

Contents

1

The Conflict

The South China Sea: An Overview	3
China's Biggest Ally in the South China Sea? A Volcano in the Philippines Steve Mollman, <i>Quartz</i> , July 10, 2017	9
The South China Sea Dispute Sean Mirski, <i>Lawfare</i> , June 8, 2015	13
China v the Rest <i>The Economist</i> , March 26, 2016	21
The South China Sea—Some Fundamental Strategic Principles Amy Searight and Geoffrey Hartman, <i>Center for Strategic & International Studies</i> , January 26, 2017	24

2

Territorial Disputes and the Law

The Legal Dimension: The South China Sea and the Law	31
The South China Sea: Explaining the Dispute Max Fisher, translator, <i>The New York Times</i> , July 14, 2016	37
Progress in the South China Sea? A Year after the Hague Ruling Lynn Kuok, <i>Foreign Affairs</i> , July 21, 2017	41
Explainer: What Are the Legal Implications of the South China Sea Ruling? Clive Schofield, <i>The Conversation</i> , July 13, 2016	45
Here's Why the South China Sea Dispute Will Continue to Haunt Philippine-China Relations Richard Javan Heydarian, <i>Huffington Post</i> , July 25, 2017	48

3

Competing Claims

Competing Claims: International Interests in the South China Sea	55
Vietnam Is Challenging China's Control of the Disputed South China Sea Ralph Jennings, <i>Forbes</i> , November 28, 2016	61

Why Is the South China Sea So Important to the US? Leszek Buszynski, <i>The Conversation</i> , January 18, 2017	63
Japan Is Becoming [a] Player in [the] South China Sea Sovereignty Dispute Ralph Jennings, <i>Voa</i> , March 20, 2017	66
Russia's Tactics and Strategy in the South China Sea Anton Tsvetov, <i>Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative</i> , November 1, 2016	69
Philippines Not Married to US, Can Still Pursue China, Says Manila's Top Diplomat Catherine Wong, <i>South China Morning Post</i> , July 4, 2017	72
Indonesia, Long on Sidelines, Starts to Confront China's Territorial Claims Joe Cochrane, <i>The New York Times</i> , September 10, 2017	75
Malaysia's Special Role in the South China Sea Ho Yi Jian, <i>Penang Monthly</i> , October, 2014	79

4

Environmental Concerns

Protecting Oceanic Environments	89
One Result of China's Buildup in South China Sea: Environmental Havoc Jackie Northam, <i>NPR</i> , September 1, 2016	95
The Rising Environmental Toll of China's Offshore Island Grab Mike Ives, <i>Yale Environment 360</i> , October 10, 2016	98
One of the World's Biggest Fisheries Is on the Verge of Collapse Rachael Bale, <i>National Geographic</i> , August 29, 2016	103
A Blueprint for Fisheries Management and Environmental Cooperation in the South China Sea <i>Center for Strategic & International Studies</i> , September 13, 2017	109
Japan and China Successfully Extract 'Combustible Ice' from Seafloor in Potential Energy Breakthrough Matthew Brown, <i>The Associated Press</i> via <i>The Independent</i> , May 19, 2017	114

5

Diplomacy, Deterrence and Freedom of Navigation

International Waters: FONOPS and the Open Ocean	119
The U.S. FON Program in the South China Sea	125
Lynn Kuok, <i>Brookings</i> , June 7, 2016	
Freedom of Navigation Operations in the South China Sea Aren't Enough	128
Julian G. Ku, M. Taylor Fravel, and Malcolm Cook, <i>Foreign Policy</i> , May 16, 2016	
Chinese Warship Seizes US Underwater Drone in International Waters	132
Julian Borger, <i>The Guardian</i> , December 16, 2016	
Why Beijing Is Speeding Up Underwater Drone Tests in the South China Sea	135
Stephen Chen, <i>South China Morning Post</i> , July 26, 2017	
Thinking about Long-Term Strategy in the South China Sea	138
Satoru Mori, <i>Center for Strategic & International Studies</i> , January 13, 2017	

6

Sovereignty and Codes of Conduct

Ownership of the Sea: Sovereignty and Territorial Conduct	145
China and the United States: A Conversation with David M. Lampton	151
<i>The Asia Foundation</i> , July 26, 2015	
Good Fences or Good Neighbours in the South China Sea	156
Sam Bateman, <i>East Asia Forum</i> , August 18, 2016	
ASEAN, China Adopt[s] [a] Framework for Crafting [a] Code on South China Sea	159
Christian Shepherd and Manuel Mogato, <i>Reuters</i> , August 6, 2017	
How China Views the South China Sea: As Sovereign Territory	162
Dean Cheng, <i>The Heritage Foundation</i> , November 5, 2015	
Bibliography	167
Websites	171
Index	173