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RESEARCHER IN OCEAN LAWS AND GOVERNANCE

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Since Mars 2023: Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen (Denmark). Multi-disciplinary research on Ocean Infrastructure, involving political scientists and geographers and lawyers. Supervisor: Pr. Christian Bueger

Since October 2022: Lecturer (part-time), Department of Law, University of Gothenburg (Sweden). Teaching at the Master level: law of the sea, marine environmental law, fisheries and sustainability, international organizations, and international dispute settlement.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2020 – 2022: Postdoctoral fellow, University of Gothenburg, Department of Law. Research in ocean governance, focusing on the socialization process in the evolution of the law of the sea. Teaching and thesis supervision at Master level, and administrative duties. Supervisor: Pr. Lena Gipperth.

2018 – 2022: Lecturer, University of Nantes (France); ISMI Abidjan (Ivory Coast); Centre Trainmar de Dakar (Senegal). Onsite and e-learning teaching activities (environmental law, protection of the marine environment, international law of fisheries) and supervision of Master thesis.

2016 – 2017: Junior Research Fellow, French Maritime Academy, Nantes (France). Research on the legal aspects regarding the operationalization of unmanned and high-speed craft. Writing report for the French Maritime Administration on the required evolution of maritime regulation, in coordination with various stakeholders (engineer, maritime administration, funders) within two research projects of the Academy (AERONAV and PASSION).

2016: Junior counsel, Cabinet Delplanque Avocats, Paris (France). Researched and summarized case law and regulations on maritime liability to support judicial cases before the Chambre d'Arbitrage Maritime de Paris.

EDUCATION

2016 – 2020: Doctorate in International Law of the Sea, Centre de Droit Maritime et Océanique, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Nantes (Chemin de la Censive du Tertre, 44313 Nantes Cedex 3, France). Thesis on “The conservation of high seas marine living resources and the common interest: towards States empowerment” – Supervisor: MCF-HDR Dr Delfour-Samama Odile.

2013 – 2015: Master 2 in Law, Economy and Management - European and International Studies - Specialization Law and security of maritime and oceanic activities, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Nantes (France)

2008 – 2012: Master 2 in Public and International Law – Specialization Public administration and international law, Faculty of Law, Economy, Management and Sociology, University of Antananarivo (Madagascar)

INTERNATIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING

2014: Legal intern, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), Hamburg (Germany). Researched and summarized legal doctrine and case law on admissibility in advisory opinion and states responsibility in conserving marine living resources for Case No.21 on the Request for an advisory opinion submitted by the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission.

2022: Trainee, 9th Yeosu Academy of the Law of the Sea, Yeosu (South Korea)

MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES

Since 2020: Associate member of the Centre de Droit maritime et océanique, Nantes (France)

Since 2022: Member of the Centre for Sea and Society, Gothenburg (Sweden).

Since 2022: Yeosu Academy of Law of the Sea Alumni

Since 2023: Member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law.

Since 2023: Member of the Earth System Governance Project

PUBLICATIONS

Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals

1. Rafaly V., (forthcoming) ‘Environment, law and infrastructures: rethinking human-nature complex interactions amidst global challenges’ *Annuaire de droit Maritime et Océanique*.
2. Rafaly, V., (forthcoming) ‘Law and Infrastructures in the Blue Anthropocene: Toward a New Pathway for Ocean Legal Research?’, MOBILE Working Paper Series.
3. Rafaly V., (forthcoming) ‘Beyond States: Ocean governance in the Anthropocene’, *Ocean Development and International Law*.
4. Arguello, G. & Rafaly, V., (2023) ‘Science diplomacy and Asian states: Transforming the governance landscape in the Arctic’, *59 Polar Record* e41, 1-10, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0032247423000281>
5. Rafaly, V., (2023) ‘Les ressources biologiques en haute mer : repenser la gouvernance des communs partagés’ Numéro spécial de la *Revue Juridique de l’environnement*, 289-296.
6. Rafaly, V. (2022), ‘The concept of “Marine Living Resources”’: Navigating through a Grey Zone in the Law of the Sea’ *59 Canadian Yearbook of International Law* 285-312, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/cyl.2022.14>
7. Rafaly, V. (2022) ‘The Law of the Sea in the Age of Building an Appropriate Ocean Governance Addressing Climate Change Issues’ *13 Yearbook of Polar Law* 233-251, DOI: 10.1163/22116427_013010012.
8. Rafaly, V. (2021) ‘Coastal States Jurisdiction in the EEZ under UNCLOS: Focus on Marine Pollution from Ships Emissions’ *39 Annuaire de Droit Maritime et Océanique* 101-120.
9. Rafaly, V. (2020) ‘Un panorama juridique sur le statut des Îles Eparses du Canal du Mozambique’ (The status of the Scattered Islands in the Mozambique Channel : A legal overview) *29 Revue juridique de l’Océan Indien* 529-548, HAL: [hal-03327619](https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-03327619).

