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# IMLI COURSE ON THE LAW OF TREATIES



35 YEARS SERVING THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW



# PROGRAMME

*For many years, the United Nations and its specialized agencies, have spearheaded the development of a robust international legal framework regulating various aspects of international law.*

*The IMO, alone, has been successful in adopting some 60 international treaties which aim to provide a regulatory framework for the international shipping that is fair and effective, universally adopted and implemented.*

*Accordingly, the accomplishment of the international community's goals, as encapsulated in the international policies and treaty rules, can only be achieved if States become Parties to these treaties and effectively implement them at a national level. This, in turn, requires a thorough understanding of the Law of Treaties.*

*To promote capacity-building in this very important field of law, the IMO International Maritime Law Institute is offering an intensive course on the Law of Treaties consisting of two parts: Part A – Introduction to the Law of Treaties; Part B – Specialist Seminars on the Law of Treaties.*

*Through an analysis of the provisions of the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (VCLT) and developments found in jurisprudence and doctrine, this*

*specialized Course provides, in its first part, an overview of the Law of Treaties with lectures discussing the relationship between treaties and customary international law, the States' expression of consent to be bound by treaties, treaty interpretation, third States and treaties, invalidity of treaties, methods of revision and amendment, duration and termination, UN global and regional treaties for the oceans, and enforcement of treaties. This part will be complemented by lectures delivered by IMO officers on the IMO treaty-making process and the implementation of IMO instruments in national law.*

*The second part of this Course will comprise specialist seminars on the abovementioned points and other fundamental aspects of the Law of Treaties drawing examples from jurisprudence and the latest developments in this important area.*

*It is expected that the IMLI Course on the Law of Treaties will provide the knowledge required to promote a more active participation of State Representatives in the development and working of international treaties with particular emphasis on the treaties adopted under the auspices of the IMO.*





## PART A

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LAW OF TREATIES

#### General Introduction

Prof. Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, IMLI Director  
*Thursday 9 November 2023 from 15:15 to 15:30 CET*

#### Treaty Law and Practice: The UN Treaty Section's Contribution to the International Treaty Framework

Dr. David K. Nanopoulos, Chief of Treaty Section, Office  
of Legal Affairs, United Nations  
*Thursday 9 November 2023 from 15:45 to 16:45 CET*

#### LECTURES:

##### Introduction to the Law of Treaties

Dr. Murat Sumer, The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on  
International Maritime Law, IMLI  
*Friday 10 November 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

##### Consent to be Bound by Treaties: Means of Expressing Consent, Reservations and Declarations I & II

Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja, Senior Lecturer IMLI  
*Tuesday 14 November 2023 from 14:30 to 15:30 CET & 15:45 to 16:45 CET*

##### Intricacies of Treaty Interpretation

Prof. Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, IMLI Director  
*Wednesday 15 November 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

##### IMO Treaties: From Adoption to Amendment

Ms. Maria Pia Benosa, Depositary and Legal Officer within the Legal Affairs  
Office of the IMO  
*Friday 17 November 2023 from 10:15 to 11:15 CET*

##### Implementing IMO Instruments: Turning International Conventions into National Law

Ms. Maria Pia Benosa  
*Friday 17 November 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

##### Treaty Effects beyond the Parties

Dr. Murat Sumer  
*Tuesday 21 November 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

##### Invalidity of Treaties, Jus Cogens, and the UN Charter

Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel, The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on  
International Maritime Security Law, IMLI  
*Wednesday 22 November 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

##### Final Provisions of a Treaty I: Entry into Force, Duration, and Termination

Ms. Ramat Jalloh, Lecturer IMLI  
*Friday 24 November 2023 from 14:30 to 15:30 CET*

##### Final Provisions of a Treaty II: Revision and Amendment, Depositary and Official Languages

Dr. Murat Sumer  
*Tuesday 28 November 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

##### Enforcement of Treaties

Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja  
*Tuesday 28 November 2023 from 14:30 to 15:30 CET*

##### UN Global and Regional Treaties for the Oceans I: UNCLOS

Prof. Eka Siradze, Tbilisi State University  
*Wednesday 29 November 2023 from 14:30 to 15:30 CET*

