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IMLI COURSE ON THE LAW OF PORTS

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SYNOPSIS

Ports have been crucial centres of international trade since time immemorial. With the progressive transformation of international shipping, they are greatly contributing to what is considered as the most efficient means of transport.

The fact that coastal States enjoy territorial sovereignty over their ports has often led to the common misconception that ports fall exclusively within the realm of domestic law, irrespective of developments in international maritime law. However, the reality of port operations and States' measures to ensure that ports are efficient, safe, secure, and environmentally friendly contradicts this misconception.

As the gateways to international trade, ports provide a supportive structure for economic activities and development. Consequently, they are subject to extensive global regulations, which reflect numerous IMO treaty instruments.

The IMLI Course on the Law of Ports highlights the significance of the IMO's role in the efficient management of ports and the importance of effective implementation of international treaty obligations by States.

The Course covers various aspects of port operations and numerous areas governed by IMO legal instruments. These include safety, security, marine environment protection, and trade facilitation. Many IMO conventions mandate authorized government officials to inspect foreign ships in their ports, ensuring compliance with IMO standards as stipulated in the relevant instruments.

In this respect, the Course, while addressing the international legal basis, also focuses on important enforcement and compliance aspects such as port State control (PSC) inspections and the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS).

Additionally, the Course offers an overview of the IMO regulatory framework on the protection of the marine environment, applicable to ports. It highlights that ships, which may not be compliant with international requirements may not be allowed to proceed to sea.

The regulatory regime also extends to ships' contingency plans in case of pollution incidents and to those relating to the maintenance of compulsory insurance to compensate victims of pollution incidents.



Furthermore, the Course emphasizes the leading role of IMO in regulating the prevention of air pollution from ships. To realize IMO's goal of decarbonization and desulphurization, ports have a critical role to play. From supplying compliant fuels to conducting inspections to ensure the implementation of the adopted regulatory regime, port States act as catalysts in the process.

While ports have undergone tremendous transformation due to infrastructural developments and advancements in technology, they also face serious security threats. Thus, the pursuit of efficiency and competitiveness must be balanced with adequate security measures, especially those developed under the ISPS Code. For this purpose, the Course addresses the IMO responses to these security threats in ports.

The IMO has recognised that for international shipping to thrive, a unified, global approach to the facilitation of trade is essential. This recognition has led to the adoption of the FAL Convention, which sets uniform standards, and recommended practices and rules to simplify formalities, documentary requirements and procedures on ships' arrival, stay and departure.



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Port authorities also play a vital role in upholding of labour standards. As the Course explains, the effective implementation of regulations regarding labour standards, repatriation, crew change arrangements, and compliance and enforcement, as stipulated in the Maritime Labour Convention, relies heavily on port States.

The Course highlights the critical importance of maintaining the uninterrupted flow of the global supply chain, as well as the need for robust measures to ensure the repatriation and travel arrangements of seafarers and passengers, while respecting the health and safety restrictions imposed by port States.

Through these discussions, participants are informed of the port States legislative and enforcement powers which reflect the provisions of UNCLOS, as well as of the relevant conventions and prescriptions of IMO and ILO.

Cognizant of the fact that a robust port system, embraces advancements in technology including automation and digitalization, while ensuring safety, security and environmentally friendly activities, the Institute will offer for the fifth time the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports.



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PART A

INTRODUCTION TO THE LAW OF PORTS

LECTURES AND SPEAKERS:

- Inaugural Lecture on the Role of IMO in Developing Port State Control Measures by **Ms. Tatjana Krilic** (Chief, Department for Member State Audit and Implementation Support, IMO)
- Ports and Law of the Sea by **Judge Professor David Attard** (Professor of Public International Law and Law of the Sea, IMLI)
- Port State Jurisdiction and Port State Control by **Dr. Murat Sümer** (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI)
- Introduction to Prevention of Pollution of the Marine Environment and its Implications for Port States by **Ms. Ramat Jalloh** (Lecturer, IMLI)
- The Automation at Container Terminals by **Ms. Sakura Kuma** (CEO, APM Terminals, Japan)
- Introduction to the IMO Regulatory Regime on Reduction of Sulphur Emissions by **Dr. Beatriz Martinez Romera** (Associate Professor on Environmental and Climate Change Law, University of Copenhagen)
- Introduction to Security Threats to Ports and their implications for Port States by **Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel** (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law, IMLI)
- The ISPS Code and its implications for Port States by **Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel**
- Introduction to Preparedness, Response and Cooperation in Case of Pollution Incidents and its implications for Port States by **Ms. Ramat Jalloh**
- Introduction to the Liability and Compensation Regimes in Case of Pollution Incidents and the role of Port States by **Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez** (Director, IMLI)
- Introduction to the Green Ports Concept by **Dr. Rafael Prado** (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI)
- Maritime Labour Standards and the role of Port States by **Ms. Ramat Jalloh**
- MASS and Human Element by **Dr. Murat Sümer**
- Regional Port State Control Agreements by **Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja** (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI)



