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IMLI HOSTS AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LAW OF THE SEA IN THE 21ST CENTURY AND THE PROSPECT FOR THE FUTURE

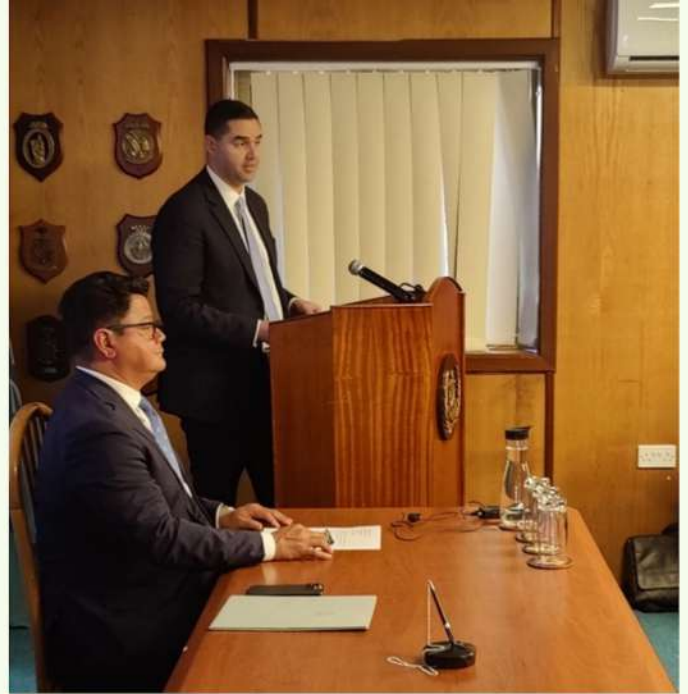
IMLI held on 27 March 2023 an International Seminar on "*The Importance of the Law of the Sea in the 21st Century and the Prospect for the Future*". The Seminar highlighted that the Convention is a living instrument which accommodates developments, and its adequate implementation facilitates a sound governance for the oceans. It was addressed by eminent speakers who have dedicated their professional life to international law and law of the sea matters.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martinez Gutierrez (Director, IMLI), who delivered the Welcoming Remarks, expressed his appreciation to all the distinguished speakers who will address the Seminar. He then invited The Hon. Dr. Ian Borg (Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Malta) to deliver the Opening Remarks. H.E. Mr. Hidehisa Horinouchi (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Netherlands and for UNCLOS) delivered the Keynote Address.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivering the Welcoming Remarks



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The Speakers at the Seminar

This was then followed by four presentations, the first of which was delivered by Mr. Thembile Joyini (Principal State Law Adviser (International Law) of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa) who spoke on *“Could an Advisory Opinion on Climate Change make a difference, where Climate Diplomacy has failed? What added value would an Advisory Opinion on Climate Change have?”*

The second presentation was delivered by Professor Alessio Patalano (Professor, King's College London) entitled *“Unmanned systems and the law of the sea: What is the legal-security nexus?”*

Professor Patalanos' presentation was followed by the presentation of Professor Hikmahanto Juwana (Professor of Law, University of Indonesia) on *“The Challenges in Implementing the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea: Some Experiences from Indonesia”*.



Mr. Thembile Joyini (Principal State Law Adviser (International Law) of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa) during his presentation



Professor Alessio Patalano (Professor, King's College London) addressing the Seminar

The final presentation was delivered online by Professor Thomas J. Schoenbaum (Harold S. Shefelman Professor of Law at the University of Washington School of Law) on the topic *“The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea as a Living Constitution: Dealing With New Problems Involving Living and Non-Living Ocean Resources”*.



Professor Hikmahanto Juwana (Professor of Law, University of Indonesia) during his presentation



Professor Thomas J. Schoenbaum (Harold S. Shefelman Professor of Law at the University of Washington School of Law) delivering his presentation

A Round Table Discussion followed at the conclusion of the presentations which was moderated by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI). This led to several pertinent questions which opened the floor for meaningful and enlightening discussions between the Panelists and the participants.



Round Table Discussion



EMINENT SPEAKERS CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THE IMLI COURSE ON THE LAW OF PORTS

The Institute, in continuation with its efforts to enhance capacity-building in the area of the Law of Ports, had the pleasure of welcoming, online or at IMLI, eminent personalities in this field who delivered specialist lectures in various areas within the Course. During the week between 20 March 2023 and 24 March 2023, the following personalities addressed the Course:

Dr. Henrik Ringbom (Professor of Marine Law, Åbo Akademi University, Finland, and Professor, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo, Norway) lectured online on “Mass and Ports”.



Dr. Kai-Dieter Classen (Deputy Director, External Affairs Division, Senior Legal and Policy Advisor, Hamburg Port Authority) delivered an online lecture entitled “The Green Ports Concept – Selected Public Policies for Greening Ports”.

Professor Aldo Chircop (Professor of Law and former Canada Research Chair in Maritime Law and Policy (Tier I), Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University) delivered a class entitled “Canadian Arctic Shipping: Rethinking The Role of Maritime Governance to Include Indigenous Peoples”.

