IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming once again Professor Atsuko Kanehara (Professor of International Law, Sophia University and Governor, IMLI) on 6 March 2023 to deliver an online lecture entitled “Ocean Policies in Wider Contexts” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 as part of the Master's Programme.

Professor Kanehara was introduced to the Class by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) who expressed his appreciation at having Professor Kanehara lecture to the IMLI Class for another academic year, albeit it being online. He also extended his appreciation for her support to the Institute's academic activities since she was first introduced to the Institute.
On the same day, IMLI had the pleasure of also welcoming Mr. Nobukatsu Kanehara (Professor of Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan) who delivered an online lecture entitled "Ocean Policies in Wider Contexts" to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) introduced Mr. Kanehara to the IMLI Class during which time he expressed his appreciation at having Mr. Kanehara lecture again to the IMLI Class and expressed his hope that IMLI would be able to welcome both Mr. Kanehara and Professor Kanehara in person in the near future.
After being introduced, Professor Rolim proceeded to deliver online a set of lectures entitled "Alien Invasive Species and the Risk they Generate for the Marine Environment" to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and External Course Participants as part of the IMLI Specialized Course on the Law of Ports.

Another eminent specialist that IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming again was Professor Maria Helena Fonseca de Souza Rolim. Professor Rolim specializes in the areas of Environmental Law and Space Law.

Professor Rolim was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI). Ms. Kazara-Belja conveyed the IMLI Director's appreciation for Professor Rolim's constant support to IMLI's activities.
IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid (Secretary General of the Federation of European Private Port Companies and Terminals (FEPORT)) on 7 March 2023.

Ms. Kerdjoudj-Belkaid was introduced to the IMLI Class by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI). Her professional experience spans over more than 27 years, during which she has held various positions within the maritime and logistics sector.

Upon her introduction, Secretary General Kerdjoudj-Belkaid proceeded to deliver an online lecture entitled “The Relationship between Shipowners and Ports” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 External Course Participants as part of the IMLI Specialized Course on the Law of Ports.
IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Bent Nielsen (Member Honoris Causa of CMI and Retired Danish Maritime Lawyer) who delivered an online lecture on the "Law of General Average" to the IMLI Class.

Mr. Nielsen was introduced by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) who recalled the longstanding friendship that has been cultivated over the years between Mr. Nielsen and the Institute. He explained also that Mr. Nielsen has been a visiting fellow at IMLI for many years.

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PORTS AND HARBORS (IAPH) LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Patrick Verhoeven (Managing Director of the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)) was welcomed and introduced by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) to the Class of 2022-2023 and to the External Participants of the IMLI Specialized Course on the Law of Ports. This was followed by the online lecture of Dr. Verhoeven on the topic of “International Policy and Regulation For Seaports: Global and European Perspectives".
The IMLI Specialized Course on International Maritime Security Law commenced on 8 March 2023. The welcome address was delivered by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI).
This Specialized Course will cover various critical maritime security threats including maritime terrorism, piracy, trafficking of narcotics, people and illicit goods, arms proliferation, and fisheries crimes. It will lay emphasis on the existing international laws and State practices deterring the same thus benefiting officials of maritime administrations, navies and coast guards, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and other security agencies involved directly or indirectly in maritime security affairs.

This specialised Course is part of the Institute's capacity-building efforts and has been very successful in attracting numerous external participants who join 60 students from 35 States who are attending the Institute's master's programmes.