Geopolitics of Ocean Resources Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Analyze geopolitical dynamics shaping maritime domains.
2. Understand the strategic importance of critical sea lanes and choke points.
3. Evaluate the legal and policy frameworks of ocean governance, including UNCLOS.
4. Assess geopolitical risks related to resource exploitation and deep-sea mining.
5. Examine maritime security challenges like piracy, illegal fishing, and transnational crime.
6. Explore the economic potential and sustainability challenges of the blue economy.
7. Analyze the role of naval power and military strategies in maritime disputes.
8. Identify the impact of climate change on ocean geopolitics and coastal security.
9. Deconstruct territorial and sovereignty disputes in the Arctic, South China Sea, and other key regions.
10. Develop strategic foresight to anticipate emerging ocean threats.
11. Gain proficiency in maritime diplomacy and conflict resolution.
12. Understand the interplay between ocean health and national security.
13. Master tools for data-driven analysis of oceanic trends.

Organizational Benefits

- Equip teams with the ability to **proactively identify** and **mitigate geopolitical risks** to maritime operations, supply chains, and offshore investments.
- Enable organizations to formulate **more informed strategies** for market entry, resource acquisition, and international partnerships in the **marine sector**.
- Ensure personnel are up-to-date on **international maritime law** and **environmental regulations**, reducing the risk of legal and reputational damage.
- Position your organization at the forefront of **blue economy innovation** by understanding the **strategic landscape** and leveraging emerging opportunities.
- Develop a **highly skilled workforce** capable of addressing the complex, interdisciplinary challenges of **modern ocean affairs**, from security to sustainability.

Target Audience

1. Government and Military Officials.
2. Corporate Executives
3. Legal and Policy Professionals.
4. Academics and Researchers

5. NGOs and International Organizations.
6. Supply Chain and Logistics Managers.
7. Financial Analysts.
8. Journalists and Media Professionals.

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Module 1: Foundations of Ocean Geopolitics

- Defining **geopolitical theory** in the maritime context.
- Historical overview of **naval power** and colonial expansion.
- The **strategic importance of geography**: key straits, canals, and choke points.
- Introduction to the **United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)**.
- **Case Study**: The **Strait of Malacca** and its role in global trade and security.

Module 2: International Law and Ocean Governance

- Detailed analysis of **UNCLOS** and its implementation.
- **Maritime zones**: territorial waters, EEZs, and the high seas.
- **Dispute resolution** mechanisms and the **International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea**.
- The emerging framework for **biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ)**.
- **Case Study**: The **PCA ruling on the South China Sea** and its impact on international maritime law.

Module 3: Resource Competition and the Blue Economy

- The **global scramble for marine resources**: fisheries, hydrocarbons, and minerals.
- **Deep-sea mining**: the race for critical minerals and environmental concerns.
- Understanding the **blue economy** and its economic, social, and environmental dimensions.
- The **geopolitics of energy**: offshore oil, gas, and renewable energy.
- **Case Study**: **Norway's Arctic strategy** and the **Svalbard Treaty** in the context of offshore resource claims.

Module 4: Maritime Security and Non-State Actors

- **Maritime piracy**: hotspots, prevention, and countermeasures.
- **Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing**: its economic and security impacts.
- **Transnational organized crime** at sea: smuggling, human trafficking, and drug routes.
- The role of private military contractors and technology in **maritime domain awareness**.
- **Case Study**: **Counter-piracy operations** in the **Gulf of Aden** by international naval forces.

Module 5: Climate Change and Environmental Geopolitics

- The **geopolitical consequences of climate change**: sea-level rise and coastal security.
- **Ocean acidification** and its impact on fisheries and food security.
- The **Arctic melt**: new shipping routes, resource access, and great power competition.
- The nexus between **ocean health**, **resource scarcity**, and **regional instability**.
- **Case Study**: **Pacific Island nations** and their efforts to adapt to rising sea levels and loss of EEZ.

Module 6: Great Power Competition at Sea

- **China's naval expansion** and the **Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)**.
- The **US pivot to Asia** and its maritime strategic posture.

- The **Indo-Pacific** as a geopolitical focal point.
- The role of alliances and partnerships, such as **AUKUS** and the **Quad**.
- **Case Study**: The strategic rivalry in the **South China Sea**, including the use of artificial islands.

Module 7: Emerging Technologies and Future Trends

- The impact of **unmanned maritime systems** (drones) on naval operations.
- **Cybersecurity threats** to port infrastructure and shipping networks.
- **Satellite technology** and **maritime intelligence**.
- AI and big data for **predictive analysis of ocean trends**.
- **Case Study**: The use of **maritime surveillance technology** to combat illegal fishing in West Africa.

Module 8: Geopolitical Risk Assessment and Strategic Foresight

- Methodologies for conducting **geopolitical risk analysis** in the maritime sector.
- **Scenario planning**: anticipating future conflicts and collaborations.
- Developing effective **maritime diplomatic strategies**.
- Applying lessons from **case studies** to real-world challenges.
- **Case Study**: A **scenario simulation** exercise on a hypothetical **deep-sea mining dispute** in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone.

Training Methodology

The course employs a highly interactive and practical training methodology designed for adult learners. It combines **expert-led lectures** and **interactive discussions** with **hands-on analysis** and **real-world case studies**. The approach includes:

- **Scenario-based simulations** to apply theoretical knowledge to practical, complex situations.
- **Interactive workshops** and **group exercises** to foster collaborative problem-solving.
- **Guest speakers** from government, military, and industry to provide diverse perspectives.
- **Multimedia content**, including videos, maps, and satellite imagery, to enhance understanding.
- **Data-driven analysis tools** and templates for risk assessment and strategic planning.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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