SPECIALIST SEMINARS ON THE LAW OF TREATIES COMMENCES AT IMLI

Part B of the Specialist Programme on the Law of Treaties, commenced on 30 November 2021. This Part consists of Specialist Seminars on the Law of Treaties. The conveners of the Programme are Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI) and Ms. Agnes Rydberg (Teaching Associate, Queen Mary University of London).
This part follows Part A of the Programme which had provided an overview of the Law of Treaties. Speakers in this second part are discussing extensively the latest developments in the field. In so doing, the speakers are drawing examples from the jurisprudence of international courts and tribunals. This two-part Programme aims to enhance the government nominated participants' understanding in this crucial area of the law so as to ensure a more active participation of State Representatives in the development of international treaties.

**DIRECTOR OF IMO LEGAL AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DELIVERS A LECTURE AT IMLI**

Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal and External Affairs) delivered a lecture entitled "The Role and Achievements of the IMO’S Legal Division" to the IMLI Class of 2021-2022 on 1 December 2021. Mr. Kenney was introduced and welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), who expressed his appreciation to him for agreeing to deliver yet another lecture at IMLI within the current academic year.

*Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) introducing Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal and External Affairs) to the IMLI Class of 2021-2022*
Mr. Kenney thanked the Director for his wonderful introduction and registered his pleasure at being able to lecture to the students once more. He noted that the lecture is a good follow-on from the inaugural lecture he had given at the commencement of the academic year.

**DIRECTOR OF THE MARITIME SAFETY DIVISION OF IMO LECTURES AT IMLI**

Dr. Heike Deggim (Director, IMO Maritime Safety Division) delivered a lecture to the IMLI Class on “The role and Achievements of the IMO's maritime safety Division” on 2 December 2021. Dr. Deggim was warmly welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI). In turn, Dr. Deggim expressed her pleasure in addressing the IMLI students.
The lectures of Mr. Kenney and Dr. Deggim form part of the "IMO Work Operational Aspects Programme" which was designed to bring virtually to students the broad practical experience of IMO officers in order to equip the participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to contribute effectively to the realisation of IMO's goals. The programme offers participants substantial insights into the work of the Organization in safety, security, environmental protection, and facilitation of trade aspects.

This extensive Programme, which will run for over six months, is set to bring together over 30 distinguished IMO officials and world experts in the field who would provide practical perspectives and experiences.
**IMLI SUCCESS STORIES**

Mr. Elvis Ndipmun Ndifang (Cameroon) student of the IMLI Class of 2019-2020 has been appointed Registrar for Ships in the South West Region of Cameroon

"My training at IMLI was highly esteemed by my government and they thought it crucial to appoint me to head the registry in this part of the country."

**IMLI COURSE ON SEAFARERS' RIGHTS**

Labour at sea is deemed unique owing to its specific features and the environment in which it takes place. Seafarers, by the nature of their employment, are an isolated international occupational group of workers who face prolonged absence from their homes, resulting in important social and legal consequences. Unfortunately, since the development of the maritime industry, seafarers' fundamental rights have not always been considered a priority, thereby often not respected by shipowners.

Therefore, it was deemed necessary to adopt international rules to make special provisions for seafarers' rights protection and to ensure effective implementation of their provisions through the cooperation of the international community. The latest of these efforts is the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC), as amended.

IMLI has been in the vanguard in raising awareness on the importance of maritime labour law standards.

The IMLI Course on Seafarers' Rights reiterates the Institute's commitment to the protection of seafarers in line with the international efforts spearheaded by the IMO and ILO.

The Course will address many aspects of maritime labour law, including the characteristics of international maritime labour law, the functions of ILO, IMO, ITF and other organizations committed to the protection of seafarers' rights, the different international instruments dealing with seafarers, their rights and duties, with particular emphasis on the MLC. The Course will guide participants to the practical application of the MLC, including its amendments, and the efforts being made to limit the effect of the pandemic on seafarers worldwide.
The Course is addressed to persons directly involved with maritime labour law issues. It will be particularly beneficial to policy makers and legal drafters, as well as maritime administrations' and port authorities' officers. The Course will also be of benefit to private practitioners who handle seafarers' rights infringements and any other person who advocates for the upholding of seafarers' rights.

The Course will be delivered online. Candidates who attend at least 80 per cent of the lectures will be eligible for a Certificate of Attendance.

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