##### UN Global and Regional Treaties for the Oceans II: Regional Seas Programme

Prof. Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, IMLI Director  
*Wednesday 29 November 2023 from 15:45 to 16:45 CET*

## PART B

### SPECIALIST SEMINARS ON THE LAW OF TREATIES

#### SEMINARS:

##### **Sources of International Law, with a Particular Emphasis on Treaties**

Prof. Malgosia Fitzmaurice, The Nippon Foundation  
Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI and  
Professor of Public International Law, School of Law at  
Queen Mary University of London

*Monday 4 December 2023 from 9:00 to 10:00 CET*

##### **Concept of a Treaty in International Law**

Prof. Malgosia Fitzmaurice

*Monday 4 December 2023 from 10:15 to 11:15 CET*

##### **Capacity to Conclude and Consent to be Bound by Treaties**

Prof. Malgosia Fitzmaurice

*Monday 4 December 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

##### **Reservations and Entry into Force**

Prof. Malgosia Fitzmaurice

*Tuesday 5 December 2023 from 10:15 to 11:15 CET*

##### **Interpretation of Treaties**

Prof. Malgosia Fitzmaurice

*Tuesday 5 December 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

##### **Conflict of Treaties**

Dr. Agnes Rydberg, Sheffield Centre for International and European Law,  
University of Sheffield

*Wednesday 6 December 2023 from 10:15 to 11:15 CET*

##### **Third States and Treaties**

Dr. Agnes Rydberg

*Wednesday 6 December 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

##### **Termination of Treaties**

Dr. Agnes Rydberg

*Thursday 7 December 2023 from 10:15 to 11:15 CET*

##### **Invalidity of Treaties**

Dr. Agnes Rydberg

*Thursday 7 December 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

##### **Principles of State Succession in Respect of Treaties**

Dr. Agnes Rydberg

*Monday 11 December 2023 from 9:00 to 10:00 CET*

##### **Material Breach of a Treaty and State Responsibility**

Prof. Malgosia Fitzmaurice

*Tuesday 12 December 2023 from 10:15 to 11:15 CET*

##### **Amendment and Modification of Treaties**

Prof. Malgosia Fitzmaurice

*Tuesday 12 December 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

##### **Law of Treaties and Domestic Law / Registration of Treaties and the Role of the Treaty Depositary**

Dr. Agnes Rydberg

*Thursday 14 December 2023 from 10:15 to 11:15 CET*

##### **Interim Obligations in the Law of Treaties**

Dr. Agnes Rydberg

*Thursday 14 December 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

##### **Relationship between Treaties and Customary International Law**

Judge Professor David J. Attard, Professor of Public  
International Law and the Law of the Sea, IMLI

*Friday 15 December 2023 from 10:15 to 11:15 CET*

##### **Closing Lecture**

Mrs. Azara Prempeh, Director, Administrative Division of the IMO

*Friday 15 December 2023 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*



# WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

*This specialized Course is addressed to any person who needs to understand the intricacies of Law of Treaties and the rights and obligations of States Parties under the same. For these reasons, the Course would be most suitable to representative of States to international organizations, foreign relations experts, legal officers of maritime administrations, and maritime consultants. The Course would also prove beneficial to law students who wish to pursue a career in the field.*

*This is the fourth time that the Course is being held. The Institute notes with pride that over the last three years this unique Course was attended by nearly 200 government nominated participants from over 100 countries. Among them were Ambassadors, Alternate Permanent Representatives of countries to IMO, Directors of Government Departments, and Diplomats, who were nominated by their respective Permanent Representatives to IMO.*

*The Course will be delivered in a hybrid environment for external participants. Candidates who attend 80 per cent of the lectures, will be eligible for a Certificate of Attendance.*

*To apply, please contact by not later than 8 November 2023  
[admissions@imli.org](mailto:admissions@imli.org).*

*Candidates applying to a Course shall be flexible as the dates of delivery may be subject to change.*

**More information regarding IMLI's programmes and courses is available on the IMLI website:**  
**<https://www.imli.org/content/programmes-and-courses>**

**For information on admissions, please contact:**  
**[admissions@imli.org](mailto:admissions@imli.org)**





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