THE NIPPON FOUNDATION PROFESSOR DELIVERS THE COURSE ON THE LAW OF TREATIES

Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law at IMLI, recently delivered the course on ‘The Law of Treaties’ to the IMLI Class 2014/2015. Professor Fitzmaurice is a renowned expert in this field and the law governing treaties is a core topic within the subject of public international law.

Her lectures covered in detail treaties as a source of public international law; the concept of a treaty in international law; the means to express consent to be bound by a treaty; issues on
interpretation of treaties; and rules governing reservation to a treaty by States. In this regard, Professor Fitzmaurice did a comprehensive study of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties 1969 (VCLT).

Professor Fitzmaurice holds a Chair of Public International Law at the Department of Law, Queen Mary, University of London. She specializes in international environmental law, indigenous peoples, water law and the law of treaties. Professor Fitzmaurice has lectured widely in the United Kingdom and abroad at various universities, such as Utrecht, Brussels, Oslo, University of Lapland and at the World Bank in 2001. She has taught extensively in various law schools, most recently at the Berkeley University School of Law of the United States. In July 2001, she was invited to deliver lectures on “International Protection of the Environment” at the Hague Academy of International Law.

Professor Fitzmaurice has published widely on all these subjects. Until 2001, she was a member of the Board of Editors and one of the Editors of the Netherlands Yearbook of International Law. She is the Editor in Chief of the International Community Law Review and a Co-Rapporteur of the International Law Association Committee on Non-State Actors.

Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice has also participated in many international conferences, at many of which she was a keynote speaker.

Her method of teaching enabled the students to easily understand the complex subject and they greatly benefited from her expertise.

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