

FERRARA UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Serena Forlati (Associate Professor of International Law, University of Ferrara, Italy) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on 6 April 2018 and delivered a lecture on the “United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC): A Complex Legal Framework” to the IMLI Class of 2017-2018.



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In her lecture, Professor Forlati discussed the UNTOC and its Protocols (the Palermo Protocols). She gave emphasis to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children (also referred to as the Trafficking Protocol). She analysed the scope, key legal definitions of terms used therein such as “human trafficking” and “migrant smuggling” and the transnational nature of the said legal instruments. Professor Forlati also explained the salient provisions of these legal instruments and their interaction with related provisions of the Law of the Sea.

The students were fascinated by Dr. Forlati's interesting lecture on what is quite a pressing issue that needs to be addressed.

Professor Serena Forlati (LL.M., Bruges, Ph.D., Rome-La Sapienza), graduated in Law at the University of Florence. She was post doc in Public Law, then research fellow in International Law at the University of Florence, and teaching assistant at the Universities of Venice and Siena. She then moved to the University of Ferrara, where she is currently associate professor of International Law, and coordinator of MaCrO, Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Mafia and Other Forms of Organised Crime. Her current research interests focus on international dispute settlement, International Human Rights Law and its interaction with International Criminal Law.

Her recent publications include: *The Changing Role of Nationality in International Law*, Routledge, 2013 (editor, with A. Annoni); *La lotta alla tratta di esseri umani – Fra dimensione internazionale e ordinamento interno* [The Fight Against Human Trafficking – Between International and Domestic Law], Jovene, 2013 (editor); *The International Court of Justice – An Arbitral Tribunal or a Judicial Body?*, Springer, 2014 (author); *Redefining Organised Crime: A Challenge for the European Union?*, Hart, 2017 (editor, with S. Carnevale and O. Giolo).

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