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PART B

SPECIALIST SEMINARS ON THE LAW OF PORTS

SEMINARS AND SPEAKERS:

- Ports Policy and Regulation by **Dr. Patrick Verhoeven** (Managing Director, International Association of Ports and Harbors) (TBC)
- Access to Ports – Rights and Obligations of the Port States by **Professor Aldo Chircop** (Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University)
- Law of Pilotage by **Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez**
- Law of Towage by **Dr. Murat Sümer**
- Member State Audit and Implementation Support by **Mr. Omar Hassein** (Acting Head, Member State Audits, IMO) (TBC)
- The Relationship between Shipowners and Ports by **Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid** (Secretary-General, Federation of European Private Port Companies and Terminals)
- Container Ports: Connecting and Competing by **Dr. Jan Hoffmann** (Chief, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD)
- Port Traffic and Maritime Transport in the Era of Pandemics by **Ms. Hassiba Benamara** (Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD)
- Containerization: From Freight to Demurrage by **Professor Pinar Akan** (Head of the Maritime Law Department, Marmara University)
- Legal Foundations of the Black Sea Grain Initiative by **Mr. Frederick Kenney** (Swansea University; former Director of Legal Affairs and External Relations Division at the IMO)
- ISPS Code and Ports by **Mr. Frederick Kenney**
- Autonomous Shipping and Ports by **Professor Henrik Ringbom** (Head of Research, Åbo Akademi University, Finland; Professor II, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo, Norway)
- Issues Affecting Ports at the IMO Legal Committee by **Ms. Gillian Grant** (Chair of the IMO Legal Committee) (TBC)
- Benefits of Maritime Trade Facilitation for the Port States by **Mr. Julián Abril García** (Head of Facilitation, IMO)
- Introduction to the IMO Facilitation Convention on International Maritime Traffic and its Annex by **Mr. Julián Abril García**
- IMO Instruments Implementation Code by **Dr. Murat Sümer**

PART B

SPECIALIST SEMINARS ON THE LAW OF PORTS

- Digitalization of the Ship-Port Interface by **Ms. Martina Fontanet Solé** (Technical Officer, IMO)
- The Green Ports Concept – Selected Public Policies for Greening Ports by **Dr. Kai-Dieter Classen** (Deputy Director for External Affairs, Hamburg Port Authority)
- Criminal Liability for Oil Pollution Damage: An Economic Analysis by **Professor Michael Faure** (Academic Director Maastricht European Institute for Transnational Legal Research - METRO; Academic Director of Ius Commune Research School, Maastricht University)
- IMO: Maritime Security Aspects (TBC)
- Port Security and Facilitation by **Mr. Charles Abela** (Senior Project Officer, EMSA / Alternate Representative of the EC to the IMO) (TBC)
- Liability and Compensation Regimes in Case of Oil Pollution by **Dr. Mitja Grbec** (Senior Lecturer, University of Ljubljana)
- The Role of Port States in Upholding Maritime Labour Standards by **Professor Laura Carballo Piñeiro** (Professor, Dean of the Faculty of International Relations, University of Vigo) (TBC)
- IMO Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services by **Ms. Gerardine Delanoye** (Capacity Building and Resources Manager, IALA)
- IALA Risk Management Toolbox by **Ms. Gerardine Delanoye**
- IMO Member State Audit Scheme by **Dr. Murat Sümer**
- Enhancing Capacity Building in Port and Maritime Administrations – The Experience of Singapore (MPA Academy)



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This Course is addressed to professionals involved in the maritime industry, including port managers and officers, legislative drafters, port and ship operators, as well as lawyers and maritime practitioners.

The Course will be delivered in hybrid mode. Candidates who attend at least 80 percent of the lectures and seminars will be eligible for a Certificate of Attendance.

TUITION FEE

PART A €800

PART B €1,200

To apply, please contact us by no later than 2 February 2024 at admissions@imli.org

Bearing in mind that eminent personalities from all over the world will deliver lectures in the Course, candidates applying for the Course are required to be flexible, as dates may be subject to change. Further, the Institute reserves the right to make changes to the programme.

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