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## **PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF MALTA LECTURES AT IMLI**

H.E. Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici (President Emeritus of Malta) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute in October and November 2018. He delivered a set of lectures to the IMLI Class of 2018-2019.



*H.E. Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici (President Emeritus of Malta) with the IMLI Class of 2018-2019*

Dr. Mifsud Bonnici's lectures covered 'Classifications and Differentiations', 'the Mainstream of Law in the West', 'The Specific Nature of Anglo-Saxon Common Law Systems', 'Law in Islamic Countries' and 'Law and Change: The Drafting of New Laws'.

The main aim of Dr. Mifsud Bonnici's lectures in Comparative Law was to introduce the students, who came from different legal systems, to the various aspects of law and its development. Most interestingly, his lectures also analysed how various legal systems, such as the Civil Law, Anglo-Saxon Common Law and the Sharia influenced the formation of the national legal institutions of various countries.

H.E. Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici obtained a B.A. degree and an LL.D. from the University of Malta in 1952 and 1955 respectively. He practised law from 1956 to 1987. He was elected Member of Parliament in 1966 and served on many select committees, most notably the Committee on Constitutional Matters, which formulated the amendments to the Constitution in 1974 and 1987. H.E. Dr Mifsud Bonnici served as Minister of Education, with some other portfolios,

between 1987 and 1994. As Minister, he was responsible for the new Education Law (1988), the Law for the Protection of the Environment and the Law of Health and Safety at the place of work.

Dr. Mifsud Bonnici was elected President of the Republic in 1994 and served for a term of five years. He is the author of numerous publications, including: *Biex il-futur jerga' jibda* (1976); *Il-linja t-tajba* (1981); *Biex il-futur reġa' beda* (1992); *Il-Manwal tal-President* (1997); *Kif sirna Repubblika* (1999); An Introduction to Comparative Law (2004); An Introduction to Cultural Heritage Law (2008), An Introduction to the Law of Education (2014) and his autobiography *Konvinzjoni u Esperjenza* (2015).

From November 2002 to 2013, Dr. Mifsud Bonnici served as a member of the Venice Commission for Democracy through Law of the Council of Europe. He was awarded the D. Litt (*Honoris causa*) by the University of Malta in 1995, and by the Sorbonne (Paris IV) in 1996.

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