



High Seas Treaty Symposium

6-7 October 2023, Edinburgh, UK

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Code of Conduct and social media Policy

We are committed to providing a friendly, professional, respectful, inclusive and safe environment for all participants at the “The High Seas Treaty – from negotiations to implementation” symposium on 6-7 October 2023.

By participating in the Symposium, all attendees agree to this Code of Conduct. Any behaviours that violate this code should be reported to oceans@ed.ac.uk and may result in the removal of the participant from the event. We commit to respond to any reports of such behaviours in a respectful and timely manner, while ensuring privacy.

Examples of Expected Behaviours

- Treat all participants, guests, organisers and volunteers of the Symposium with **respect and consideration**.
- Communicate openly and thoughtfully with others and be **considerate of the multitude of views** and opinions that are different from your own.
- Be **respectful and mindful** in your critique of ideas.
- Maintain a **safe and appropriate physical and emotional distance** in all interactions.

These behaviours are expected by all participants during the event and when using online platforms including social media.

Examples of Behaviours that will not be tolerated during the Symposium:

- Harassment and intimidation, including any verbal, written, or physical conduct designed to threaten, intimidate, or coerce another delegate, conference organisers, or staff.
- Discrimination based on gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, physical appearance, race, religion, national origin, or culture.
- Physical or verbal abuse of any meeting guest.

The Symposium embraces wider dissemination, collaboration, and partnership and at the same time **we respect the speakers’ right to request that their work is not shared across social media**. During the Symposium we ask all presenters to make it clear during their talks if any views, data or other information need to be kept confidential. This should be explained verbally and by inserting a graphic similar to the example below on the relevant PowerPoint slides.



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