LAW OF TREATIES PROGRAMME

IMO International Maritime Law Institute

OVER 30 YEARS SERVING THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW
For many years, the United Nations and its specialized agencies, have spearheaded the development of a robust international legal framework regulating various aspects of international law.

The International Maritime Organization, alone, has been successful in adopting some 60 international treaties which aim to provide a regulatory framework for the shipping industry that is fair and effective, universally adopted and universally implemented.

Accordingly, the accomplishment of the international community’s goals, as encapsulated in the international policies and treaty rules, can only be achieved if States become Parties to these treaties and effectively implement them at a national level. This, in turn, requires a thorough understanding of the Law of Treaties.

To promote capacity-building in this very important field of law, the IMO International Maritime Law Institute is offering an intensive programme on the Law of Treaties consisting of two parts: Part A – Introduction to the Law of Treaties; Part B – Specialist Seminars on the Law of Treaties.

Through an analysis of the provisions of the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (VCLT) and developments found in jurisprudence and doctrine, this Programme provides, in its first part, an overview of the Law of Treaties with lectures discussing the relationship between treaties and customary international law, the States’ expression of consent to be bound by treaties, treaty interpretation, third States and treaties, invalidity of treaties, methods of revision and amendment, duration and termination, UN global and regional treaties for the oceans, and enforcement of treaties. This part will be complemented by lectures delivered by IMO officers on the IMO treaty-making process and the implementation of IMO instruments in national law.

The second part of this Programme, which will be delivered by academics from Queen Mary University of London, will comprise specialist seminars on the abovementioned points and other fundamental aspects of the Law of Treaties drawing examples from jurisprudence and the latest developments in this important area.

It is expected that this Programme on the Law of Treaties will provide the knowledge required to promote a more active participation of State Representatives in the development and working of international treaties with particular emphasis on the treaties adopted under the auspices of the IMO.
PART A

INTRODUCTION TO THE LAW OF TREATIES

CONVENORS:

Professor David Attard in co-operation with Professor Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska, Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja, Dr. Ángeles Jiménez Garcia-Carriazo, Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal, Mr. Murat Sümer, and Ms. Ramat Jalloh.

General Introduction by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI)  
Monday 8 November 2021 at 14:45 CET

Inaugural Address by Dr. David Nanopoulos, Chief of the Treaty Section, United Nations  
Monday 8 November 2021 from 15:00 to 16:30 CET

LECTURES:

Introduction to the Law of Treaties: Definition, Capacity of States to Conclude Treaties, Full Powers, Adoption and Authentication of Text  
Tuesday 9 November 2021 from 12:00 to 13:00 CET

Relationship between Treaties and Customary International Law  
Tuesday 9 November 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET

Consent to be Bound by Treaties: Means of Expressing Consent, Reservations and Declarations I & II  
Wednesday 10 November 2021 from 12:00 to 14:10 CET

Intricacies of Treaty Interpretation  
Friday 12 November 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET

IMO Treaty-Making Process (Tacit Acceptance Procedure)  
Tuesday 16 November 2021 from 14:30 to 15:30 CET (TBC)

Implementing IMO Instruments: Turning International Conventions into National Law  
Tuesday 16 November 2021 from 15:45 to 16:45 CET (TBC)

Treaty Effects beyond the Parties  
Wednesday 17 November 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET

Invalidity of Treaties, Jus Cogens, and the UN Charter  
Friday 19 November 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET

Final Provisions of a Treaty I: Entry into Force, Duration, and Termination  
Monday 22 November 2021 from 12:00 to 13:00 CET

Final Provisions of a Treaty II: Revision and Amendment, Depositary and Official Languages  
Monday 22 November 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET

UN Global and Regional Treaties for the Oceans I: UNCLOS  
Wednesday 24 November 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET

UN Global and Regional Treaties for the Oceans II: Regional Seas Programme  
Thursday 25 November 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET

Enforcement of Treaties  
Friday 26 November 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET
PART B

SPECIALIST SEMINARS ON THE LAW OF TREATIES

CONVENORS:

Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice in co-operation with Ms. Agnes Rydberg.

SEMINARS:

Sources of International Law, with a Particular Emphasis on Treaties
   Tuesday 30 November 2021 from 12:00 to 13:00 CET

Concept of a Treaty in International Law
   Tuesday 30 November 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET

Capacity to Conclude and Consent to be Bound by Treaties
   Thursday 2 December 2021 from 12:00 to 13:00 CET

Reservations and Entry into Force
   Friday 3 December 2021 from 12:00 to 13:00 CET

Conflict of Treaties
   Friday 3 December 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET

Third States and Treaties
   Friday 3 December 2021 from 14:35 to 15:35 CET

Termination of Treaties
   Monday 6 December 2021 from 12:00 to 13:00 CET

Invalidity of Treaties
   Monday 6 December 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET

Interpretation of Treaties
   Tuesday 7 December 2021 from 12:00 to 13:00 CET

Material Breach of a Treaty and State Responsibility
   Tuesday 7 December 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET

Amendment and Modification of Treaties
   Thursday 9 December from 12:00 to 13:00 CET

Principles of State Succession in Respect of Treaties
   Friday 10 December 2021 from 12:00 to 13:00 CET

Law of Treaties and Domestic Law / Registration of Treaties and the Role of the Treaty Depositary
   Friday 10 December 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET

Interim Obligations in the Law of Treaties
   Tuesday 14 December 2021 from 13:10 to 14:10 CET

IMO Conventions by Mr. Frederick Kenney, Director of Legal and External Affairs, International Maritime Organization
   Friday 17 December 2021 from 15:45 to 16:45 CET
WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This Programme is addressed to any person who needs to understand the intricacies of Law of Treaties and the rights and obligations of States Parties under the same. For these reasons, the Programme would be most suitable to representative of States to international organizations, foreign relations experts, legal officers of maritime administrations, and maritime consultants. The Programme would also prove beneficial to law students who wish to pursue a career in the field.

This is the second time that the Course is being held. The Institute notes with pride that the first Course was attended by 157 government nominated participants from 98 countries. Among them were Ambassadors, Alternate Permanent Representatives of countries to IMO, Directors of Government Departments, and Diplomats, who were nominated by their respective Permanent Representatives to IMO.

The Programme will be delivered online. Candidates who will attend 80 per cent of the lectures, will be eligible for a certificate of attendance.

To apply, please contact by not later than 30 October 2021 admissions@imli.org.

Candidates applying to a programme shall be flexible as the dates of delivery may be subject to change.
TUITION FEE AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

€500 Part A
€1,000 Part B

Payments can be made to the account details below:

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