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Several countries with Arctic coasts are likely to claim the same Arctic Ocean areas for offshore oil and gas development. Global warming is also likely to reduce ice cover and increase the potential for resource conflicts. Joint Development Zones (JDZs) are a potential solution used in other ocean regions. JDZs can be made under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and can be agreed without determining a final ocean boundary. Australia has agreed a JDZ with East Timor and has extensive experience with their terms. The presentation reviews the outer continental shelf claims in the Arctic Ocean, the latest estimates for Arctic oil and gas reserves, and the ocean areas with the best potential for JDZs.

THE LECTURER

John Abrahamson is based in Copenhagen, Denmark. John has over 21 years experience in international law and tax, including structured finance with the Commonwealth Bank, Baker & McKenzie, and Arthur Andersen. He has Bachelor of Economics and Master of Laws degrees, is a member of the International Fiscal Association, and a Fellow of the Taxation Institute of Australia. John has advised on taxation, corporate finance, and mergers and acquisitions for Australian banks, Australian satellite finance and gas pipeline infrastructure, United States energy and aircraft manufacturers, German airline investment, Chinese iron and steel investment, Hong Kong spectrum licences, and Japanese fibre-optic undersea communications. John has presented on corporate finance and international taxation in London, Paris, Amsterdam, Zurich, Copenhagen, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Rio de Janeiro.

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