CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LECTURES AT IMLI

On 17 April 2023, IMLI welcomed Dr. Mikhail Kashubsky (Associate Professor and Higher Degrees by Research Coordinator at the Centre for Customs and Excise Studies at Charles Sturt University and Head of Secretariat of the International Network of Customs Universities). Dr. Sanjeeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law) greeted Dr. Kashubsky and then proceeded to introduce him to both the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and IMLI Course on International Maritime Security Law external course participants. After being introduced, Dr. Kashubsky delivered a lecture entitled “International Regulatory Framework for the Protection of Offshore Oil and Gas Installations”.

Dr. Kashubsky is a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Courts of the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Queensland, the High Courts of Australia and New Zealand, and an Honorary Customs Officer of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
IMLI welcomed Dr. Gotthard Gauci (Lecturer in Maritime Regulation and Policy, Plymouth Business School, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Business) on the 17 April 2023. Dr. Gauci was welcomed and then introduced by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI) to both the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external course participants of the IMLI Course on the Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance. Dr. Gauci’s online lecture was entitled "Liability and Compensation in Case of Bunker Oil Pollution".

Dr. Gauci’s lecturing interests include Law of Marine Insurance, Admiralty law, Carriage of Goods by Sea and International law of the Sea. He has also published extensively on a myriad of other topics throughout his professional career.

HEAD OF THE MARITIME LAW DEPARTMENT AT MARMARA UNIVERSITY IN TÜRKIYE LECTURES AT IMLI

On 18 April 2023 IMLI welcomed Professor Pinar Akan (Head of the Maritime Law Department, Marmara University, Türkiye). Professor Akan was warmly greeted by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI) and the members of the IMLI Faculty. She was subsequently introduced to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and proceeded to deliver a set of lectures on the topic “Containerization from Freight to Demurrage” to the IMLI Class and the external course participants of the IMLI Specialized Course on the Law of Ports.

Professor Akan joined the Academic Staff of Marmara University in 1996 and has published extensively on different aspects of international maritime law. Since 2010 she is the sole organizer of the International Congress of Maritime and Admiralty Law.
On 19 April 2023 IMLI welcomed President Albert J. Hoffmann (President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)). President Hoffmann was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and then introduced to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and to the external course participants of the IMLI Course on Peaceful Settlement of Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries.

Whilst introducing President Hoffmann, Director Martínez expressed his pleasure at the fruitful cooperation between the Tribunal and IMLI over the years which is evidenced by the number of judges that lecture in this Course and the President's agreement to deliver the Inaugural Address. Following his introduction President Hoffmann also highlighted the importance of the relationship between IMLI and ITLOS and proceeded to deliver the inaugural address of this specialized Course which will be running until 25 May 2023.

President Hoffmann delivering the inaugural address of the IMLI Course on Peaceful Settlement of Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external course participants

The Course, which runs annually, discusses the development of specific maritime dispute settlement procedures within UNCLOS, and addresses the interaction between these mechanisms, answers the questions on whether there is a fragmentation or cross-fertilisation of international courts and tribunals, and whether the doctrine of stare decisis has a place in international law. Considering that UNCLOS established the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) for the purpose of interpretation and application of the Convention, the Course looks at the role of ITLOS in the peaceful settlement of maritime disputes, with particular emphasis on the ITLOS jurisprudence on the delimitation of maritime boundaries. To this end, it draws from the formidable experience of the ITLOS Judges who will provide participants with insight on the Tribunal's contribution to the field.
ACADEMIC DIRECTOR OF THE MAASTRICHT EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL RESEARCH LECTURES AT IMLI

On 19 April 2023, IMLI welcomed Professor Dr. Michael G. Faure (Academic Director Maastricht European Institute for Transnational Legal Research). Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) greeted and then introduced Professor Faure to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and the external course participants of both the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports and the IMLI Course on Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance. Professor Faure’s lecture was entitled “Criminal Liability for Oil Pollution Damage: An Economic Analysis”.

Professor Faure is an attorney at the Antwerp Bar and also holds the roles of Professor of Comparative and International Environmental Law and that of Academic Director of Ius Commune Research School at University of Maastricht.

JUDGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA LECTURES AT IMLI

On April 19th 2023 IMLI welcomed Judge Kathy-Ann Brown (Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)). Judge Brown was greeted by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI) who then introduced her to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and the external course participants of the IMLI Course on Peaceful Settlement of Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries. Judge Brown then proceeded to deliver a lecture entitled "International Dispute Settlement”.

Judge Brown has been a member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea since 2020. She is also a member of the Jamaican Bar since 1985 and a member of the National Consultative Group on the International Court of Justice since 2014.
On 20 April 2023, Professor Patricia Vella de Fremeaux (Head of Department of International Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta) was welcomed at IMLI to deliver an online lecture which forms part of the IMLI Course on International Maritime Security Law. Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI) greeted Professor Vella De Fremeaux and then introduced her to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and the external course participants. Professor De Fremeaux's lecture was entitled “Maritime Migration with Particular Reference to Search and Rescue”.

Professor Vella De Fremeaux who is an IMLI PhD Graduate, started her career in 1999 when she obtained her Law Degree from the University of Malta. Since then she has written, researched and lectured extensively on topics related to the Law of the Sea and Maritime Security.

On 20 April 2023 IMLI welcomed Mr. Charles Abela who is the Senior Project Officer for International Relations of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA). Mr. Abela was greeted and introduced by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external course participants of the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports and the IMLI Course on International Maritime Security Law. Mr. Abela then proceeded to deliver his online lecture entitled “Port Security and Facilitation”.

Mr. Abela joined EMSA in 2012. Prior to joining the agency, Mr. Abela has served for more than two decades within the Maritime Authority of Malta where he has held various positions related to port authority functions. He also acted as the Chairman of the IMO Facilitation Committee between 1993 and 2012.
On 20 April 2023, IMLI welcomed Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce, Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) greeted and then subsequently introduced Dr. Hinrichs Oyarce to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and the external course participants of the IMLI Course on Peaceful Settlement of Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries. Dr. Hinrichs Oyarce then proceeded to deliver her online lecture entitled “Jurisdiction of the Tribunal”.

Dr. Hinrichs Oyarce was appointed Registrar of the Tribunal in 2019. Her professional career spans over 30 years in which she has served in various legal positions as well as lectured at a number of distinguished Universities. Dr. Hinrichs Oyarce has written extensively among which is a chapter entitled "The Latin American Perspective on Global Ocean Governance" in The IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance Volume I: UN and Global Ocean Governance which she wrote in 2018.

On 21 April 2023, IMLI welcomed Dr. Mathias Jonas (Secretary-General, International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)). Dr. Jonas was greeted and then subsequently introduced to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI). Upon his introduction Dr. Jonas proceeded to deliver an online lecture entitled "International Hydrographic Organization".

Dr. Jonas has held the position of Secretary-General of the IHO since 2017 and as part of his responsibilities, he holds the Chair of the Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica. Prior to this appointment he held the posts of Vice President of the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency and National Hydrographer of Germany with responsibility for sea survey and sea cartography. Being a mariner, Dr. Jonas was involved in integrated navigation matters since the beginning of the nineties. In addition he has completed the world’s first technical certification of an Electronic Chart Display and Information System in 1999. Dr. Jonas has also continuously contributed to IMO and IHO standardization activities for navigation equipment, survey and cartography.