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## IMLI COURSE ON THE LAW OF PORTS

During the Academic year 2024-2025, IMLI delivered its annual IMLI Course on the Law of Ports which underscores the pivotal role of the IMO in ensuring the efficient management of ports and emphasizes the importance of effective implementation by States of international treaty obligations. It covered various aspects of port operations and multiple areas governed by IMO legal instruments. These included safety, security, marine environmental protection, and trade facilitation. The Course ran between the 13 February and 29 April 2025.

Recognizing that a robust port system embraces technological advancements, including automation and digitalization, while ensuring safety, security and environmentally friendly activities, the Institute was pleased to offer, for the sixth time, the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports.



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Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered the opening remarks of this Course.

Ms. Tatjana Krilic (Deputy Director, Sub-division for Member State Audit and Implementation, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division (TCID), IMO) delivered the *Inaugural Lecture* of the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports.



Ms. Gillian Grant (HNS Project Manager, IOPC Funds) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Relevance of the HNS Convention for Ports”*.

Dr. Jan Hoffmann (Global Lead, Maritime Transport and Ports, World Bank) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Role of Ports in Global Supply Chains, and Recent Trends and Outlooks”*.



Professor Henrik Ringbom (Professor of Marine Law, Åbo Akademi University/Professor, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Mass and Ports”*.

Ms. Hassiba Benamara (Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Review of Maritime Transport: Navigating Maritime Chokepoints”*.







Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj (Secretary General, Federation of European Private Port Companies and Terminals (FEPORT)) delivered online a lecture entitled *“The Relationship between Shipowners and Ports”*.

Professor Aldo Chircop (Professor of Law / Former Canada Research Chair in Maritime Law & Policy (Tier I), Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Access to Ports – Rights and Obligations of the Port States”*.



Rear Admiral Frederick Kenney (Adjunct Professor, Swansea University; former Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) delivered a set of lectures entitled *“ISPS Code and Ports”* and *“Legal Foundations of the Black Sea Grain Initiative”*.

Dr. Lemonia Tsaroucha (Senior Legal Officer, Security Inspector, Internal Market Affairs–Transport & Connectivity, EFTA Surveillance Authority) delivered jointly with Rear Admiral Frederick Kenney (Adjunct Professor, Swansea University; former Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) a lecture entitled *“Legal Foundations of the Black Sea Grain Initiative”*.



Dr. Stefano Filletti (Leading Partner, Filletti & Filletti Advocates / Honorary Consul of the Republic of Ecuador in Malta) delivered a set of lectures entitled *“Marine Pollution Prevention Under Part XII of UNCLOS”*.

Dr. Şadan Kaptanoğlu (Former President, BIMCO; CEO of Kaptanoğlu Shipping) delivered a lecture entitled *“Maritime Governance: The Industry’s Perspective”*.



Ms. Gerardine Delanoye (Capacity Building & Resources Manager, IALA World-Wide Academy) delivered a set of lectures entitled *“Introduction to IALA”, “IALA Risk Management Toolbox”* and *“IMO Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services”*.

Dr. Kai-Dieter Classen (Deputy Director / SEC2-2 Workplace Internationalization, EU State Aid Law, Hamburg Port Authority) delivered online a lecture entitled *“The Green Ports Concept – Selected Public Policies for Greening Ports”*.



Mr. Julián Abril García (Head, Facilitation Section, Maritime Safety Division, IMO) delivered a set of lectures entitled *“Benefits of Maritime Trade Facilitation for the Port States”* and *“Introduction to the IMO Facilitation Convention on International Maritime Traffic and its Annex”*.

Dr. Patrick Verhoeven (Managing Director, International Association of Ports and Harbors) delivered a lecture entitled *“International Policy and Regulation for Seaports: Global and European Perspectives”*.







Mr. Omar Hassein (Head, Member State Audits, Department for Member State Audit and Implementation Support, IMO) delivered a lecture entitled *“IMO Member State Audit Scheme – Port States rights and obligations under various IMO instruments”*.



Professor Michael Faure (Academic Director, Maastricht European Institute for Transnational Legal Research - Maastricht University) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Criminal Liability for Oil Pollution Damage: An Economic Analysis”*.



Ms. Sakura Kuma (Executive Officer, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd.; Managing Director, MOL (Asia Oceania) Pte. Ltd.) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Digital-Driven Path to Decarbonization”*.



Professor Pinar Akan (Head of the Maritime Law Department, Marmara University) delivered a set of lectures entitled *“Containerization: From Freight to Demurrage”*.



This specialized Course was co-ordinated by Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI), who, together with the Members of the IMLI Faculty, delivered several lectures within the Course.