IMLI COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY LAW

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IMO International Maritime Law Institute

35 YEARS SERVING THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW
SYNOPSIS

The fluidity and complexity of modern-day maritime security challenges require an in-depth understanding of the law of the sea, maritime law, as well as national policies and regulations before responding to them. The newly emerging challenges and transformed threats which include, maritime terrorism, drug trafficking, migrant smuggling and use of unmanned vessels, are largely unregulated in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982. This has led to the adoption of various international conventions and protocols.

The IMLI Course on International Maritime Security Law has been specifically designed to address the various critical maritime security threats to the international rule of law at sea and the freedom of navigation. The Course will cover in detail the gravity of these threats and the existing applicable international laws and State practices deterring the same.

The Course will therefore focus on current legal developments ensuring the safe navigation of ships, protection of offshore installations and coasts of maritime States. It also covers the contribution of international organizations, especially the International Maritime Organization, and the role of regional cooperation. The Course will also look into the special status of warships and examine the jurisprudential contribution of international courts and tribunals to this branch of the law.

The Course offers participants, who are required to perform efficiently the responsibilities assigned to them as senior government officials and shipping executives, the opportunity to interact with professionals, in an academic atmosphere. It aims to reinforce their knowledge, skills and proficiency in international maritime security law.

It is anticipated that at the end of the Course, participants will be equipped with both theoretical and operational strategic-legal knowledge which will enable them to respond to and/or advise the industry, maritime forces, and other government departments on maritime security-related issues.
OPENING CEREMONY:

- Welcoming Address: Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)
- Inaugural Address: Mr. Hiroyuki Yamada (Director, Maritime Safety Division, International Maritime Organization)

TOPICS AND SPEAKERS:

- Introduction to Maritime Security Law by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law, IMLI)
- Maritime Criminal Jurisdiction by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal
- Warships by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal
- Piracy, Ship Hijacking and Armed Robbery at Sea by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal
- Maritime Terrorism by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal
- Maritime Terrorism and Use of Force at Sea by Mr. Steven Hill (Executive Secretary, The International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law)
- Security Threats to Ports by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal
- International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal
- Port Security and Facilitation by Mr. Charles Abela (Senior Project Officer for International Relations/Alternate Representative of the EC to the IMO, Bureau of the Executive Director)
- Transport of Slaves and Unauthorised Broadcasting by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal
• Freedom of Navigation in Conflict Zones: Legal Options and Limitations in the Red Sea by Mr. Chris Trelawny (Deputy Secretary-General, INTERPORTPOLICE) (TBC)

• Migrant Smuggling and Stowaways at Sea by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal

• Trafficking of Illicit Drugs and Arms by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal

• IMO’s Perspective on Cyber Security in the Maritime Domain (Expert from European Maritime Safety Agency- TBC)

• IUU Fishing and Related Crimes by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI)

• Exclusions to Flag State Jurisdiction and Law Enforcement at High Sea by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal

• The Right of Approach and Visit by Professor James Kraska (Chairman and Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Maritime Law, Stockton Center for International Law, US Naval War College)

• The Right of Hot Pursuit by Professor Raul (Pete) Pedrozo (Howard S. Levie Professor of the Law of Armed Conflict, Stockton Center for International Law, US Naval War College)
PART B
SPECIALIZED AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY LAW
APRIL- MAY 2024

TOPICS AND SPEAKERS:

- Prosecution of Suspected Pirates by Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal

- Use of Force by the Private Maritime Security Guards and Vessel Protection Detachments Against Suspected Pirates by Professor Robert McLaughlin (Australian National University, Canberra)

- The Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation and 2005 Protocols by Professor Douglas Guilfoyle (Professor of International Law and Security, UNSW Canberra)

- Legal Regime and Threats to Submarine Cables and Pipelines by Judge Professor David J Attard (Judge, ITLOS and Senior Fellow, University of Malta - TBC)

- Cybersecurity in Maritime Domain (Expert from IMO - TBC)

- Maritime and Port Security Threats (Expert from IMO - TBC)

- International Ship and Port Facility Security (Expert from IMO - TBC)

- Security Responsibilities of Government and their National Authorities (Expert from IMO - TBC)
• Maritime Migration with particular Reference to Search and Rescue by Professor Patricia Vella de Fremeaux (Head, Department of International Law, University of Malta)

• The Duty to Render Assistance at Sea: Balancing Safety Obligations with Security Concerns by Dr. Felicity Attard (Lecturer, University of Malta)

• FAO International Fisheries Law and ensuring responsible fisheries by Mr. Blaise Kuemlangan (Chief, Development Law Service, Food and Agriculture Organization) (TBC)

• Crimes Beyond IUU Fishing by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja

• Enforcement Cooperation in Combating IUU by Professor Stuart B. Kaye (Director, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security, University of Wollongong)

• Wildlife Smuggling on Ships Engaged in International Maritime Traffic by Mr. Watchara Chiemanukulkit, Alternate Permanent Representative of Thailand to IMO.

• Legality of Enforcement Activities at Sea (Cases No. 2, 19, 24, 25 and 30) by Judge Dr. Kriangsak Kittichaisaree (International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea)

• Sea Level Rise, Ocean Governance, and International Security Implications by Dr. Antoine Grima (Head of the Environmental and Resources Law Department, University of Malta)
• The International Legal Regime relating to Underwater Maritime Autonomous Vehicles by Professor Natalie Klein (ARC Future Fellow, UNSW Faculty of Law and Justice)

• The Commission of Maritime Crimes with Autonomous Ships: Legal Challenges Ahead by Professor Anna Petrig (Chair of International Law and Public Law, University of Basel)

• The Role of the Security Council in Maintaining International Maritime Peace by H.E. Ms. Vanessa Frazier (Ambassador, Permanent Representative to UN, Malta)

• The Role of the Security Council in Maritime Enforcement Measures by Professor Brian Wilson (US Naval Academy and Deputy Director of the Global Maritime Operational Threat Response Center, USCG and Department of Homeland Security)

• EU’s Perception of Maritime Security and Challenges in Protecting the Common Domain (lecturer to be confirmed)

• Africa’s Integrated Maritime Strategy to Strengthen Maritime Security by Dr Ali Kamal-Deen (Consultant & Executive Director, Centre for Maritime Law and Security Africa)

• Maritime Security Challenges in South America (Expert - TBC)
WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Course is highly recommended for officials of maritime administrations, navies and coast guards, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and other security agencies involved directly or indirectly in maritime security affairs. It will also be beneficial for professionals involved in the maritime industry including lawyers, port officers, marine insurers, shipowners, and operators.

The Course will be delivered in hybrid mode. Candidates who attend 80 per cent of the lectures, will be eligible for a certificate of attendance.

TUITION FEE

General Principles €1,000
Specialized Areas €1,150

To apply, please contact us by no later than 25 March 2024 at admissions@imli.org

Bearing in mind that eminent personalities from all over the world deliver lectures in the Institute’s programmes, candidates applying to the programme are required to be flexible as the dates of lectures may be subject to change. The Institute reserves the right to make changes to the programme.

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