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# RIKKYO UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL LAW PROFESSOR LECTURES AT IMLI

# Professor Atsuko Kanehara (Professor of International Public Law at the Law Faculty of Rikkyo University, Japan) visited IMLI and delivered two lectures entitled “Reconsideration of the High Seas Regime: The Freedom of the High Seas and the Flag State Principle”.

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# *Professor Atsuko Kanehara during her lecture to the IMLI class 2008/2009*

The principal purpose of the lecture was the assessment of the recent non-flag state measures at high seas in various issues as strong motivation for reconsidering the traditional principles of the high seas: the freedom of the high seas and the flag state principle.

In this respect, the lectures delivered by Professor Kanehara aimed at introducing and examining the non-flag state measured in issues as, illegal or IUU fishing, violent acts against safety of navigation, international terrorism and illicit trafficking of drugs. In her view *“the non-flag state measures are backed up by the growing interests in measures at sea and actual power and technique for that purpose gained by sovereign states. On that basis upon the examination of non-flag state measures, after questioning the fundamentality of the traditional high sea legal regime as if it were axiom, it may be concluded that the non-flag state measures on the increase is understood not as just exception for the flag state principle, but rather as a new device of international society to supplement it for the purpose of development of effective international regulation of the high seas.”*

Professor Kanehara studied law at the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law. Since April 1999 she is Professor of Public International Law at Rikkyo University, Faculty of Law. She was a Visiting Scholar at Leiden University, Faculty of Arts, Japanese Studies, The Netherlands in March 2008, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Faculty of Arts, Japanese Studies, in Belgium and Harvard Law School, USA from 1995 to1997. Professor Kanehara is a member of the International Law Association, of the Committee for the Legal Issues on Outer Continental Shelf and of the American Society of International Law. She is the author of numerous publications in English and Japanese.

In 1989 Professor Kanehara was awarded the Adatci Mineichiro (Judge of Permanent International Court of Justice) Award.

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