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## **DIRECTOR OF THE IMO TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION AT IMO LECTURES AT IMLI**

Mr. Xiaojie Zhang (Director of the IMO Technical Cooperation Division) delivered a lecture to the IMLI Class of 2021-2022.



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The lecture which was entitled "IMO's Technical Cooperation: Historic Review and Future Outlook" was delivered on Wednesday 24 November 2021. Mr. Zhang was introduced to the students by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), who noted that with his vast practical knowledge and expertise, there is no better person to deliver this lecture.



*Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) introducing Mr. Zhang to the Class*

Mr. Zhang's lecture forms part of the "IMO Work Operational Aspects Programme" which was launched by IMLI in 2020. This Programme 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 thus offers participants substantial insights into the work of the Organization in safety, security, environmental protection, and facilitation of trade aspects. Upon its inception, the Programme brought together 35 world experts in the field who provided practical perspectives and experiences.

**DELIVERY OF THE ITCP: GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS**

Activities are delivered based on the need to promote the uniform implementation & enforcement of IMO's rules and standards.

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## **PROFESSOR OF TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY LECTURES AT IMLI**

Professor Eka Siradze (Associate Professor of Tbilisi State University, Georgia) delivered a lecture on the 25 November to the IMLI Class 2021-2022 titled "UN Global and Regional Treaties for the Oceans II: Regional Seas Programme."



*Professor Eka Siradze (Associate Professor of Tbilisi State University, Georgia)*

Professor Siradze was introduced to the Class by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer, IMLI), who expressed how proud she was that Professor Siradze's maritime law journey had started at IMLI several years ago when she was enrolled into the LL.M. Programme, as an officer of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of her country. Professor Siradze expressed her pleasure at being able to lecture at IMLI within the Institute's Law of Treaties Programme. She also intimated her delight at the number of female participants.

## IMLI SUCCESS STORIES



*Dr. Alison Vassallo (Malta) student of the IMLI Class of 2004-2005 has been appointed Malta Legal representative to MYBA The Worldwide Yachting Association*

*"I look back at my time at IMLI as one of the most formative and enjoyable of my life. The privilege of being immersed in the study of the entire spectrum of maritime and shipping law and of being lectured by leading experts in the various fields was truly unique. My post graduate degree has served me to good stead not only in my practice as a marine litigation and yachting lawyer, but has also brought with it the benefit of a network of fellow graduates from all over the world whose experience and support can be relied upon."*

During the IMLI Graduation Ceremony in 2005, Dr. Vassallo was awarded the IMO Secretary General's Prize for Best Dissertation.

### **IMLI SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES PART A OF ITS LAW OF TREATIES PROGRAMME**

IMLI completed on 26 November Part A of its dedicated Programme on the Law of Treaties, which commenced on 8 November with the Inaugural Lecture of Dr. David Nanopoulos (Chief of the United Nations Treaty Section). Lectures within Part A were delivered by the Institute's Director, Professor David Attard, and Members of the IMLI Faculty. Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (IMO Deputy Director / Head of Legal Affairs, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division) and Professor Eka Siradze (Associate Professor, Tbilisi State University, Georgia) also lectured within this Part. In addition to the 57 students of the IMLI Class of 2021-2022, the Programme was attended by over 40 external participants hailing from all over the world.



Dr. David Nanopoulos (Chief, United Nations Treaty Section)

Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI)

Professor Norman Martinez (Professor, IMLI)



Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer, IMLI)

Dr. Ángeles Jiménez García-Carriazo (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI)

Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law, IMLI)



Mr. Murat Sumer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI)

Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI)

Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Deputy Director / Head of Legal Affairs, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO)



Professor Eka Siradze (Associate Professor, Tbilisi State University, Georgia)

Through an analysis of the provisions of the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (VCLT) and developments found in jurisprudence and doctrine, the Programme provided 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.

Part B of the Programme, consisting of Specialist Seminars on the Law of Treaties, will commence on 30 November 2021.