

JUDGE MARÍA TERESA INFANTE CAFFI LECTURES AT IMLI

Judge María Teresa Infante Caffi (Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)), delivered a lecture on 4 May to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021 entitled '*Presenting before International Courts and Tribunals: A Practitioner's Perspective.*' Judge Infante was welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), who informed the government nominated participants that Judge Infante is a friend of the Institute. He noted that not only is she an outstanding lawyer and diplomat, but one having an impressive portfolio of published works in international law. The lecture of Judge Infante was part of the IMLI Specialized Course on Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes, attended by 103 participants from 68 countries.



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Judge Infante thanked Professor Attard for his warm welcome and expressed her pleasure to address the Class on a topic which is usually seen as a practical one, but which however has a lot of theory behind it. In her lecture, Judge Infante addressed the subject by looking at both the practical and theoretical aspects. She noted that there is an interplay between theory and practice. She explained that theory is important as one should be knowledgeable about the legal framework which includes the tribunals, their nature, jurisdictions, and limits. In addition, by making use of some of her personal experiences in practice, Judge Infante gave an in-depth discussion about the role of the Agent and Co-agent, including the process before the court.



Judge Infante was elected as Judge of the Tribunal in October 2020. In her professional capacity, she has held a number of distinguished positions including Professor, Faculty of Law and of the Institute of International Studies, University of Chile, Professor of the Diplomatic Academy of Chile, Director of the Institute of International Studies in the University of Chile. She was Co-Agent of Chile in disputes before the International Court of Justice (Maritime Dispute, 2008-2014; Obligation to negotiate, 2013-2018; Status and use of the waters of the Silala, 2016-2020). She was also Ambassador of Chile to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Permanent Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Chair of the Sub-Working Group on Non-State Actors of the OPCW and Co-Chair of the Study Group on Governance (together with Japan and Switzerland) of The Hague

Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties. Judge Infante was Chair of the Working Group of the Bureau on the implementation of article 97 of the Rome Statute. She has advised and participated in research programs for, amongst others, the Permanent Commission of the South Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), National Commission of the Environment and participated in diplomatic negotiations on maritime and Antarctic matters, and with neighbouring and South American countries on issues of integration, limits, international law and cooperation on border policies.



She is a Member of several prestigious bodies including holding the presidency of the Chilean Society of International Law and is active in academic writings with numerous impressive publications in her name.

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