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# **IMLI COURSE ON THE LAW OF PORTS**

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# SYNOPSIS

*Ports have been vital centres of international trade since time immemorial. With the ongoing transformation of international shipping, they have become integral to what is widely regarded as the most efficient mode of transport.*

*The territorial sovereignty that coastal States enjoy over their ports has often led to the misconception that ports fall exclusively within the domain of domestic law. However, the reality of port operations and the measures taken by States to ensure that ports are efficient, safe, secure, and environmentally sustainable contradicts this notion.*

*As gateways to international trade, ports serve as crucial infrastructure for economic activity and development. Consequently, they are governed by extensive global regulations, including the standards promulgated by numerous IMO treaty instruments.*

*The IMLI Course on the Law of Ports 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.*

*The Course covers various aspects of port operations and multiple areas governed by IMO legal instruments. These include safety, security, marine environmental protection, and trade facilitation.*

*Numerous IMO conventions require authorized government officials to inspect foreign ships in their ports to ensure compliance with IMO standards as prescribed in the relevant instruments. In this context, the Course, while addressing the international legal basis, also focuses on important enforcement and compliance mechanisms such as port State control (PSC) inspections and the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS).*

*Furthermore, the Course provides an overview of the IMO regulatory framework on the protection of marine environmental protection applicable to ports. It underscores that ships, failing to comply with international requirements, may be prohibited from proceeding to sea.*

*Furthermore, the Course emphasizes the central role of the IMO in regulating the prevention of air pollution from ships.*





*Ports play also a critical role in achieving IMO's goal of decarbonization and desulphurization. From supplying compliant fuels to conducting inspections that ensure the implementation of the regulatory framework, port States serve as catalysts in the process.*

*While ports have experienced significant transformation through developments and technological advancements, they continue to face serious security threats.*

*Therefore, the pursuit of efficiency and competitiveness must be balanced with robust security measures, particularly those established under the ISPS Code. To address these challenges, the Course examines the IMO's responses to port security threats.*

*The IMO has recognized that for international shipping to thrive, a unified, global approach to trade facilitation is essential.*

*This understanding has led to the adoption of the FAL Convention, which sets uniform standards, recommended practices, and rules to streamline formalities, documentary requirements, and procedures related to ships' arrival, stay, and departure.*

*Port authorities play a vital role in upholding labour standards. As the Course explains, the effective implementation of regulations concerning labour standards, repatriation, crew change arrangements, and compliance and enforcement under the Maritime Labour Convention relies significantly on port States.*

*The Course highlights the critical importance of maintaining the uninterrupted flow of the global supply chain, alongside robust measures to facilitate the repatriation and travel arrangements of seafarers and passengers while adhering to the health and safety restrictions imposed by port States.*

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

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



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## COURSE PROGRAMME

- Inaugural Lecture on the Role of IMO in Developing Port State Control Measures by **Ms. Tatjana Krilic** (Deputy Director, Subdivision for Member State Audit and Implementation, TCID, IMO)
- Ports and Law of the Sea by **Dr. Murat Sümer** (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI)
- Port State Control by **Dr. Murat Sümer**
- Introduction to Prevention of Pollution of the Marine Environment and its Implications for Port States by **Ms. Ramat Jalloh** (Lecturer, IMLI)
- Digital-Driven Path to Decarbonization by **Ms. Sakura Kuma** (Senior Adviser at Mitsui OSK Lines)
- 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)
- Introduction to the Green Ports Concept by **Dr. Rafael Prado** (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI)
- MASS and Human Element by **Dr. Murat Sümer**
- Regional Port State Control Agreements by **Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja** (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI)
- Ports Policy and Regulation by **Dr. Patrick Verhoeven** (Managing Director, International Association of Ports and Harbors)
- Access to Ports – Rights and Obligations of the Port States by **Prof. Aldo Chircop** (Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University)
- Law of Pilotage by **Prof. Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez** (Director, IMLI)
- Law of Towage by **Dr. Murat Sümer**
- The Relationship between Shipowners and Ports by **Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid** (Secretary-General, Federation of European Private Port Companies and Terminals)
- Relevance of the HNS Convention for Ports by **Ms. Gillian Grant** (Chair of the IMO Legal Committee- HNS Project Manager, IOPC Funds)



*Ms. Tatjana Krilic (Deputy Director, Member State Audit and Implementation, TCID, IMO) inaugurating the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports*



*Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivering a lecture in the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports*



- Maritime Governance: The Industry's Perspective by **Dr. Şadan Kaptanoğlu** (Former President of BIMCO / CEO of Kaptanoğlu Shipping)
- IMO Member State Audit Scheme by **Mr. Omar Hassein** (Head, Member State Audits, IMO)
- Role of Ports in Global Supply Chains, and Recent Trends and Outlooks by **Dr. Jan Hoffmann** (Global Lead, Maritime Transport and Ports, The World Bank)
- Review of Maritime Transport by **Ms. Hassiba Benamara** (Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD)
- Containerization: From Freight to Demurrage by **Prof. Pinar Akan** (Head of the Maritime Law Department, Marmara University)
- ISPS Code and Ports by **Mr. Frederick Kenney** (Swansea University; Former Director of IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division)
- Legal Foundations of the Black Sea Grain Initiative by **Mr. Frederick Kenney & Ms. Lemonia Tsaroucha** (Senior Legal Officer - EFTA)
- MASS and Port States by **Dr. Murat Sümer**
- Autonomous Shipping by **Prof. Henrik Ringbom** (Head of Research, Åbo Akademi University, Finland; Professor II, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo, Norway)
- 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**
- 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 **Prof. Michael Faure** (Academic Director Maastricht European Institute for Transnational Legal Research - Maastricht University)
- Port Security and Facilitation by **Mr. Charles Abela** (Senior Project Officer, EMSA / Alternate Representative of the EC to the IMO)
- The Role of Port States in Upholding Maritime Labour Standards by **Prof. Laura Carballo Piñeiro** (Professor, Dean of the Faculty of International Relations, University of Vigo)
- IMO Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services by **Ms. Gerardine Delanoye** (Capacity Building and Resources Manager, IALA)
- IALA Risk Management Toolbox by **Ms. Gerardine Delanoye**





# 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.*

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*To apply, please contact us by no later than 7 February 2025 at [admissions@imli.org](mailto: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.*

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