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IMLI COURSE ON THE LAW OF TREATIES

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PROGRAMME

For many years, the United Nations and its specialized agencies, have spearheaded the development of a robust international legal framework regulating various aspects of international law.

The IMO, alone, has been successful in adopting some 60 international treaties which aim to provide a regulatory framework for international shipping that is fair and effective, universally adopted and implemented.

Accordingly, the accomplishment of the international community's goals, as encapsulated in international treaty rules, can only be achieved if States become Parties to these treaties and effectively implement them at a national level. This, in turn, requires a thorough understanding of the Law of Treaties.

To promote capacity-building in this very important field of law, the IMO International Maritime Law Institute is offering an intensive course on the Law of Treaties.

Through an analysis of the provisions of the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (VCLT) and developments found in jurisprudence and doctrine, this specialized Course provides, an overview

of the Law of Treaties, with lectures discussing the relationship between treaties and customary international law, the States' expression of consent to be bound by treaties, treaty interpretation, third States and treaties, invalidity of treaties, methods of revision and amendment, duration and termination, UN global and regional treaties for the oceans, and enforcement of treaties.

This Course will be complemented by lectures delivered by IMO officers on the IMO treaty-making process and the implementation of IMO instruments in national law, and other fundamental aspects of the Law of Treaties, drawing examples from jurisprudence and the latest developments in this important area.

It is expected that the IMLI Course on the Law of Treaties will provide the knowledge required to promote a more active participation of State Representatives in the development and working of international treaties with particular emphasis on the treaties adopted under the auspices of the IMO.



GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Prof. Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, IMLI Director
Monday 10 November 2025 from 15:15 to 15:30 CET

Treaty Law and Practice: The UN Treaty Section's Contribution to the International Treaty Framework

Dr. David K. Nanopoulos, Chief of Treaty Section, Office
of Legal Affairs, United Nations
Monday 10 November 2025 from 16.00 to 17:30 CET

LECTURES:

Introduction to the Law of Treaties

*Dr. Murat Sümer, The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on
International Maritime Law, IMLI
Monday 10 November 2025 from 9:00 to 10:00 CET*

Consent to be Bound by Treaties

*Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja, Senior Lecturer IMLI
Monday 10 November 2025 from 10.15 to 12:30 CET*

UN Global and Regional Treaties for the Oceans I: UNCLOS

*Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja
Tuesday 11 November 2025 from 9:00 to 10:00 CET*

UN Global and Regional Treaties for the Oceans II: Regional Seas Programme

*Prof. Eka Siradze, Associate Professor, Tbilisi State University
Tuesday 11 November 2025 from 10:15 to 11:15 CET*

Intricacies of Treaty Interpretation

*Prof. Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, IMLI Director
Tuesday 11 November 2025 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

IMO Treaties: From Adoption to Amendment

*Ms. Maria Pia Benosa, Depository and Legal Officer within the Legal Affairs
Office, IMO
Tuesday 11 November 2025 from 14:30 to 15:30 CET*

Final Provisions of a Treaty: Depository and Official Languages

*Ms. Maria Pia Benosa
Tuesday 11 November 2025 from 15:45 to 16:45 CET*

Treaty Effects beyond the Parties

*Dr. Murat Sümer
Wednesday 12 November 2025 from 9:00 to 10:00 CET*

Implementing IMO Instruments: Turning International Conventions into National Law I

*Ms. Aicha Cherif, Legal Officer, Legal Affairs Office, Legal Affairs and
External Relations Division, IMO
Wednesday 12 November 2025 from 10:15 to 12:30 CET*

Final Provisions of a Treaty I: Entry into Force, Duration, and Termination

*Dr. Murat Sümer
Wednesday 12 November 2025 from 14:30 to 15:30 CET*

Sources of International Law, with a Particular Emphasis on Treaties

*Prof. Malgosia Fitzmaurice, The Nippon Foundation
Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI and
Professor of Public International Law, School of Law at
Queen Mary University of London
Thursday 13 November 2025 from 9:00 to 10:00 CET*

Concept of a Treaty in International Law

*Prof. Malgosia Fitzmaurice
Thursday 13 November 2025 from 10:15 to 11:15 CET*

Interim Obligations in the Law of Treaties

*Dr. Agnes Rydberg, Sheffield Centre for International and European
Law, University of Sheffield
Thursday 13 November 2025 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

Reservations and Entry into Force

*Prof. Malgosia Fitzmaurice
Thursday 13 November 2025 from 14:30 to 15:30 CET*

Principles of State Succession in Respect of Treaties

*Dr. Agnes Rydberg
Thursday 13 November 2025 from 15:45 to 16:45 CET*

Conflict of Treaties

*Dr. Agnes Rydberg
Friday 14 November 2025 from 9:00 to 10:00 CET*

Material Breach of a Treaty and State Responsibility

*Prof. Malgosia Fitzmaurice
Friday 14 November 2025 from 10:15 to 11:15 CET*

Amendment and Modification of Treaties

*Prof. Malgosia Fitzmaurice
Friday 14 November 2025 from 11:30 to 12:30 CET*

Invalidity of Treaties, Jus Cogens, and the UN Charter

*Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel, The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International
Maritime Security Law, IMLI
Friday 14 November 2025 from 14:30 to 15:30 CET*

Enforcement of Treaties

*Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja
Friday 14 November 2025 from 15:45 to 16:45 CET*



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This specialized Course is addressed to any person who needs to understand the intricacies of the Law of Treaties and the rights and obligations of States Parties under the same. For these reasons, the Course would be most suitable to representative of States to international organizations, foreign relations experts, legal officers of maritime administrations, and maritime consultants. The Course would also prove beneficial to law students who wish to pursue a career in the field.

This is the fifth time that the Course is being held. The Institute notes with pride that over the last four years this unique Course was attended by nearly 200 government nominated participants from over 100 countries. Among them were Ambassadors, Alternate Permanent Representatives of countries to IMO, Directors of Government Departments, and Diplomats, who were nominated by their respective Permanent Representatives to IMO.

The Course will be delivered in a hybrid environment for external participants. Candidates who attend 80 per cent of the lectures, will be eligible for a Certificate of Attendance.

*To apply, please contact by not later than 5 November 2025
admissions@imli.org.*

Candidates applying to a Course shall be flexible as the dates of delivery may be subject to change.

More information regarding IMLI's programmes and courses is available on the IMLI website:
<https://www.imli.org/content/programmes-and-courses>

For information on admissions, please contact:
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