



THE NIPPON FOUNDATION PROFESSOR DELIVERS THE COURSE ON THE LAW OF TREATIES

Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, delivered the course on ‘*The Law of Treaties*’ to the IMLI Class 2019/2020. Professor Fitzmaurice is a renowned expert in this field and the law governing Treaties is a core topic within the subject of Public International Law.



Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice delivering her lecture

Her lectures covered in detail treaties as a source of public international law; the concept of a treaty in international law; the means to express consent to be bound by a treaty; issues on interpretation of treaties; and rules governing reservation to a treaty by States. In this regard, Professor Fitzmaurice did a comprehensive study on the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (VCLT).

The students greatly benefited from her expertise.

On another note, the Director, Professor David Attard and all at IMLI extend their heartiest congratulations to Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice for her recent appointment as a Member of The Institute of International Law. IMLI is proud to be associated with a person of her calibre, who has distinguished herself in the field of international law to pave the way for her prestigious election.

When interviewed by the Editor of the IMLI e-News on her appointment, Professor Fitzmaurice had this to say:

“I am very honoured to be elected by the highest esteemed and renowned lawyers in the world. I feel an enormous sense of gratification that my research are known and appreciated. Furthermore, I am even more honoured that out of 18 candidates, of which only 5 were elected, I was not only among the 5 elected but that I was elected in the first round of voting, with an overwhelming majority.

I am also very grateful to the British Group of outstanding personalities who had presented me to the Institute for Membership, including The Right Honourable the Lady Higgins, GBE, QC, who is a British former President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and Professor Vaughan Lowe QC, who himself is an associate member of the Institute. This recognition is the biggest accolade for an international lawyer.”

Malgosia Fitzmaurice holds a chair of public international law at the Department of Law, Queen Mary, University of London. She specialises in international environmental law and the law of treaties.



Professor Fitzmaurice meeting the IMLI Class of 2019-2020

Professor Fitzmaurice published widely on both subjects. In July 2001, she was invited to deliver the keynote lectures on 'International Protection of the Environment' at The Hague Academy of International Law.

In 1996, Professor Fitzmaurice delivered a paper at the 50th anniversary of the International Court of Justice in The Hague. She has lectured widely in the United Kingdom and abroad at various

universities, such as Utrecht and Brussels and at the World Bank in 2001. She has also participated in many international conferences. Until 2001, she was a member of the Board of Editors and one of the Editors of the Netherlands Yearbook of International Law. She is the Editor in Chief of the International Community Law Review and a Co-Rapporteur of the International Law Association Committee on Non-State Actors. She has taught extensively in various law schools, including the United States.

Professor Fitzmaurice's previous teaching positions include Readership in international law at the Department of Law, University of Amsterdam. She also worked at the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague.

Professor Fitzmaurice teaches undergraduate and graduate international law courses, including international environmental law and the law of treaties. She is an LLM convenor in international law at the University of London.

Malgosia Fitzmaurice published recently two substantive articles: "Canons of Treaty Interpretation: Selected Case Studies from the World Trade Organisation and the North American Free Trade Agreement", in the 2005 Austrian Review of International and European Law (published December 2007), pp. 41-951; and an article with Jill Marshall "The Human Right to a Clean Environment-Phantom or Reality? The European Court of Human Rights and English Courts Perspective on Balancing Rights in Environmental Matters", 76 Nordic Journal of International Law (2007), pp. 103-151.

In 2017, the American Journal of International of International Law gave a very enthusiastic review of her most recently published book "Whaling and International Law."

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