Preface

The Fridtjof Nansen Institute served as the national consortium partner when the Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea was established at the University of Tromsø – The Arctic University of Norway in 2013. During the six years when the Centre was in operation, I was the leader of the work package ‘Fundamental Challenges for the Law of the Sea’. In studying the driving factors behind the progressive development of the law of the sea, we also examined the role of international courts and tribunals. The present volume is among the outputs of the research conducted in the final phase of that project.

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