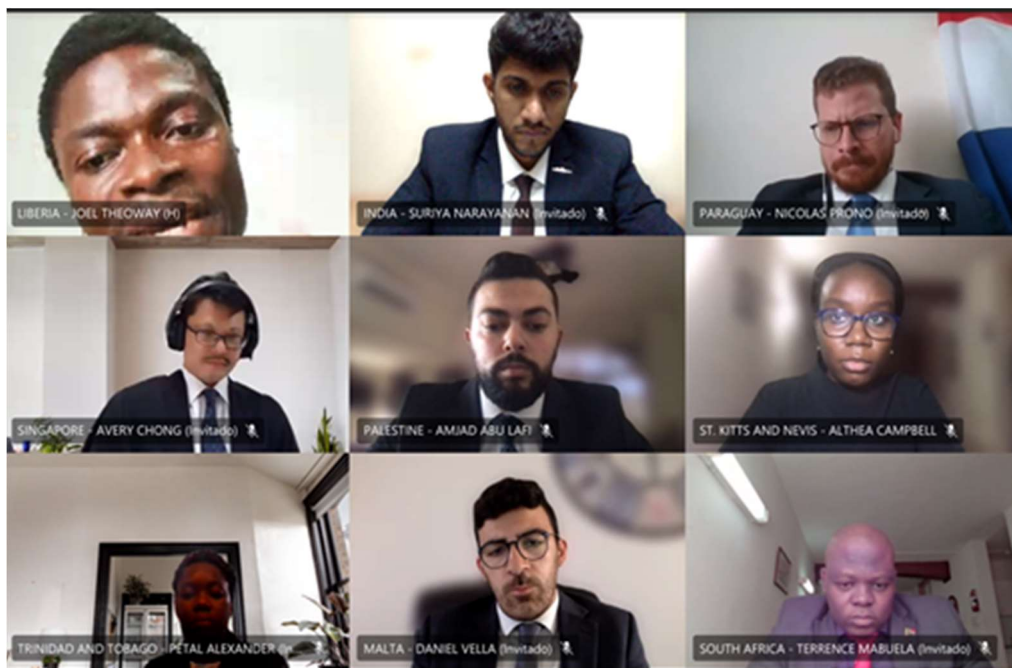


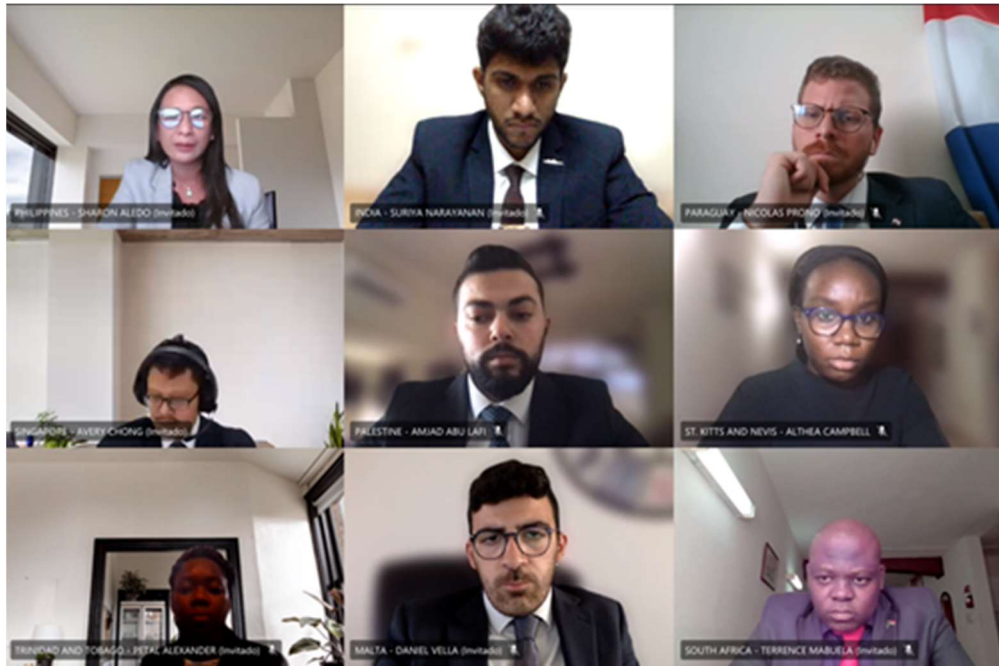
IMLI MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2021

The Institute held its traditional Moot Court Competition on 25 May 2021. The Moot Court exercise served as the culmination of the IMLI Course on Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes. The exercise was conducted by the Class of 2021, which was divided into representatives of two imaginary States (Republic of Iline and Republic of Pleva) and a Chamber of six Judges.



Mr. Joel Theoway (Liberia), acting as Agent of the Republic of Iline, making a case for the jurisdiction of the Tribunal

During the Moot Court exercise, the respective parties argued for and against the *prima facie* jurisdiction of the Tribunal under Part XV of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.



Mr. Avery Chong (Singapore), acting as Agent of the Republic of Pleva, making a case against the jurisdiction of the Tribunal

The Chamber presided over by Ms. Althea Campbell (Saint Kitts and Nevis) and composed of Mr. Suriya Sundararajan (India), Dr. Daniel Vella (Malta), Mr. Amjed Abu Lafi (Palestine), Mr. Nicolás Prono Britez (Paraguay), and Ms. Nasra Juma (Tanzania), held that the Tribunal had jurisdiction and adopted provisional measures pending the final decision.

The Moot Court was a student-led exercise, assisted by Dr. Ángeles Jiménez García-Carriazo (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance) and Mr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Law). Through this exercise, the students put into practice the lessons learnt from the IMLI Course on Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes.

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