Peer-reviewed conference proceedings and edited books

10. Rafaly, V., (forthcoming) ‘International Organization and its Member States under UNCLOS: Between Shared and Joint Responsibility’, in Berkes A., Collins R. and Delpano R. (eds) *Reassessing the Articles on the responsibility of International Organizations: From theory to Practice* (Edward Elgar Publishing).
11. Rafaly, V., (2024) ‘Au-delà des Etats: le droit de la mer à l’ère Anthropocène’, in Lanfranchi M.P. (ed.) CERIC « Colloque à l’occasion des 40 ans de la Convention des Nations unies sur le droit de la mer » (Paris : Confluence des droits).
12. Rafaly, V., (2023) ‘Oceans and Climate-related Issues: Public Litigation Against all Odds’, in Bendel, J. & Suedi, Y. *The Potential of Public Interest Litigation in International Law* (London: Routledge) 295-316.
13. Rafaly, V., (2023) ‘Governing the Oceans in the Anthropocene Era: Area-based Management as a Tool to

Promote the Socialisation of the Law of the Sea' in Weishaar, S. E. and de Graaf, K. J., *The Future of Environmental Law: Ambition and Reality*. (Chatham: Edward Elgar Publishing), 14-29.

14. Rafaly, V., (2023) 'Global environmental issues and International Solidarity: Between Myth and Reality'. In Kassoti, E. & Idriz, N., *The Principle of Solidarity: International and EU Law Perspectives*. (The Hague : TMC Asser Press), 75-97.
15. Rafaly, V. (2021) 'L'Arctique et les problèmes environnementaux : recherche d'une gouvernance dans la conservation et l'utilisation durable des ressources biologiques marines' (The Arctic and environment issues : toward a better governance for marine living resources), in Rafael Casado Raigon et Enrique Jesus Martinez Mérez (dir.) *La contribución de la Unión europea a la protección de los recursos biológicos en espacios marinos de interés internacional* (The European Union's contribution to the protection of biological resources in marine areas of international interest) (Valence : Tirant Lo Blanch) 587-602.
16. Rafaly, V. (2020) 'Les changements climatiques: entre humanisation et socialisation du droit international' (Climate change : between humanisation and socialisation of international law) in Dormoy, Daniel & Kuyu, Camille (eds) *Droit(s) et changements climatiques* (Online resource : Les Editions du Net) 25-64, ASIN: B0845YYYYZBC.
17. Rafaly, V. (2019) 'La conservation et la gestion des ressources biologiques en haute mer : vers une « socialisation » du droit de la mer' (Conservation and management of high seas living resources' : towards a 'socialization' of the law of the sea) in Chaumette, Patrick (ed) *Le droit de l'océan transformé par l'exigence de conservation de l'environnement marin* (Madrid : Marcial Pons) 133-150, HAL: halshs-02396159.

