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.


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,

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 jerġa’ 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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