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**Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and
William S. Richardson School of Law**

present

Judge Helmut Tuerk

of

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

who will speak on

**Promoting Peace at Sea:
The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

Wednesday, November 14, 2007, from 12:45 to 1:50 p.m.

Classroom 2, William S. Richardson School of Law
2515 Dole Street,
University of Hawai`i at Mānoa

Judge Helmut Tuerk has been a member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea since 2005. The tribunal is an independent judicial body, established by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, to adjudicate disputes arising out of the interpretation and application of the Convention.

The **Convention on the Law of the Sea** is intended to promote international peace and security by replacing conflicting claims by coastal states with universally agreed limits on the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone, and the continental shelf. The Convention also contains important rules for the protection and preservation of the marine environment.

On October 31, 2007, the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted in favor of ratifying the treaty, sending it to the full Senate for a vote on ratification. President Bush has stated that he supports ratification, while some critics of the treaty argue that it would put unacceptable restrictions on U.S. military ships, submarines, and aircraft. This is an opportunity for the UH community to learn about the treaty and the mechanisms for resolving disputes that arise under it. All are welcome to attend. For additional information contact: carolep@hawaii.edu.