Other publications including popular scientific blogs, policy outputs and other reviews

18. Bueger C., Stockbruegger J., and Rafaly V. (2023) Missed opportunities? Enhancing maritime safety through the EU's 2023 maritime package. SafeSeas Commentary. <https://www.safeseas.net/eu-maritime-safety/>
19. Stockbruegger J. & Rafaly V. (2023) Southeast Asian States Need to Tackle the Dangerous Shadow Tanker Activities in Their Waters, *The Diplomat*, <https://thediplomat.com/2023/09/southeast-asian-states-need-to-tackle-the-dangerous-shadow-tanker-activities-in-their-waters/>
20. Rafaly, V., (2021) 'Réflexions sur le rôle du TIDM dans le contentieux climatique', *Revue africaine de la pratique du droit international* 2 :91-98.
21. Rafaly, V., (2020) 'La solidarité dans le droit international : entre mythe et réalité' (Solidarity in international law : between myth and reality), *Völkerrechtsblog*, 15 May 2020, DOI: 10.17176/20200515-133427-0
22. Rafaly, V. (2015) 'La responsabilité des Etats, de la liberté à la nécessité de conservation et de gestion des ressources biologiques de la haute mer' (States responsibility : from freedom towards the necessity of marine living resources conservation) in *Neptunus e-revue - Numéro spécial 20 ans*, Centre de droit maritime et océanique, Université de Nantes, available at <http://www.cdmo.univ-nantes.fr/>

COMMUNICATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

1. Rafaly V. and Delfour-Samama O., 'Law, infrastructures and the blowbacks of environmental policies: the case of marine protected areas', Ocean Justice Workshop, 2-3 October 2024, Gothenburg, Sweden.
2. Rafaly V. 'Africa, climate change and the ocean: seeking justice amidst global challenges', Asian and African Perspectives on Law and Sea-Level Rise, October 3, 2024, Lisbon Public Law Research Center, Lisbon, Portugal.
3. Rafaly V. 'The ITLOS advisory opinion on climate change: opportunities for WIO?', WIO Futures 2024: Exploring Ocean Science in a Complex Geopolitical Landscape, Centre Charles Telfair, 16-17 September 2024, Port-Louis, Mauritius.
4. Rafaly V., 'Law, infrastructures and the blowbacks of environmental policies: the case of marine protected areas', MOBILE Center of Excellence Conference, 5 – 6 September 2024, Copenhagen, Denmark.

5. Rafaly V., 'Environment, law and infrastructure: a new pathway to addressing global challenges', CEEISA-ISA International Conference 2024, 18-21 June 2024, Rijeka, Croatia.
6. Rafaly V., 'Thinking infrastructurally the ocean – Law and justice in the Blue Anthropocene', Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference, 4-6 June 2024, Åbo Academy, Turku, Finland.
7. Rafaly V., 'Thinking infrastructurally: Re-imagining law in the Blue Anthropocene', Open Lab, MOBILE Center of Excellence, 8 February 2024, Faculty of Law, Copenhagen, Denmark.
8. Rafaly V., 'Thinking the ocean infrastructurally: furthering ocean justice amidst global challenges', Sea and society Day 2023, 12 December 2023, Gothenburg, Sweden.
9. Rafaly V., 'Ocean commons, Solidarity and Justice: Unravelling Fair Burden-Sharing in Ocean Governance', NCLOS Annual Conference, 1-3 November 2023, Tromsø, Norway.
10. Rafaly, V., 'Africa, Ocean and Climate Change: Seeking Justice amidst Global Challenges', 12th Annual Conference of the African Society of International Law, 27-28 October 2023, Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia.
11. Rafaly, V., BBNJ Agreement, Fisheries and Ocean Justice: the promises and the pitfalls, Innovating for change in global fisheries governance, 14-15 September 2023, Tromsø, Norway.
12. Rafaly, V. (2023) 'The Law of the Sea as an Infrastructure: Rethinking global governance to foster global justice', CLIMA Lunch Seminar, 29 August 2023, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
13. Rafaly, V., 'Law of the Sea and Shipping Risk: a way forward after Wakashio', Shipping Risks: The Lessons from the Wakashio incidents for the islands of the Western Indian Ocean, 18 August 2023, Port-Louis, Mauritius.
14. Rafaly, V., 'Environment, Law and Infrastructure: Toward a New Pathway for Addressing Global Challenges', 20th IUCN AEL Colloquium, 15 July – 4 August 2023, Joensuu, Finland.
15. Rafaly, V., 'Infrastructuring the Ocean: Shedding Light on Human-Ocean Nexus in Ocean Governance', XI Strathclyde Postgraduate Colloquium of Environmental Law & Governance, 15 June 2023, Glasgow, Scotland.
16. Rafaly, V., 'Ocean Governance in the Blue Anthropocene: Narrowing the Gap between Winners and Losers', REGROUP Workshop, 12 May 2023, Lund, Sweden.
17. Arguello, G., Rafaly, V., Scotcher, N., 'Rights of nature and the legal architecture of the oceans', Act! Sustainable Research Conference 2022, 16-18 November 2022, Gothenburg, Sweden.
18. Rafaly, V. 'Ocean Justice: Bridging coastal and global ocean governance', Oceans, Justice and Human Rights Conference, Nelson Mandela University, 3-5 November 2022, Gqeberha, South Africa.
19. Rafaly, V., 'Local communities in marine governance: Lessons from the Western Indian Ocean management practices', WIOMSA 12th Scientific Symposium, 10-15 October 2022, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.
20. Rafaly, V., 'Solidarity in an Era of Catastrophe: Towards a New Wave for International Law', 2022 Oslo International Environmental Law Conference, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, 03-06 October 2022, Oslo, Norway.
21. Rafaly, V., 'Sovereignty and freedom of the seas: exploring the gap in-between', Critical Legal Conference 2022, 31 August-2 September 2022, Tromsø, Norway.
22. Rafaly, V., 'Au-delà des Etats: le droit de la mer à l'ère Anthropocène', CERIC « Colloque à l'occasion des 40 ans de la Convention des Nations unies sur le droit de la mer », Université Aix-Marseille sous le Patronage de l'Association International du Droit de la Mer (AssiDMer), 16-17 juin 2022, Aix-en-Provence, France.
23. Arguello, G. & Rafaly, V., 'Asian States and the (Global Arctic) – Consequences for the environmental governance of the Arctic Ocean', NESS – Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference: Emergency and Transformation, 7-9 June 2022, Gothenburg, Sweden.
24. Rafaly, V., 'Ocean Justice: Bridging Small-Scale and global Fisheries Governance', Sea and Society Talk on « Artisanal Fisheries », Centre for sea and Society, 13 May 2022, Gothenburg, Sweden.
25. Rafaly, V., 'Oceans and Climate-related Issues: Public Litigation Against all Odds', Workshop on "The Potential of Public Interest Litigation in International Law", University of Exeter/University of Geneva, 11-12 November 2021, Exeter, England.

