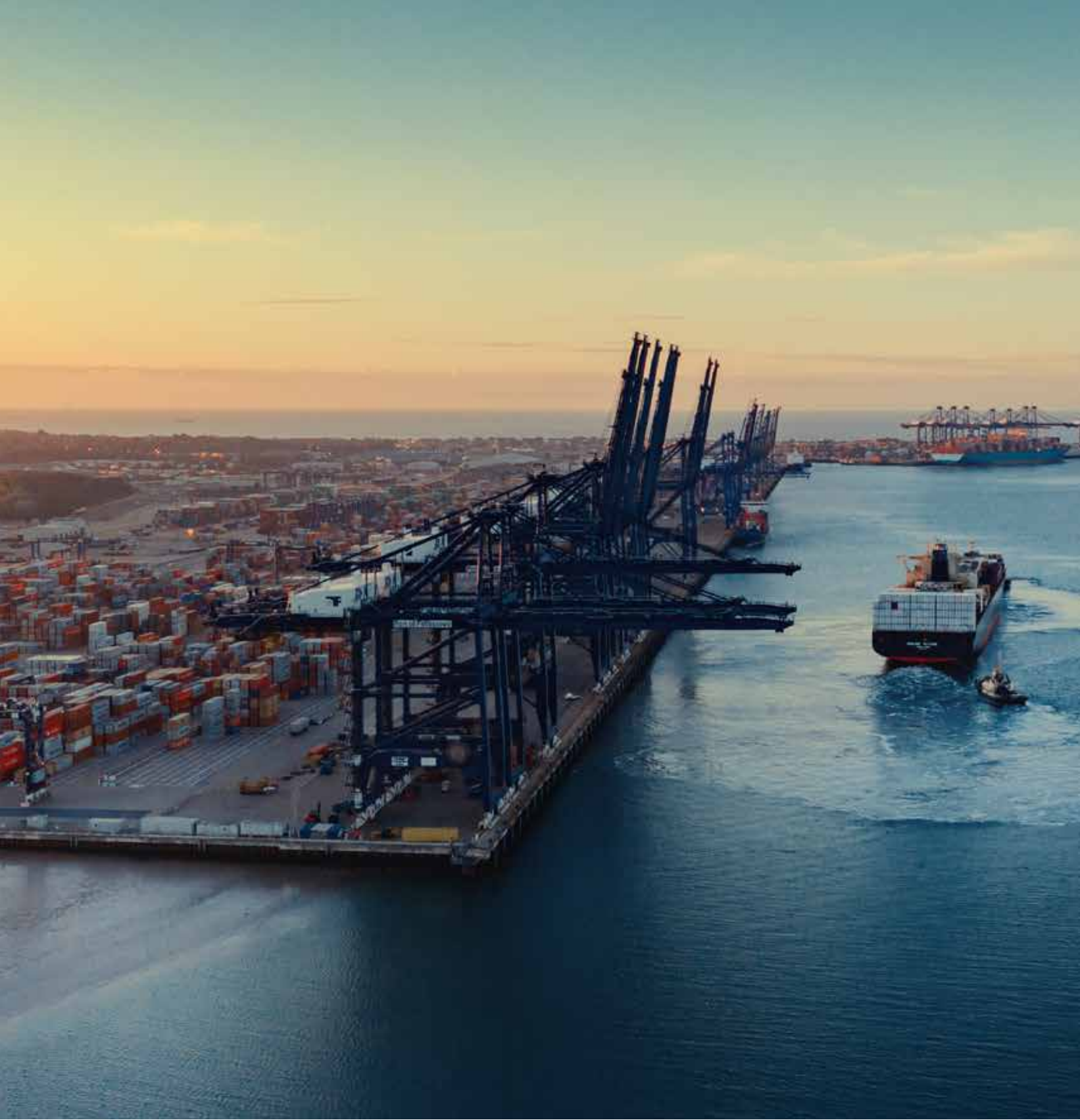


# Annual Report 2023

**INSTITUTE OF MARITIME LAW**





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# Director's report

I was honoured and delighted to take over the Directorship of the IML (Institute of Maritime Law) on the 1st of February 2022, and would like to express my sincere gratitude to my predecessor, Dr Alexandros Ntovas, for all his splendid work as IML Director through the difficult global circumstances of the last three years. With its 41 years of history, the IML is the oldest centre for maritime law studies in the world, and the oldest Institute of the University. In the last four decades, the IML has trained thousands of maritime lawyers from all over the world and has established itself as the world leading centre for maritime law.

