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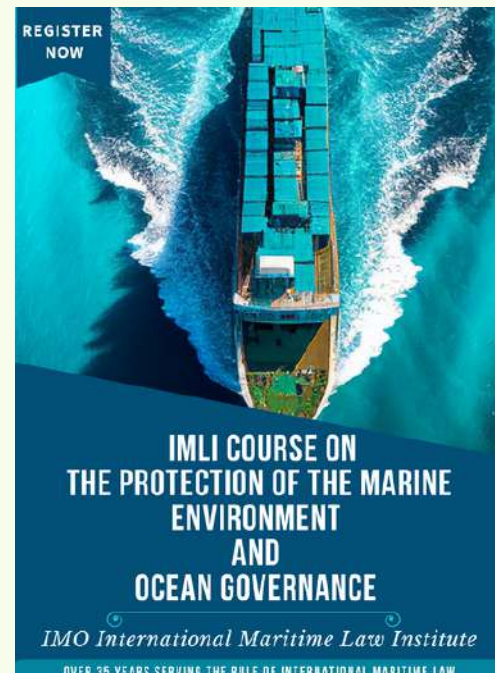
THE IMLI COURSE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN GOVERNANCE

During the academic year 2024-2025, IMLI delivered the annual Course on the Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance.

This Course aims to contribute to the achievement of the goal of sustainability of the oceans and their invaluable resources. Recognizing that concerted efforts are required by all States at national, regional, and global levels, the Course promotes a comprehensive approach to address the threats the oceans are facing. The discussions focus on policies and legislation which ensure a sustainable governance framework that promotes the ecosystem approach and demands urgent action.

The Course, also addressed in detail the global efforts, especially those led by IMO, to ensure the decarbonization of shipping.

This unique Specialized Course which focused on the protection of the marine environment within the integrated global governance of the various maritime activities expands further the Institute's mission in enhancing capacity-building for a sustainable use of the oceans, in line with the Sustainable Development Agenda and its Goals.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered the opening remarks of this Course, which ran between 4 March and 19 May 2025.

Ms. Patricia Charlebois (Deputy Director, Marine Environment Division, IMO) delivered the *Inaugural Lecture* of the IMLI Course on the Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance.



Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI) delivered a set of lectures entitled *“Introduction to Marine Environmental Law”* and *“Protection of the Marine Environment from Ship-source Pollution”*.

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”*.



Ms. Gina Panayiotou (Founder and CEO, Oceans Arena) delivered online a lecture entitled *“ESG Compliance Concepts Applied to the Maritime Sector”*.

Dr. Theofanis Karayannis (Head, Marine Biosafety, Subdivision for Protective Measures, Marine Environment Division, IMO) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Implementation and Enforcement of the Ballast Water Management Convention”*.





Ms. Chiara Della Mea (Head, Pollution Preparedness and Response Section, Subdivision for Ocean Policy and Pollution Response Marine Environment Division, IMO) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Oil and Chemical Pollution Response – The International Regulatory Framework and a Review of Recent Incidents”*.



Mr. Gaute Sivertsen (Director, IOPC Funds) delivered a set of lectures entitled *“The Fund Conventions and their Contribution to Adequate Compensation in Case of Pollution Incidents”*.



Minister Fernanda Millicay (Minister, Director of Trade and Environment Department, Argentina Ministry of Foreign Affairs) delivered online a lecture entitled *“The New Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction”*.



Mrs. Manuela Tomassini (Head of Department, Sustainability and Technical Assistance, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)) delivered online a lecture entitled *“EMSA in Support of the EU Environmental Agenda”*.



Dr. Harry Conway (Alternate Permanent Representative of Liberia to IMO; Chair of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)) delivered a lecture entitled *“A Governance Perspective on Marine Litter: Why Innovation is Crucial”*.

