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THE IMLI COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY LAW

During the academic year 2024-2025, IMLI delivered its annual Course on International Maritime Security Law.

This Course is an IMLI training activity, emphasising the severity of maritime security threats and the essential role of IMO conventions in ensuring a Rule-Based Order at Sea. The Course delves into an in-depth exploration of legal developments that contribute to safe navigation, protection of critical maritime infrastructure, and coastal security. It also highlights the contribution of international organizations and the importance of regional cooperation in addressing security challenges.



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The Course offers participants—senior government officials and shipping executives—the opportunity to interact with professionals in an academic atmosphere, reinforcing their knowledge, skills, and proficiency in international maritime security law.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered the opening remarks of the Course which ran from the 3 April up to 19 May 2025.

Mr. Hiroyuki Yamada (Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO) delivered the *Inaugural Lecture* of the IMLI Course on International Maritime Security Law.



Professor James Kraska (Chairman and Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Maritime Law, Stockton Center for International Law, US Naval War College) delivered online a lecture entitled "*The Right of Approach and Visit*".

Professor Raul (Pete) Pedrozo (Howard S. Levie Professor of the Law of Armed Conflict, Stockton Center for International Law, US Naval War College) delivered online a set of lectures entitled "*The Right of Hot Pursuit*".



Professor Robert McLaughlin (Australian National University, Canberra) delivered online a lecture entitled "*Use of Force by the Private Maritime Security Guards and Vessel Protection Detachments Against Suspected Pirates*".

Mr. Steven Hill (Executive Secretary, International Institute for Justice the Rule Law) delivered a lecture entitled "*Use of Force and Maritime Terrorism*".





Mr. Andrew Clarke (Technical Officer, Maritime Security Section, Maritime Safety Division, IMO) delivered online a set of lectures entitled *The ISPS Code and Its Implementation* and *IMO Model on the Whole of Government Approach to Maritime Security*.

Dr. Ali Kamal-Deen (Director-General, Ghana Maritime Authority) delivered online a lecture entitled *"Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy and Maritime Governance Frameworks"*.



Brigadier Clinton J. O'Neill (Commander, Armed Forces of Malta) delivered a lecture entitled *"Malta's Maritime Search and Rescue Operations"*.

Professor Natalie Klein (ARC Future Fellow, UNSW Faculty of Law and Justice) delivered online a lecture entitled *"The International Legal Regime Relating to Underwater Maritime Autonomous Vehicles"*.



Professor Dr. iur. Anna Petrig (Chair of International Law and Public Law, University of Basel) delivered a lecture entitled *"The Commission of Maritime Crimes with Autonomous Ships: Legal Challenges Ahead"*.

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”*.



H.E. Ambassador Vanessa Frazier (Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Security Council and International Maritime Peace”*.

Ms. Michelle Wiese Bockmann (Maritime Intelligence Journalist and Analyst) delivered a lecture entitled *“Understanding the Dark Fleet and its Legal and Security Challenges”*.



Ms. Aicha Cherif (Legal Officer, Legal Affairs Office, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Fraudulent Registration and Fraudulent Registries of Ships”*.

Mr. Watchara Chiemanukulkit (Chief, International Affairs Division, Marine Department, Thailand; Chair, IMO Facilitation Committee) delivered online a lecture entitled *“Wildlife Smuggling on Ships Engaged in International Maritime Traffic”*.





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"*.

IMLI WORKSHOP ON IUU FISHING AND MARITIME SECURITY

The Institute organized a Workshop on *IUU Fishing and Maritime Security* on 2 May 2025. This Workshop formed an integral part of the IMLI specialized Course on International Maritime Security Law. The main aims of this Workshop were to explore the legal, policy, and security challenges related to Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, with a focus on its intersection with broader maritime security issues. Participants were provided with valuable insights into the legal frameworks designed to combat IUU fishing, the role of international cooperation, and the critical role of technology and data-sharing in addressing these issues.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered the *Welcoming Address* which marked the official opening of this Workshop.



The Workshop's *Inaugural Address* was delivered by Dr. Alicia Bugeja Said (Parliamentary Secretary, Fisheries, Aquaculture and Animal Rights of Malta).



Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI) delivered a presentation entitled *"The Legal Framework for Combating IUU Fishing"*.



Mr. Rafael Duarte (Head of Sector Cooperation, European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)) delivered a presentation entitled *"Overview of EFCA Activities and its Contribution to the Fight against IUU Fishing"*.



Mr. Blaise Kuemlangan (Chief, Development Law Service, FAO) delivered a presentation entitled *"FAO's Work in Combatting IUU Fishing"*.



Professor Stuart Kaye (Director, ANCORS, Wollongong, Australia) delivered online a presentation entitled *"Addressing IUU Fishing through Enhanced Maritime Cooperation"*.

The Workshop also included a Panel discussion entitled “*IUU Fishing and Maritime Security: Linkages and Challenges*”.

The Moderator of this Panel was Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law, IMLI).



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Workshop on IUU Fishing and Maritime Security
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Dr. Ruhel who was the Course co-ordinator, delivered also the *Closing Remarks* of the Workshop.

Members of the IMLI Faculty, delivered several lectures within the Course.