IMLI had the honour of welcoming Mr. Atsushi Sunami (President of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation) and Dr. Mitsuo Ochi (President of Hiroshima University). Upon their arrival President Sunami and President Ochi were warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and the members of the IMLI Faculty.

This was followed by a meeting with Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI) held in the Director's Conference Room wherein possible future cooperation was discussed.
Mr. Fredrik Haag (Head of the Office for the London Convention/Protocol and Ocean Affairs, IMO) delivered an online lecture entitled “Protection of the Marine Environment from Dumping of Waste and Other Matter” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external participants within the IMLI Course on the Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance on 28 March, 2023. Mr. Haag was warmly welcomed and introduced by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI). Mr. Haag joined IMO in 2006. As head of the Office, his primary task is to support the implementation of the London Convention and Protocol on dumping of wastes and other matters at sea. He is also involved in IMO's work on PSSAs, marine litter, noise and ship-strikes. He has substantially contributed to the Organization's work on GHG emissions from Ships and Ballast Water Management.
Professor James Kraska (Chairman and Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Maritime Law Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College) delivered a lecture entitled “The Right of Approach and Visit” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external course participants within the IMLI Course on International Maritime Security Law on 28 March. Professor Kraska was introduced by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law).

Besides being a visiting fellow at various distinguished universities, Professor Kraska is also General Editor of *International Law Studies* and the Editor-in-chief of the *Treatise, Benedict on Admiralty: International Maritime Law*, and a Permanent Member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Professor Kraska earned both professional and research doctorates in law and served as a U.S. Navy officer and lawyer, with multiple tours of duty in Japan and the Pentagon.

**CHAIRMAN & CHARLES H. STOCKTON PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW AT THE STOCKTON CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE LECTURES AT IMLI**

Within the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports, IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming Ms. Sakura Kuma (CEO, APM Terminals Japan) on 29 March. Ms. Kuma was introduced to the Class and external course participants by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI). Upon her introduction Ms. Kuma delivered an online lecture entitled “The Automation at Container Terminals and Decarbonization” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external course participants.

Prior to joining APM Terminals in 2021 as the first female CEO, Ms. Kuma held several leadership positions wherein she has developed her expertise on container shipping and terminal business both in international and domestic spheres.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF APM TERMINALS OF JAPAN LECTURES AT IMLI**

Ms. Sakura Kuma (CEO, APM Terminals Japan) addressing all participants
On 29 March, IMLI welcomed again for another academic year, Mr. Mourad Ghorbel (Maritime Port Security Expert, IMO Maritime Safety Division). Mr. Ghorbel delivered an online lecture entitled “IMO Perspective on Cybersecurity in the Maritime Domain” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external participants. Mr. Ghorbel was introduced to the participants by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI).

Mr. Ghorbel's experience in the field spans quite a number of years during which time he has served in various capacities within maritime entities involved in maritime safety, security and environment issues.

HOWARD S. LEVIE CHAIR ON LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT & PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AT THE U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE AT THE STOCKTON CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Raul Pedrozo (Howard S. Levie Chair on Law of Armed Conflict & Professor of International Law, U.S. Naval War College, Stockton Center for International Law) delivered on 29 March an online lecture entitled “The Right of Hot Pursuit”. Professor Pedrozo was warmly welcomed and introduced to the the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external course participants of the IMLI Course on International Maritime Security Law by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law).

In addition to Professor Pedrozo’s current position, he also acts as the U.S. representative to the International Group of Experts participating in the revision of the 1994 San Remo Manual on International Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea.
Mr. Will Griffiths (Technical Officer, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization (IMO)) delivered an online lecture entitled “Oil and Chemical Pollution Response – The International Regulatory Framework And A Review Of Recent Incidents” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external course participants attending the IMLI Course on the Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance. Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law) warmly welcomed Mr. Griffiths and proceeded to introduce him to both the IMLI Class and external participants.

Mr. Griffiths' expertise spans a number of years where he was involved with the largest international industry funded oil spill response cooperative which has seen him respond to oil spills across Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East. This experience ranges from managing beach clean up operations and offshore response to providing incident management support including to private companies as well as governments. In his position at IMO he is responsible for issues pertaining to the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC 90) and its HNS Protocol.

Dr. Narinder Singh (Consultant in International Law and Recipient of the M.C. Bassiouni Justice Award 2017) who delivered an online lecture entitled “Human Rights And Law Enforcement at Sea” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external course participants attending the IMLI Course in International Maritime Security Law. Dr. Singh was introduced by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI)
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF SLOVENIA LECTURES AT IMLI

IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming again a longstanding supporter and former lecturer of IMLI, Dr. Mitja Grbec (Secretary-General, Maritime Law Association of Slovenia). Dr. Grbec was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and the members of the IMLI Faculty. Following this, Dr. Grbec met with the IMLI Class of 2022-2023. Upon his introduction by Professor Martínez, Dr. Grbec proceeded to deliver a set of lectures entitled “Liability and Compensation Regimes in Case of Oil Pollution” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external course participants of the IMLI Course on the Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance and IMLI Course on the Law of Ports.

Dr. Grbec who is an IMLI Graduate himself, also currently serves as Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Management of the University of Primorska (Koper, Slovenia), and as an attorney-at-law in the port town of Koper/Capodistria, Slovenia.

HONORARY PROFESSOR OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Robert Mclaughlin (Honorary Professor of the Australian National University) delivered on 5 April an online lecture entitled “Use of Force by the Private Maritime Security Guards and Vessel Protection Detachments against Suspected Pirates”. Professor Mclaughlin was warmly welcomed and introduced to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external course participants by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law).

Professor Mclaughlin has had a career in the Royal Australian Navy as a Seaman Officer and a Legal Officer. Consequently, his academic research interests are primarily focused around issues of practical operational significance. He currently researches, publishes, and teaches on various topics related to Maritime Law and to Security.
H.E. THE AMBASSADOR OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE VISITS IMLI

IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming H.E. Mr. Fadi G. H. Hanania (Ambassador of the State of Palestine to Malta). Upon his arrival, Ambassador Hanania was greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and the Members of the IMLI Faculty. The Director, then proceeded to introduce the Ambassador to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023.

UNIVERSITY OF BASEL CHAIR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PUBLIC LAW LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Dr. Anna Petrig (Chair, International Law and Public Law, University of Basel, Switzerland) delivered an online lecture entitled “Prosecution of Suspected Pirates” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external course participants. Professor Petrig was greeted and introduced by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law). Professor Petrig’s presentation is part of the Specialist Seminars delivered by eminent speakers within the IMLI Course on International Maritime Security Law.

In 2019, Professor Petrig has sat as a Judge ad hoc for Switzerland on the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. Currently she is a member of the team leading the Human Rights at Sea Arbitration Initiative, which aims at providing victims of human rights abuses at sea with an effective remedy.

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