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IMLI LECTURER IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW DELIVERS A KEYNOTE ADDRESS IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Mr. Daniel Stein (Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) delivered a Keynote Address at the Lloyd Law College Global Justice and International Law Conference, 2026, entitled *“Rising Seas, Rising Disputes: Climate Change and the Future of Maritime Boundaries”* held in India between the 21 and 22 August 2026.

Mr. Stein's Address covered part of the history of the maritime boundaries, the roles and differences between baselines and base points, how courts and tribunals have adjudicated boundary delimitation cases, and the International Court of Justice's Climate Change Advisory Opinion.



The participants were very engaged with several incisive questions and were encouraged to seek out additional classes and extra-curricular research in law of the sea topics.

THE NIPPON FOUNDATION ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW AT IMLI DELIVERS A PRESENTATION AT THE WMU MARITIME AFFAIRS CONFERENCE 2026 IN MALMÖ

Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Assistant Professor in International Maritime Law / Coordinator of Academic Affairs, IMLI) delivered a presentation at the WMU Maritime Affairs Conference 2026 held in Malmö.

His presentation was titled *“Search and Rescue in the Era of MASS: The Duty to Render Assistance at Sea”* formed part of the Conference’s third Session under the topic of *“Maritime Digitalization I”*.

Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Assistant Professor in International Maritime Law / Coordinator of Academic Affairs, IMLI) delivering his presentation



Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Assistant Professor in International Maritime Law / Coordinator of Academic Affairs, IMLI) together with other distinguished guests who participated in this Conference

IMLI LECTURER IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW LECTURES AT A SEA TRAINING SCHOOL PROGRAM IN TÜRKİYE

Mr. Daniel Stein (Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) delivered a lecture at the “Training the Trainers: Strengthening Seafarers’ Living and Working Conditions at Sea Training School Program” BlueRights COST Action (CA23103) Workshop hosted by DEHUKAM and Ankara University National Center for the Sea and Maritime Law.



Mr. Daniel Stein (Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) delivering his presentation at the Training Program

His lecture, entitled “Working Conditions, Fatigue, and Safety Risks”, covered the sources of maritime labour law, including MLC, SOLAS, STCW, and the ISM Code, and how these instruments impact and implicate seafarers, flag States, and port State control officers, with special reference to enforcing the requirements that ensure adequate hours of rest.



From L: R - Mr. Daniel Stein (Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) Dr. Khanssa Lagdami (Associate Professor of Maritime Labour Law and Policy, ITF Seafarers Trust, WMU), Dr. Ceren Cerit Dindar (Senior Researcher, DEHUKAM), Mr. Jonathan Warring (Head of Legal, International Transport Workers' Federation) and Professor Laura Carballo Piñeiro (Professor, Dean of the Faculty of International Relations, University of Vigo)

THE NIPPON FOUNDATION ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW AT IMLI PARTICIPATES AT SYMPOSIUM IN TÜRKİYE

Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Assistant Professor in International Maritime Law / Coordinator of Academic Affairs, IMLI) participated as a Speaker at the International Symposium on the Legal Regime of Ports on 4 September 2026 in Mersin in Türkiye.

Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Assistant Professor in International Maritime Law / Coordinator of Academic Affairs, IMLI) delivering his presentation



The Symposium brought together experts and practitioners to discuss legal issues relating to the regulation and operation of ports, with particular attention to their role within the broader framework of international maritime law. Dr. Sümer's presentation was focused on Ports and the Law of the Sea.

IMLI DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES AT THE GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL MARITIME FORUM 2026



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) participated as a Panellist at the Georgia International Maritime Forum 2026 (GIMF 2026) held in Batumi. The IMLI Director participated in Panel V of the Forum which was entitled "*The Human Element: Seafarers & Skills for the Future*".

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) during his panel

Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General; Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) delivered one of the high-level Keynote Addresses at the opening ceremony of this Forum. During his address, the Secretary-General highlighted global trends, maritime governance issues, and key challenges facing the shipping industry amid an evolving geopolitical landscape.



