

**LEIF OLLIVIERRE LECTURES AT IMLI ON “GLOBAL TRADE AND SHIPPING:
CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE”**

The Institute had the pleasure of welcoming for the first time Mr. Leif Ollivierre, former Senior Lecturer in Maritime Law at Southampton Solent University, on 14 November 2014. During his visit, Mr. Ollivierre, who met with the the staff and students of the Class of 2014/2015, delivered a lecture under the rubric “*Global Trade and Shipping: Challenges of the Future.*”



Mr. Leif Ollivierre meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2014/2015

Mr. Ollivierre opened his lecture by stating that the next 20 years will be nothing like the last 20 years. The reasons for these changes he declared are that the expanding world population and changing demographics will change trade and shipping patterns; to feed the expected growth and

changes in demand, ships will become even bigger; changes in demand and trade patterns can create high levels of volatility in commodities resulting in super cycles; and oil may no longer be the commodity which ensures economic output and health globally.

He stated that the United Nations forecasts approximately 200,000 people a day will be added to the global population by 2050 and there will be a significant change in demographics with global economic giants, China and India. This expanding world population and changing demographics he continued, will change trade and shipping patterns, produce bigger ships, create high instability in commodities resulting in super cycles.

Mr. Ollivierre averred that oil will no longer be the commodity which ensures economic output and health globally. He added further that mega cities will be built as 180,000 persons are moving into cities globally everyday and that the world economy is expected to grow at an average rate of just 3% per annum from 2011 to 2050.

He continued that water is being identified as “Liquid Gold” and viewed as the commodity of the future. Further, he said water is significant because it does not only affect water availability for the growing world population, but concerns energy, economy, climate and environment, and human productivity. He concluded by saying ultimately, mega water tankers will be used to transport water from nations with surplus water supply to nations with water deficits globally.

Mr. Ollivierre has been a senior lecturer in Maritime Law, lecturing at the post graduate and under graduate level for over six years at Southampton Solent University. He is a graduate of BPP Law School London where he completed his Legal Practice Course. He holds an LL.M. in Maritime Law from the University of Southampton, an M.Sc. from The World Maritime University in Maritime Affairs, a B.Sc. in Applied Accounting and B.Sc. in Economics and Business Management.

He has also been a long standing Member of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, an Affiliate of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Mr. Ollivierre has over seven year’s industry experience in commercial shipping including ship operations, ship broking, financial reporting, sales and marketing. During this period he managed the daily operations of coastal bulk carriers, general cargo ships, chemical tankers and container ships throughout the Americas and Caribbean.

He is a Member of the Board of Examiners and the legal editor at the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers and provides maritime and education training consultancy services to maritime educational institutions and shipping companies.

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