Dr. Mitja Grbec (Secretary-General, Maritime Law Association of Slovenia; Attorney-at-Law; Assistant Professor, Faculty of Management, University of Primorska) delivered a set of lectures entitled *“Liability and Compensation Regimes in case of Oil Pollution”*. The Institute extends appreciation to the CMI Trust for facilitating the visit of Dr. Grbec.



Mr. Roel Hoenders (Head, Climate Action and Clean Air, Marine Environment Division, IMO) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Protection of the Marine Environment from Ships Emissions”*.



Mr. Fredrik Haag (Head of Office for the London Convention/Protocol and Ocean Affairs, Marine Environment Division, IMO) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Protection of the Marine Environment from Dumping of Waste and Other Matter”*.



Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema (Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, UN Environment Programme) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Navigating the Blue Frontier: Biodiversity, Ocean Conservation and International Maritime Law”*.



Dr. Gotthard Gauci (Lecturer, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Business, University of Plymouth) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Liability and Compensation in Case of Bunker Oil Pollution”*.





Mr. Ivan Sammut (Head of Office, REMPEC) delivered a lecture entitled *“Regional Approach to Preparedness, Response and Cooperation in Case of Pollution Incidents”*.

Professor Peter Ehlers (Former President, German Federal Maritime Hydrographic Agency) delivered a set of lectures entitled *“Use of and Threats to the Oceans”*, *“What has Already been Done for Sustainable Ocean Governance?”*, and *“What Needs to be Done for Sustainable Ocean Governance?”*.



Mr. Vladimir Jares (Director, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations) delivered a lecture entitled *“The Role and Functions of the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea in the Context of Global Ocean Governance”*.

Professor Alexander Proelss (Director, International Foundation for the Law of the Sea (IFLOS); Full Professor, University of Hamburg) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Oceans and Sustainable Development”*.



Professor Simone Borg (Ambassador for Malta on Climate Action; Professor of Environmental and Resources Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta) delivered a lecture entitled *“The Climate Change International Regulatory Framework Implications on the Maritime Sector”*.

Professor Aleke Stöfen-O'Brien (Assistant Professor, Research/Ocean Sustainability, Governance and Management, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute) delivered online a lecture entitled "*Accommodating a Future Plastics Treaty: The 'Plasticity' of UNCLOS*".



Professor Alan Deidun (Ocean Ambassador, Malta; Director, International Ocean Institute Malta Training Centre) delivered a lecture entitled "*Ocean Acidification and Climate Change*".

Dr. Måns Jacobsson (Academic Lecturer and Consultant in Maritime and Environmental Matters; Former Director and Chief Executive Officer, IOPC Funds) delivered online a lecture entitled "*Global Ocean Governance and the IMO Liability Conventions*".



Dr. Antoine Grima (Head of the Environmental and Resources Law Department, University of Malta) delivered a lecture entitled "*Sea Level Rise and International Security Implications*".

Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Mbiah (CEO, Ghana Chamber of Shipping; Member, IMLI Governing Board) delivered online a lecture entitled "*Blue Economy*".





Ambassador Nancy Karigithu (Special Envoy for Maritime and Blue Economy, Kenya; Member, IMLI Governing Board) delivered online a lecture entitled *"Blue Economy as a Crucial Action to Attain SDG 14 and Ocean Governance"*.

Professor Beatriz Martínez-Romera (Associate Professor on Environmental and Climate Change Law, University of Copenhagen) delivered online a lecture entitled *"Regulating GHG Emissions from Shipping: Interactions between IMO, Climate Regime and UNCLOS"*.



Rear Admiral Hermann Aicardo León Rincón (Director of Maritime and River Interests, Colombian Navy) delivered a set of lectures entitled *"Science, Technology and Innovation: Cultural Heritage Governance Model through a Mission-Type Project. BIC San Jose Galleon"*.

This Specialized Course was co-ordinated by Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI), who, together with the Members of the IMLI Faculty, delivered several lectures within the Course.

