

UNIVERSITY OF MALTA ACADEMIC LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Stefano Filletti (Senior Managing Partner, Filletti & Filletti Advocates, Head of Department of Criminal Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta and Head of the Maltese Delegation to the Council of Europe-European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC)), visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute on 5 March 2018 and delivered a lecture on “Marine Pollution Prevention Under Customary International Law”, to the IMLI Class of 2017-2018.



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Dr. Filletti started his lecture with a series of questions to gauge their current understanding of the topic at hand and the concepts therein. Students were challenged to apply principles of

international law to solve legal issues faced by professionals. This interactive style of his engaged the students from the beginning of the class.

Further in his lecture, he mentioned that traditionally, a reactionary approach has always been taken by the maritime sector in protecting the marine environment. This is very much evident in the maritime incidents of the Torrey Canyon (1967), Amoco Cadiz (1978) and the Exxon Valdez (1989).

He then gave an overview on the types and sources of marine pollution, the general legal principles in the protection of the marine environment and the prevention of marine pollution and the maritime legal framework concerning marine pollution.

He likewise discussed the Concept of Port State under customary international law.

In discussing the enforcement of marine environmental laws, Dr. Filletti dealt extensively with arrest jurisdiction, the competence of the courts to deal with alleged breaches of the law, compulsory enforcement, and non-innocent passage, where pollution is “willful and serious”.



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Dr. Stefano Filletti earned his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Legal and Humanistic Studies, Diploma of Notary Public, and a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) from the University of Malta.

In 1999, he was awarded a Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree with distinction by the Institute (IMLI), after which, in 2000, he was awarded a Magister Juris Degree in Advanced Criminal Law, The Law of Evidence and International Law of the Sea from University of Oxford, also with distinction.

In 2016, he was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy Degree (Ph.D.) from the University of Malta.

His public appointments over the years include Assistant Electoral Commissioner for both local council election and general election in Malta and Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Ecuador. He is a lawyer and a member of the Malta Chamber of Advocates.

Dr. Filletti has written many articles and papers on various legal issues including “*Fighting Crime Under the Rule of Law*”, “*The Exclusionary Rule of Hearsay – A Blessing or a Curse*”, “*Admissibility of Confessions – An English Perspective*”, and “*Similar Fact Evidence in Criminal Trials – An English Perspective*”. Recently, he published a book entitled “*Towards a European Criminal Law System*”.

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