It has been a very successful year for the IML, and the following are just some of the highlights of the successful activities conducted by the Institute.

In May, the IML hosted a workshop on Electronic Bills of Lading. The Workshop explored current electronic bills of lading practice and legal ramifications and considered the UK Electronic Trade Documents Bill following its recent adoption by the House of Lords. The speakers were distinguished industry representatives, legal practitioners, and academics, including **Boaz Lessem** (WaveBL), **Marina Comninou** (ICE Digital Trade), **Richard Lord KC** (Brick Court Chambers and IML Fellow), **Omer Guy** (Digital Container Shipping Association (DCSA)), **Luca Castellani** (UNCITRAL: United Nations Commission on International Trade Law), **Michael Biltso** (Kennedys) and **Liang Zhao** (IML). The event was thought provoking and insightful and is one of a series of initiatives hosted by IML to lead the evolving academic and industry discourse on topics of significance in the international maritime sector.

In August/September 2023, the IML hosted its 47th Short Course in Maritime Law for practitioners. The Institute of Maritime Law Short Course for Practitioners has been providing innovative maritime law training to delegates from around the world for the last 48 years. First of its kind worldwide, it is the only comprehensive residential Course available on maritime law in the UK and at international level. The Short Course combines a top-quality learning environment with world leading expertise. The fusion of academic excellence and practical insight provided by our leading scholars,

industry professionals and legal practitioners ensures an in-depth dissection of the legal issues affecting today's shipping industry, as well as a crucial pragmatic advantage for the delegates. The Short Course is unique in its essence, its history and its reputation and is a key undertaking for the Institute of Maritime Law. We are proud and honoured to have almost half a century of tradition in providing continuing professional education in maritime law.

In October 2023, a delegation from the Institute of Maritime Law comprising **Professor Andrea Lista** (IML Director), **Dr Ainhoa Campàs Velasco**, **Professor Andrew Serdy** (IML Members) and **Mr Richard Coles** (IML Fellow) delivered talks at the Annual OST Symposium in Maritime Law. The OST Symposium is an annual event which sees the IML, the Tulane Centre for Maritime Law and the Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law come together to discuss current themes in maritime law. This year's theme was Sustainability in the Shipping Sector. **Professor Andrea Lista** delivered a talk on the contractual initiatives on sustainability in the maritime industry; **Dr Ainhoa Campàs Velasco** spoke on sustainability of migration at sea; **Professor Andrew Serdy** focused his intervention on sustainability and fisheries policy, whereas **Mr Richard Coles** spoke about sustainability related initiatives in leisure shipping and the yachting industry.

On 8th November 2023, we hosted our 41st Donald O'May lecture at The Law Society. Alongside the Short Course, our annual Lecture represents the history, the legacy, and the tradition of the IML. The speaker of this year, **Sir Nigel Teare** (former Admiralty Judge), gave a thought-provoking and insightful lecture taking us through the intricacies of apportionment of liability in collision cases. It was a delight to see so many esteemed colleagues and familiar faces.

On 30 November and 1st December, the IML and Southampton Marine and Maritime Institute's Conference on Sustainability in the Shipping and Maritime Sector took place at the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton. A long list of academic, industry and regulator Speakers, Chairs and Rapporteurs (listed below) who contributed with their expertise in different areas, from Oceanography/Environment to Technology Vectors, Industry, and the Legal/Regulatory framework. The Event was funded by Gard AS through the GARD/IML Research Fund.

