



ANKARA UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Dr. Hakan Karan (Director of the Research Center of the Sea and Maritime Law, Ankara University, Turkey) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on 27 March 2018 and delivered lectures on “Irregular Migration At Sea” and “The Legal Regime of the Turkish Straits” to the IMLI Class of 2017-2018.



Professor Dr. Hakan Karan (Director of the Research Center of the Sea and Maritime Law, Ankara University) meeting the IMLI Class of 2017-2018

In his lecture, on “Irregular Migration At Sea”, Dr. Karan emphasised that Migrant Smuggling is a problem closely intertwined with Irregular Migration, and as such, these two must be discussed

together. He then went on to discuss migrant smuggling as a criminal act, contrasting it with the entry or residence of migrants, related human rights considerations and the legal mechanisms in international instruments to provide protection to the Migrants at Sea. He engaged the students with an insightful discussion on the Turkish experience, which the students appreciated greatly as Turkey, due to its geographical location, have many experiences in this issue in recent years. He ended his lecture, citing co-operation between states is crucial to protect human rights at sea and combat problems on migration at sea at the same time.

In his lecture on “The Legal Regime of the Turkish Straits”, he discussed the relevant provisions of the UNCLOS and the Montreux Convention of 1936. He likewise iterated the rights of merchant and warships in the Turkish straits and the legal bases thereto.



Professor Dr. Hakan Karan (Director of the Research Center of the Sea and Maritime Law, Ankara University) delivering his lectures

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