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# LAW OF PORTS COURSE 2022

*IMO International Maritime Law Institute*

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MARITIME LAW



# SYNOPSIS

*It has been recognized that more than 80 per cent of goods sold in international trade are carried by sea. Ports have been, in fact, centres of commerce since time immemorial and, with the progressive transformation of international trade due to the globalization of economy, shipping has been confirmed as the most efficient means of transport in terms of volume.*

*The fact that coastal States enjoy territorial sovereignty over their ports, has often led to the belief that ports fall exclusively within the realm of domestic law irrespective of any developments in international maritime law, especially the IMO regulatory framework. The reality of ports operations and States' measures to ensure that ports are efficient, safe, secure, and environmentally friendly, has however contrasted such misconception. Considered as the gateways of the world to international trade and a supportive structure for economic activities and development, ports are now subject to extensive regulations which reflect numerous IMO treaty provisions.*

*The IMLI Course on the Law of Ports emphasizes the importance of the work of the IMO for the efficient management of ports and the effective implementation by States of their obligations acquired under international treaties.*

*The Course addresses therefore many aspects of port operations, as well as numerous areas covered by IMO conventions and prescriptions which are of vital importance to the Law of Ports, including security, safety, marine environment protection, and trade facilitation.*

*The Course provides an overview of the IMO regulatory regime on the protection of the marine environment which extends to ports. It explains that ships, which may not be compliant with the requirements of international treaties and prescriptions promulgated to protect the environment from ship-source pollution (accidental or operational) may not be allowed to proceed to sea. This also extends to ships' contingency plans in case of pollution incidents and to those relating to the maintenance of compulsory insurance to compensate victims of pollution incidents. Many IMO conventions comprise provisions for authorized government officials to inspect foreign ships that visit their ports to ensure that they meet IMO standards contained in instruments to which the port State is a Party.*

*Through these discussions participants are thus informed of the port States legislative and enforcement powers which reflect the provisions of UNCLOS and of the IMO Conventions.*





*Further, the Course highlights the leading role of IMO in regulating the prevention of air pollution from ships. To realize IMO's goal of decarbonization and desulphurization, ports have a critical role to play. From the compliant fuels they supply, to inspections to ensure the implementation of the adopted regulatory regime, port States are catalysts in the process.*

*Whereas ports, due to the infrastructural developments and advancements in technology, have witnessed a tremendous transformation and are the nexus that connects maritime transport with land transportation, they are also facing several security risks. The pursuit of efficiency and competitiveness shall be balanced with adequate security measures, especially those developed by the ISPS Code. For this purpose, the Course addresses the IMO responses to security threats in ports.*

*It should be recalled that IMO has noted that for international shipping to thrive, a unified, global approach to facilitation is vital. This has led to the adoption of the FAL Convention which sets uniform standards and recommended practices and rules to simplify formalities, documentary requirements and procedures on ships' arrival, stay and departure.*

*As the FAL Convention continues to be revised and amended to meet the needs of international trade, the Course reviews the latest developments in the field which require understanding and application by port authorities.*

*Port authorities play a vital role in the upholding of labour standards. As explained in the Course, the effective implementation of regulations on repatriation, crew change arrangements, and compliance and enforcement, as stipulated in the Maritime Labour Convention, depends as much on port States.*

*Under the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Course highlights the importance of uninterrupted flow of the global supply chain as well as the need for robust measures to ensure the repatriation and travel arrangements of seafarers and passengers while respecting the health and safety restrictions imposed by port States.*

*Cognizant of the fact that a robust port system which embraces advancements in technology, including automation and digitalization, while ensuring safety, security and environmentally friendly activities contribute to sustainable development, IMLI will offer the Third Annual Course on Law of Ports with the aim to highlight the importance of the Law of Ports and the vital role of IMO in efficient port operations.*





PART A  
INTRODUCTION TO THE LAW OF PORTS  
FEBRUARY 2022

LECTURES AND SPEAKERS:

- Inaugural Address by Mr. Clemence Cheng (*Executive Director, Hutchison Ports*) (TBC)
- Legal Status of Ports in International Law by Professor David Attard (*Director, IMLI*)
- Law of Pilotage by Professor Norman Martínez Gutiérrez (*Professor, IMLI*)
- Law of Towage by Mr. Murat Sümer (*The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI*)
- Introduction to Marine Environmental Law by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (*Lecturer, IMLI*)
- Introduction to the IMO Regulatory Regime on Reduction of Sulphur Emissions by Dr. Ángeles Jiménez García-Carriazo (*The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI*)
- Introduction to Security Threats to Ports by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (*The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law, IMLI*)
- Introduction to Prevention of Pollution of the Marine Environment by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (*Lecturer, IMLI*)
- Introduction to the ISPS Code by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (*The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law, IMLI*)
- Introduction to the Liability and Compensation Regime in Case of Pollution Incidents by Professor Norman Martínez Gutiérrez (*Professor, IMLI*)
- Introduction to Preparedness, Response and Cooperation in Case of Pollution Incidents by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (*Lecturer, IMLI*)
- Maritime Labour Standards by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (*Lecturer, IMLI*)
- Port State Control Measures by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (*Senior Lecturer, IMLI*)



