ITLOS JUDGES CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THE IMLI COURSE ON THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF MARITIME DISPUTES AND DELIMITATION OF MARITIME BOUNDARIES

As the IMLI Course on the Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries progresses, the Institute is proud to report that it is being addressed by several eminent personalities and experts in the field, including several sitting Judges from the International Tribunal for the Law of the Seas (ITLOS). The Institute had the pleasure of welcoming Judge Stanislaw Michal Pawlak, who has been a Member of the Tribunal since October 2017 and who was introduced by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) as one of the most eminent lawyers and someone who also has an extensive and outstanding career in diplomacy. Judge Pawlak delivered a lecture entitled "Prompt Release."

The Institute also welcomed Judge José Luis Jesus, who was described by Professor Attard as one of the veterans in the area of the law of the sea, with a fine legal mind and a friend of the Institute. Judge Jesus delivered a lecture entitled “Delimitation of the Continental Shelf Beyond 200 nm.”
During this week's of lectures, the Institute had the pleasure of receiving Judge Kriangsak Kittichaisaree, who delivered a lecture to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021 and Course participants entitled ‘Legality of Enforcement Activities at Sea (Cases No. 2, 19, 24 and 25).’ He was introduced by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law, IMLI).

The Institute had the pleasure of welcoming online, Ambassador Helmut Türk (Former Judge and Vice-President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)) on 12 May. Ambassador Türk delivered a lecture entitled “Responsibility of States for Activities in the Area (Case No. 17).” He was introduced by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), who referred to him as an outstanding jurist and publicist. He also informed the participant that Ambassador Türk is an exceptional international lawyer and a specialist in the Law of the Sea, despite hailing from a landlocked country.
The Institute, in continuation with its efforts to enhance capacity-building in the area of International Maritime Security Law, had the pleasure of welcoming four eminent personalities in this field who delivered specialist lectures in various areas of security law. On Tuesday 10 May, Dr. Yurika Ishii (Associate Professor, National Defense Academy of Japan) and Captain William 'Bill' Dwyer (Chief of Maritime, International, and Environmental Law for the US Coast Guard) addressed the Course. Dr. Ishii's lecture was entitled "Trafficking of Illicit Drugs and Arms" and Captain Dwyer lectured on the topic "The U.S. Coast Guard's Legal Framework for Operations."

Following these were the lectures of Professor Anna Petrig (The Chair of International Law and Public Law, University of Basel in Switzerland) and Dr. Nilüfer Oral (Director of the Centre of International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore and Member, the Law Faculty at Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey). Professor Petrig delivered a lecture entitled "The Commission of Maritime Crimes With Autonomous Ships: Legal Challenges Ahead" and Dr. Oral's lecture was entitled "Intentional Marine Environment Pollution as Security Threat/Sea Level Rise and International Security Implications."
In conclusion of these lectures for the week, was the lecture of Judge Kriangsak Kittichaisaree on "Legality of Enforcement Activities at Sea (Cases No. 2, 19, 24 and 25)", which straddles both the Courses of Maritime Security and the IMLI Course on the Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries.
On Monday 9 May, Mr. Camille Bourgeon (Technical Officer - Marine Environment Division, IMO) delivered a lecture entitled "IMO Ship-Sourced Emissions and Climate Change". His lecture was very well received by the Course Participants. This was followed on 10 May by the lecture of Professor Dr. Alexander Proelss (Chair, International Law of the Sea and International Environmental Law, Public International Law and Public Law, Faculty of Law, Universität Hamburg). He delivered a lecture entitled "Really a sea change? – In search of a coherent and consistent sustainability approach." The lecture of Professor Daniel Bodansky (Regents' Professor of Law in the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law) took place on 12 May. His lecture was entitled "Ocean and Climate Change Law".
Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Peter Ehlers (President of the German Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (ret.)) on diverse days during the reported week, delivered two lectures to the IMLI Class of 2022 and the Course participants on the following topics: "Use of and other Threats to the Oceans" and "What has already been done for sustainable maritime development?". He delivered exclusively to the IMLI Class another two lectures on the topic "What needs to be done for sustainable ocean governance?"

At the conclusion of the lectures of Professor Ehlers the students did group presentation, which they enjoyed and were able to demonstrate their understanding in this area of the Course.