We think that the format of the Conference and its multidisciplinary approach rendered it unique in its essence. The combination of IML and SMMI expertise and the valued links with industry will enable us to lead the debate on the ever so important theme of sustainability in the shipping/maritime industry. A long list of academic, industry and regulator speakers, chairs and rapporteurs contributed their expertise in different areas, from Oceanography/Environment to Technology Vectors, Industry, and the Legal/Regulatory framework. The Event was funded by **Gard AS** through the GARD/IML Research Fund.

The Conference was hugely successful, thought-provoking and extremely interesting. I am grateful to all the Speakers, Chairs and Rapporteurs for their invaluable contribution to the event. **Professor Damon Teagle** (SMMI Director) and **Dr Wassim Dbouk** (Policy Department of the University of Southampton) provided wonderful support and input, and our IML Team handled the complex logistics flawlessly. This was only possible thanks to **Mr Tim Howse** and **Mr Neil Henderson** from Gard which funded the event as part of the long-standing support of Gard to the IML. We think that the format of the Conference and its multidisciplinary approach rendered it unique in its essence. The combination of IML and SMMI expertise and the valued links with industry will enable us to lead the debate on the ever so important theme of sustainability in the shipping/maritime industry.

I should like to thank all my colleagues of the IML, **Dr Johanna Hjalmarsson**, **Dr Hannah Stones**, **Dr Ainhoa Campàs-Velasco**, **Dr Feng Wang**, **Dr Liang Zhao**, **Professor Andrew Serdy**, **Dr Alexandros**

**Ntovas**, **Dr Ulrich Jurgens**, **Dr Meixian Song**, **Mr Richard Coles**, and **Mr Richard Sarll**, for all their amazing work, support, and dedication to the IML.

I am also deeply grateful to our amazing IML Team, **Mrs Clare Old** (who this year celebrated her 10th Anniversary with the IML), **Ms Natasha King**, **Mr Dan Hughes**, our IML Librarian **Mrs Sara Le Bas** (who this year celebrated her 30th IML work anniversary), and **Ms Monique Duarte-Forbes**. The IML Team is the pulsating heart of the Institute, and I am delighted to have such wonderful colleagues on board!

Special thanks go to **Mr Tim Howse** (Vice President and Head of Industry Liaison at Gard AS and to **Mr Neil Anderson** (Senior Executive Industry Liaison at **Gard AS**) and to Gard AS for funding the IML Research Events. The IML and Gard AS have a very long history of successful collaboration over many years, and I treasure and value our relationship very much.

Last, but by no means least, my gratitude goes to **Professor Werner Scholtz** (Head of the Law School) and **Professor Jo Swaffield** (Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, and International Studies) for their wonderful support of the IML. The Institute does not exist in a vacuum, but it is an integral part of a vibrant Law School and University.

I am looking forward to working with my colleagues and to steering the IML on a steady course forward in 2024!



