



PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF MALTA DELIVERS A COURSE OF COMPARATIVE LAW AT IMLI

H.E. Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici (President Emeritus of Malta) commenced his course of lectures on comparative law. His lectures focus on a wide range of topics including, *inter alia*, “The Mainstream of Law in the West”, “The Specific Nature of the Anglo – Saxon Common Law System”, “Law in Islamic Countries”, and “Laws and Change: The Drafting of new Laws”.

The aim of the lectures is to provide the students with an insight of the legal systems such as the Civil Law, Common Law and Shari’ah Law, as well as other systems that have derived from the above mentioned, and help them understand the differences and similarities between these legal systems and legal traditions. The study of comparative law is given much importance at IMLI, as it is an important key to understanding the present-day legal systems of the world, and it is of paramount importance in the study of maritime law from an international perspective.



H.E. Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici meeting IMLI Students of the Class of 2011/2012

H.E. Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici obtained a B.A. in 1952, and LL.D. in 1955 and a D. Litt (Honoris Causa). He practiced law between 1956 and 1987, served as a Member of Parliament between 1966 and 1994 and acted as Minister between 1987 and 1994. As Minister, his portfolio included Education, Environment, Broadcasting, Culture, Youth, Museums and Sport. He was President of Malta between 1994 and 1999. As a Member of Parliament, he took an active interest in the updating of Malta's legislation and he was a member of numerous selected Committees including the Committee set up to draft the Constitutional changes that declared Malta a Republic.

H.E. Dr. Bonnici is the author of numerous publications including the text book on 'An Introduction to Comparative Law'. His latest book entitled 'An Introduction to Cultural Heritage Law' was published in 2008.

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