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General; Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) delivering his Keynote Address



From L:R: Mr. Davit Jincharadze (Class of 2019), Mr. Merab Kadjaia (Class of 2016), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez's (Director, IMLI), and Mr. Ivane Abashidze (Class of 2014)

During this trip, Director Martínez Gutiérrez had the pleasure of meeting with a number of IMLI Graduates from Georgia, providing an opportunity to reconnect with alumni and exchange experiences.

IMLI DIRECTOR AND IMLI ACADEMICS PARTICIPATE AT THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME AND TRANSPORT LAW CONFERENCE - TRANSPORT LAW *DE LEGE FERENDA* 2026 HELD IN CROATIA

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Assistant Professor in International Maritime Law / Coordinator of Academic Affairs, IMLI), and Ms. Nour Nohra (ITF Seafarers' Trust Research Associate in Seafarers' Rights, IMLI) participated at the International Maritime and Transport Law Conference – Transport Law *De Lege Ferenda* 2026.

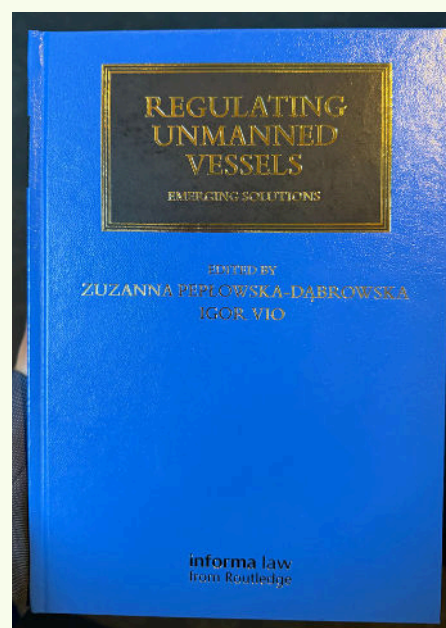
This event was held from 7 to 10 September 2026 at the Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered a Keynote Speech entitled *"Fifty Years of the LLMC 1976 and Thirty Years of the 1996 Protocol"* on 9 September 2026.

During the Conference, Director Martínez Gutiérrez was presented with a publication entitled *"Regulating Unmanned Vessels. Emerging Solutions"* by the book's editors Dr. Zuzanna Pełowska-Dąbrowska (Assistant Professor, Department of Commercial Law, Maritime Law and Civil Procedure, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń, Poland) and Dr. Igor Vio (Associate Professor, Croatian Academy of Science and Arts, Adriatic Institute).



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivering his Keynote Speech



From L:R - Dr. Igor Vio (Associate Professor, Croatian Academy of Science and Arts, Adriatic Institute), Dr. Zuzanna Pełowska-Dąbrowska (Assistant Professor, Department of Commercial Law, Maritime Law and Civil Procedure, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń, Poland), and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)

The IMLI Director also had the pleasure of meeting with a number of IMLI graduates who participated in the event.



From L:R - Dr. Mitja Grbec (Slovenia, Class of 2001), Ms. Adel Asrawi (Mexico, Class of 2026), Ms. Nour Nohra (ITF Seafarers' Trust Research Associate in Seafarers' Rights, IMLI / Lebanon, Class of 2023), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Ms. Maša Štampić (Montenegro, Class of 2023), and Mr. Ante Vojkovic (Croatia, Class of 2024)

Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Assistant Professor in International Maritime Law / Coordinator of Academic Affairs, IMLI) spoke about the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols during the Panel discussion entitled “National Implementation – Contemporary Solutions” on 7 September 2026



Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Assistant Professor in International Maritime Law / Coordinator of Academic Affairs, IMLI) delivering his presentation



Panel Session

Ms. Nour Nohra (ITF Seafarers' Trust Research Associate in Seafarers' Rights, IMLI) together with Ms. Maša Štampić (Head of the Department for Seafarers' Rights, International Cooperation and Reporting, Ministry of Maritime Affairs of Montenegro) made a presentation entitled *"Two Decades of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 – From Policy to Practice - Bridging the Gap between Legal Protection and Effective Implementation"* on 9 September 2026.

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Ms. Nour Nohra (ITF Seafarers' Trust Research Associate in Seafarers' Rights, IMLI) delivering her presentation