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Curriculum Vitae

Lam Sze Hong (Ocean) was born in 1996 in Hong Kong. He completed his pre-university education in Hong Kong before entering the University of Hong Kong, where he earned his LL.B between 2014 and 2018. He later obtained a Postgraduate Certificate in Law (PCLL) in 2019, also from the University of Hong Kong. In 2020, Lam graduated with an Advanced LL.M in Public International Law (*cum laude*) from Leiden University, the Netherlands. This was followed by his Ph.D. studies in Law at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University, conducted from 2021 to 2025.

His doctoral training included teaching and supervision responsibilities, academic coordination, and convening international legal symposia and workshops. From 2021 to 2025, Lam taught courses in Public International Law and International Criminal Law at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels; supervised LLM these, coached the Leiden IBA-ICC Moot teams, organised academic events, and published on a variety of topics relating to the intersections of colonialism, international law, and geopolitics.

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