**Professor Andrea Lista**,  
LL.D (Italy), LL.M (Soton), Ph.D (Lond),  
Legal Consultant

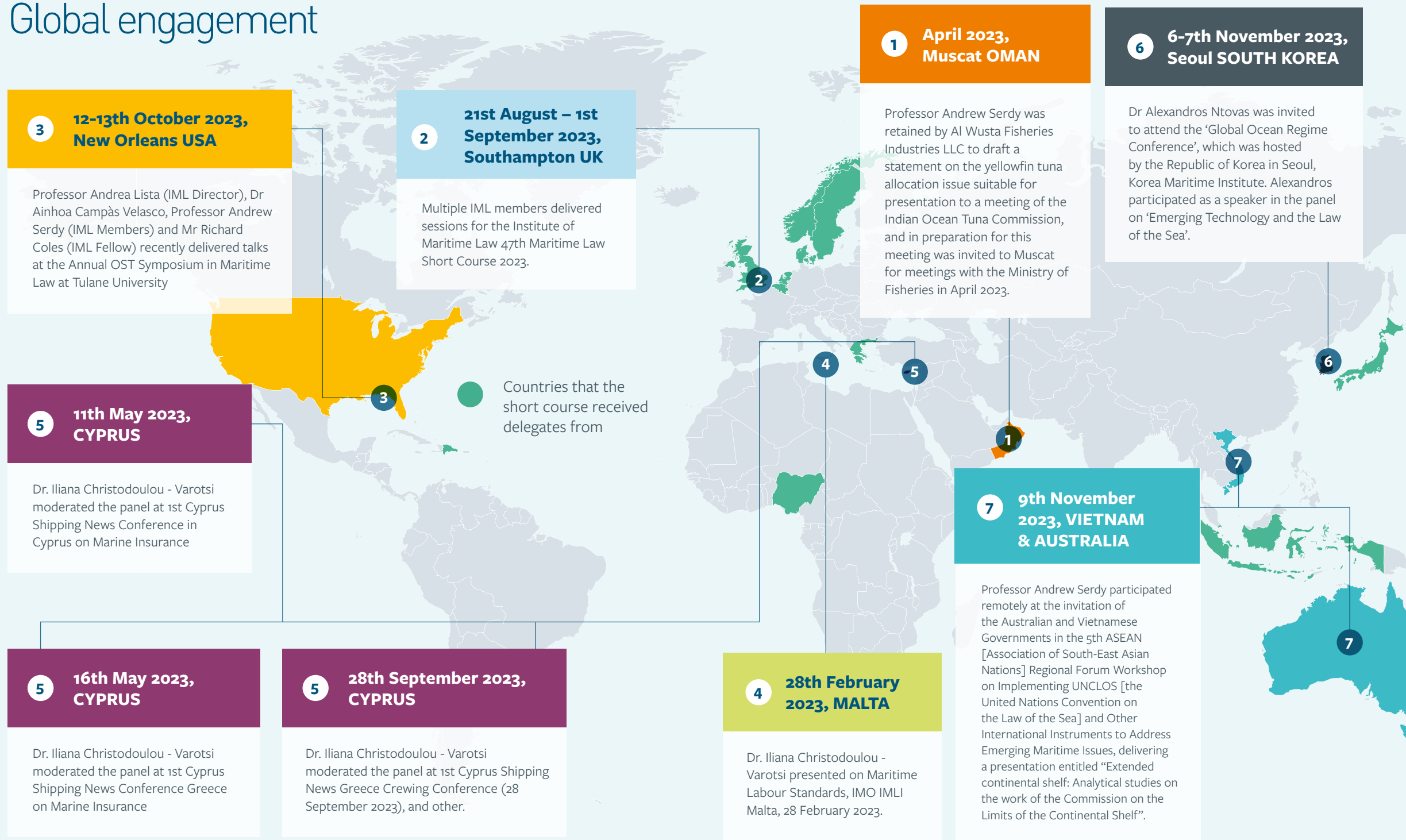
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# Global engagement



# Courses and Events

## Short Course

The Maritime Law Short Course at Southampton has been providing innovative maritime law training to delegates from around the world for the last 47 years. As the only comprehensive residential course available on maritime law in the UK, the course combines a top-quality learning environment with world leading expertise. The fusion of academic excellence and practical insight provided by our leading scholars, industry professionals and legal practitioners ensures an in-depth dissection of the legal issues affecting today's shipping industry, as well as a crucial pragmatic advantage for the delegates.



**47**  
years



**37**  
delegates



In August 2023, the Southampton Institute of Maritime Law hosted its distinguished Maritime Law Short Course, which garnered participation from 37 delegates representing various companies from around the shipping industry and from multiple countries. Led by members of the Institute of Maritime Law, renowned industry experts, and leading scholars, the sessions provided an enriching and insightful educational experience.

This comprehensive two-week course, acclaimed as the UK's sole residential program on maritime law, expertly combined academic rigor with practical industry insights.

In addition to classroom learning, delegates had immersive experiences that broadened their grasp of the maritime industry. They visited the National Oceanography Centre Southampton (NOCS), gaining firsthand exposure to cutting-edge maritime research and technology. Additionally, a guided boat trip along Southampton Harbour provided practical glimpses into maritime operations while infusing the learning experience alongside social interactions with each other and the IML team.

