pertaining to areas beyond national jurisdiction (namely the BBNJ Convention) for the legal regime of the Antarctic?*

*What are the passible present/future interactions between the ATS and UNCLOS (Namely ISA) with respect to the seabed in the Southern Ocean?*