26. Rafaly, V., 'L'Arctique et les problèmes environnementaux : recherche d'une gouvernance dans la conservation et l'utilisation durable des ressources biologiques marines', AEPDIRI Conference on « The European Union's contribution to the protection of biological resources in marine areas of international interest », Spanish Association of International Law and International Relations Professors, 4-5 November 2021, Cordoba, Spain.
27. Rafaly, V., 'Global environmental issues and International Solidarity : Between Myth and Reality', "Imagining Solidarity in International and Regional Law", Conference of the Asser Institute, 28-30 October 2021, The Hague, Netherlands.
28. Rafaly, V., 'Les ressources biologiques en haute mer : quelle forme de gouvernance pour des communs partagés', Colloque annuel de la SFDE 2021 : « Les communs en droit de l'environnement : droit commun, droit des communs, droit hors du commun », Société Française de Droit de l'Environnement (SFDE), 27-29 October 2021, Bordeaux, France.
29. Rafaly, V., 'The Protection of the Marine Environment: Re-imagining ABMTs through the Socialization Process in the Law of the Sea', 18th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law – "The Future of Environmental Law: Ambition and Reality", IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, 28 June – 2 July 2021, Groningen, Netherlands
30. Rafaly, V., 'Re-imagining Area-Based Management Tools (ABMTs) in the conservation and sustainable use of marine living resources: Interplay between environmental law and law of the sea', CeCAR Annual Workshop, 17-18 June 2021, Gothenburg, Sweden.
31. Rafaly, V., 'The Law of the Sea in the Age of Building an Appropriate Governance of Polar Regions', 13th Polar Law Symposium Special Online Session, hosted by the Kobe University Polar cooperation Research Centre (PCRC), 9-30 November 2020, Kobe, Japan.
32. Rafaly, V., 'L'économie bleue en Afrique : tendances, défis et perspectives du droit de la mer', 7th African Society of International Law Annual Conference – « Africa in the International Law of the Sea », 26-27 October 2018, Antananarivo, Madagascar.
33. Rafaly, V., 'La conservation et la gestion des ressources biologiques en haute mer : vers une 'socialisation' du droit de la mer' (Conservation and management of high seas living resources: towards a 'socialization' of the law of the sea), Final Conference of the Human Sea Project – « Transforming the ocean law by requirement of the marine environment conservation », 15, 16 and 17 October 2018, Nantes, France.