PART B

SPECIALIST SEMINARS ON THE LAW OF PORTS

MARCH - APRIL 2022

## SEMINARS AND SPEAKERS:

- Ports Policy and Regulation by Dr. Patrick Verhoeven (*Managing Director, International Association of Ports and Harbors*)
- The Relationship between Shipowners and Ports by Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid (*Secretary-General, Federation of European Private Port Companies and Terminals*)
- Container Ports by Dr. Jan Hoffmann (*Chief, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology, and Logistics, UNCTAD*)
- Port Traffic and Maritime Transport in the Era of Pandemics by Ms. Hassiba Benamara (*Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD*)
- The Role of Port States in Upholding Maritime Labour Standards by Professor Laura Carballo Piñeiro (*Professor, Dean of the Faculty of International Relations, University of Vigo*)
- Maritime Labour Standards: COVID-19 Challenges for the Port States by Professor Laura Carballo Piñeiro (*Professor, Dean of the Faculty of International Relations, University of Vigo*)
- The Automation at Container Terminals by Ms. Sakura Kuma (*CEO, APM Terminals, Japan*)
- Ports and Autonomous Shipping by Professor Henrik Ringbom (*Professor, University of Turku and University of Oslo*)
- MASS and IMO by Ms. Gillian Grant (*Alternate Permanent Representative of Canada to the IMO – Chair of the IMO Legal Committee*)
- Benefits of Maritime Trade Facilitation in the Economy of a Country by Mr. Julián Abril García (*Head of Facilitation, IMO*) (TBC)
- Introduction to the IMO Facilitation Convention on International Maritime Traffic and its Annex by Mr. Julián Abril García (*Head of Facilitation, IMO*) (TBC)
- Introduction to Marine Environmental Law by Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (*The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI*)
- Digitalization of the Ship-Port Interface by Ms. Martina Fontanet Solé (*Technical Officer, IMO*)



**PART B**  
**SPECIALIST SEMINARS ON THE LAW OF PORTS**  
**MARCH - APRIL 2022**

- Prevention of Pollution of the Marine Environment by Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (*The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI*)
- Port States Enforcement Jurisdiction under UNCLOS by Dr. Stefano Filletti (*Lawyer, Filletti & Filletti Advocates*)
- Alien Invasive Species and the Risk they Generate for the Marine Environment by Professor Maria Helena Rolim (*Retired Professor of Public International Law and Conflict of Laws, São Paulo University*)
- Criminal Liability for Oil Pollution Damage: An Economic Analysis by Prof. Michael Faure (*Academic Director Maastricht European Institute for Transnational Legal Research -METRO; Academic Director of Ius Commune Research School, Maastricht University*)
- IMO: Maritime Security Aspects by Mr. Mourad Ghorbel (*Technical Officer, IMO*) (TBC)
- Port Security and Facilitation by Mr. Charles Abela (*Senior Project Officer, European Maritime Safety Agency*)
- Regional Systems for Cooperation in Prevention of. Preparedness for and Response to Marine Pollution by Mr. Gabino González Deogracia (*Head of Office, REMPEC*)
- IMO Ship-sourced Emissions and Climate Change by Mr. Roel Hoenders (*Head of the Air Pollution and Energy Efficiency, IMO*) (TBC)
- The Green Ports Concept by Mr. Kai-Dieter Classen (*Deputy Director for International Affairs, Hamburg Port Authority*) (TBC)
- The Role of Ports in Reducing Ship-source Pollution by Mr. Killian O'Brien (*DAAD Lecturer in Law, UCL*) (TBC)
- Liability and Compensation Regimes in Case of Oil Pollution by Dr. Mitja Grbec (*Senior Lecturer, University of Ljubljana*)
- The Role of IMO in Developing Port State Control Measures by Mr. Brice Martin-Castex (*Acting Head of Department for Member State Audit and Implementation Support, IMO*) (TBC)
- Enhancing Capacity Building in Port and Maritime Administrations – The Experience of Singapore (*MPA Academy*)





# WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

*This Course is addressed to professionals involved in the maritime industry, including port managers and officers, legal drafters, port and ship operators, as well as lawyers and maritime practitioners. The Course would also prove beneficial to law students who wish to pursue a career in the field.*

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

## TUITION FEE

*PART A €800*

*PART B €1,200*

*To apply, please contact by not later than 25 January 2022 [admissions@imli.org](mailto:admissions@imli.org).*

*Bearing in mind that eminent personalities from all over the world deliver lectures in the Institute's Course, candidates applying to the Course shall be flexible as the dates of delivery may be subject to change. The Institute reserves the right to make changes to the programme.*

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