

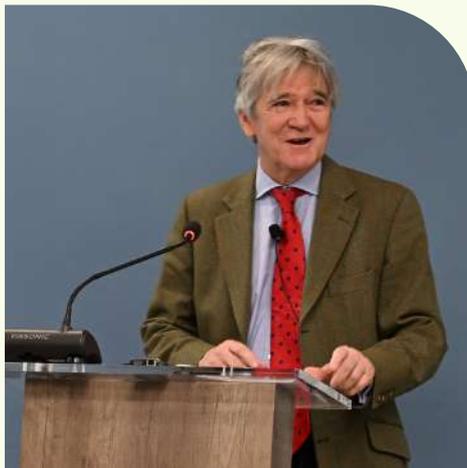
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PARTNER AT REED SMITH LLP U.K. LECTURES AT IMLI



IMLI was delighted to welcome once again Mr. Andrew Taylor (Partner at Reed Smith; Secretary and Treasurer of the British Maritime Association) on 16 February 2026. Mr. Taylor was warmly welcomed by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Chief of Administration, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Staff and the IMLI Class of 2025-2026.



Mr. Andrew Taylor (Partner at Reed Smith; Secretary and Treasurer of the British Maritime Association) and Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Chief of Administration, IMLI), together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026

Upon his introduction to the IMLI Students, Mr. Taylor proceeded to deliver a set of lectures on the topic of “*Carriage of Goods by Sea*”.



Mr. Andrew Taylor (Partner at Reed Smith; Secretary and Treasurer of the British Maritime Association) meeting the IMLI Students

H.E. AMBASSADOR OF MALTA TO PANAMA VISITS THE INSTITUTE

H.E. Mr. Jonathan Borg (Non-Resident Ambassador of Malta to Panama) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 13 February 2026.

Ambassador Borg was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), IMLI Faculty and Staff, and the IMLI Class of 2025–2026.



H.E. Mr. Jonathan Borg (Non-Resident Ambassador of Malta to Panama) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)



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During the visit, Ambassador Borg and Director Martínez Gutiérrez held a meeting to discuss the potential of the maritime sector in Malta and opportunities for possible collaboration. They explored avenues to enhance capacity-building, foster stronger bilateral links, and develop sustainable maritime operations connecting both regions.

IMLI DIRECTOR LECTURES AT ITLOS

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered a presentation entitled "*The IMO Conventions and the Law of the Sea*" at the *ITLOS - Nippon Foundation Capacity Building and Training Programme*. This joint programme was held at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in Hamburg, Germany on 16 February 2026.



The IMLI Director's presentation was a component within the Module entitled "*Convention Institutions and other Relevant Organisations*".

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) with the participants of the ITLOS - Nippon Foundation Capacity Building and Training Programme



During this visit, Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez also had the pleasure of meeting with Judge Tómas H. Heiðar (President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea [ITLOS]). President Heiðar has visited IMLI on many occasions throughout the years and delivered insightful presentations to the IMLI students.

Judge Tómas H. Heiðar (President, ITLOS) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)

CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA VISITS IMLI

Mrs. Roja S. Rajan (Chargé d'Affaires a.i., High Commission of India) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 18 February 2026.

Mrs. Rajan was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), IMLI Faculty and Staff.



Mrs. Roja S. Rajan (Chargé d'Affaires a.i., High Commission of India) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)



Mrs. Roja S. Rajan (Chargé d'Affaires a.i., High Commission of India) meeting the IMLI Class of 2025-2026

Upon her arrival to the Institute, she was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026. Following this, Mrs. Rajan and Director Martínez Gutiérrez held a meeting wherein possible future cooperation between IMLI and the Indian Authorities was discussed.



Mrs. Roja S. Rajan (Chargé d'Affaires a.i., High Commission of India) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026

CLASS PRESENTATIONS ON BASELINES

As part of their lectures on Introduction to the Law of the Sea and Humanitarian Law and Law of the Sea Specific Regimes, the students made presentations to their colleagues and lecturers. The presentation focused on the rules governing the drawing of baselines in accordance with the rules of international law of the sea.

The task required students, grouped by their countries, to present on the baselines their country have drawn and whether such baselines are in conformity with international law. They were also required to include in their presentations the maritime zones of their countries, whilst making specific reference to any available and applicable national Act or Legislation.