OTHER OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

1. Rafaly, V. (2023) 'Episode 4/4: Terres australes et antarctiques : la stratégie de la sanctuarisation', Série *Les Outre-mer, territoires stratégiques*, Radio France Culture, 25 mai 2023, <https://www.radiofrance.fr/franceculture/podcasts/cultures-monde/terres-australes-et-antarctiques-la-strategie-preservationniste-2424934>
2. Rafaly, V. (2023) 'Droit international de la pêche, de la mer et de l'environnement : vers une justice environnementale', Session de l'Ecole de l'Exploration : Manger la mer ? Pêche, pêcheurs et ressources halieutiques, 8-9 Juin 2023, <https://ecoleexploration.fr/manger-la-mer-peche-pecheurs-et-ressources-halieutiques>.

MAJOR COLLABORATIONS

- 2024: Member of the Organising Committee of the *Ocean Justice Reading Group*, an initiative launched with the Ocean Law Group at the University of Gothenburg. The reading groups gather researchers from different disciplines and career stages, once a month around a specific topic, to reflect on the notion of justice in the ocean context.
- 2018-2020: Legal expert in DAMOZ Project– An Observatory of Activities in Disputed Maritime Zones (<https://zomad.eu/fr/>) which comprises 13 legal experts in International Law and Law of the Sea field. Coordinated by Pr Alina Miron (University of Angers), funded by the Regional Council of Pays de la Loire (France) award "Rising Stars".

2020 – present: Member of the editorial team of the *Law of the Sea: Contemporary Norms and Practice in Africa* Project, South African Research Chair in the Law of the Sea and Development in Africa, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa (November 2020)

PRICES AND DISTINCTIONS

Pr. Former Judge Raymond Ranjeva Award for a study on “Africa, climate change and justice: seeking justice amidst global challenges”, awarding the best paper presented at the 12th Annual Conference of the African Society of International Law, Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia, October 2023.

Honours from the Jury of Admiral Daveluy’s Prize 2020 for the PhD thesis, Centre d’Etudes Stratégiques de la Marine (CESM), October 2020. Created by the Chef d’état-major de la Marine in 1996, the “Admiral Daveluy” prize rewards historical, geopolitical and legal research and reflection in the fields of naval and maritime studies. It includes a component in engineering sciences (naval techniques, marine biology, oceanography, etc.) and a component in human sciences (law, geography, history, geopolitics, etc.) which reward academic research.

Honours from the Jury of Admiral Daveluy’s Prize 2017 for the Master’s dissertation, Centre d’Etudes Stratégiques de la Marine (CESM), June 2017.

ORGANISATION OF EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

2023: Sea Lion’s Den Lab – communication & logistics - Spring and Fall 2023. This meeting gathers academics across faculties at the University of Copenhagen, within the Copenhagen Ocean Hub Initiative. It is a platform to connect researcher in ocean-related matters, to exchange and develop new ideas, and to create a multidisciplinary network.

2022: Swedish International Law Day – member of the organizing committee, logistics - 4 October 2022. The conference gathers all researchers in International Law across Swedish Universities, from young scholars to professors, to share ideas and on-going research, and to build stronger network.

2014-2020: Chemin Neuf Community’s Summer Youth Camp – Head of logistics (accommodation, food and transport) - This camp gathers more than 1.500 young Christians during one week at the Abbey of Hautcombe, Haute-Savoie, France.

CAREER BREAKS

September 2017 – August 2018: Hautecombe Discipleship School (Abbaye d’Hautecombe, Savoie, France): philosophical, theological, and social programme, a gap year aiming at grounding one’s faith, discover one’s calling and improve intercultural and interpersonal awareness.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Malagasy : native language
French : bilingual (C2)
English : C1
Swedish: B1