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INTERNATIONAL MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Mahin Faghfouri, President of the International Multimodal Transport Association recently visited IMLI and delivered a series of lectures on multimodal transport, the impact of the UNCITRAL Convention on Carriage of Goods (wholly or partly) by Sea (The Rotterdam Rules) on multimodal transport and the 1999 International Convention on Arrest of Ships to the students of the class 2009/2010.



Dr. Mahin Faghfouri delivering her lecture

In her lectures on multimodal transport Dr. Faghfouri provided the students with a historical background on the development of this mode of transport. She further explained its significance and focused on recent developments on the field. In this respect, she discussed, *inter alia*, the current international liability framework for unimodal transport and the efforts made by the international community to achieve uniform international regime for multimodal transport.

During her lecture on the 1999 Arrest of Ships Convention, Dr. Faghfouri gave an overview of the convention emphasizing the new provisions which represent an improvement of its predecessor.

Dr. Faghfouri studied law at the Law Faculty of the University of Tehran. She has a Master's degree in Maritime Law from the London University and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Wales.

Dr. Faghfouri has a long career in the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) where she had been a Chief of the Maritime Legislation / Legal Section of the Division for Services Infrastructure for Development and Trade Efficiency from 1984 until 2005. At the said position she was responsible for the work within UNCTAD on maritime law and multimodal transport including the International Convention on Arrest of Ships 1999, the International Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages 19993, UNCTAD Minimum Standards for Shipping Agents, UNCTAD's work on bills of lading, charterparties, general average, legal

aspects of electronic commerce and maritime and container security. Since 2005 she holds the position of President of the International Multimodal Transport Association.

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