Throughout the course, the curriculum delved deeply into pivotal aspects of maritime law, covering topics such as maritime contracts, international conventions, marine insurance, environmental regulations, and dispute resolution mechanisms. These sessions not only imparted theoretical knowledge but also equipped delegates with actionable strategies applicable to their professional roles.

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Led by the Institute of Maritime Law members and joined by industry experts, the sessions fostered engaging discussions, interactive learning experiences, and insightful case studies. This approach empowered delegates to comprehend intricate legal concepts and develop solutions for the multifaceted challenges within the maritime sector.

The program's conclusion featured a gala dinner where delegates received certificates of completion, acknowledging their dedication and expertise cultivated during the course. Importantly, the feedback from the delegates was overwhelmingly positive and constructive. Their insights and suggestions will serve as invaluable input to refine and enhance the Short Course in Maritime Law in subsequent years.



# Wednesday Practitioner Seminars

The Wednesday Seminar Series has now run for over twenty years. It is a weekly seminar programme with expert speakers from across the shipping profession who kindly give up their valuable time to come and share their experience with our students. The seminars are primarily aimed at our maritime and commercial law LLM & LLB students however all that are interested are welcome to attend. The sessions, organised by Dr Feng Wang, help our students build an understanding of the Maritime Law industry. We would like to thank those who have spoken in the past and always welcome new volunteers!

## October 11, 2023

Hari Narayan led the seminar series hosted by United Maritime Law Chambers Cochin. His session delved into India's admiralty law jurisdiction, starting with foundational introductions. Hari navigated through essential statutes and case law, elucidating their role in shaping India's admiralty landscape. Expanding the discourse, he explored evolving trends and contemporary hot topics within India's admiralty law domain, offering a comprehensive view of the field's development.

## October 18, 2023

Jim Leighton, representing North Standard FD&D took the podium. His focus centred on the criticality of time bar clauses in commercial contracts, spanning charterparties, sales contracts, and marine insurance policies. Jim's seminar transcended case law, delving into practical applications within commercial activities. Supported by case studies "The "Abqaiq", The "Adventure", The "Maria", The "MTM Hong Kong" and The "Amalie Essberger", he provided a pragmatic context, offering profound insights into this pivotal aspect.

## October 25, 2023

Monica Kohli, representing Gard, stepped forth to illuminate the realm of Defence Claims in P&I Clubs. Monica's seminar traversed the historical development of P&I Clubs and International Group P&I Clubs, delving into their core operations. Beyond the surface, she shed light on the daily responsibilities of a claim handler within a P&I Club, intertwining personal experiences and addressing the evolving role of women in this field.

## November 1, 2023

Linda Jacques and Chengcheng Zheng, representing Lester Aldridge, presented their seminar. They unveiled the daily life of a shipping lawyer while imparting invaluable techniques for aspiring legal professionals. Linda and Chengcheng brought attention to their firm's recent disputes, discussing ship arrest intricacies and navigating both national and international regulatory frameworks. Their session offered a practical glimpse into the complex realm of ship arrest and forum shopping.

## Bills of lading workshop

On 18 May, the IML hosted a Workshop on Electronic Bills of Lading. The Workshop explored current electronic bills of lading practice and legal ramifications, and considered the UK Electronic Trade Documents Bill following its recent adoption by the House of Lords.

The speakers were distinguished industry representatives, legal practitioners and academics, including Boaz Lessem (WaveBL), Marina Comninos (essDOCS), Richard Lord KC (Brick Court Chambers and IML Fellow), Omer Guy (DCSA) Luca Castellani (UNCITRAL: United Nations Commission on International Trade Law), Michael Biltso (Kennedys) and Liang Zhao (IML).

The IML Director, Professor Andrea Lista says: "The IML has always been at the forefront of debates on regulatory reforms and on main themes in Maritime Law. The event was thought provoking and insightful, and is one of a series of initiatives hosted by IML to lead the evolving academic and industry discourse on topics of significance in the international maritime sector."

The event was a joint initiative with the Centre for Private and Commercial Law, sponsored by the IML and the School of Law, University of Southampton.



## 41st Donald O'May Lecture

The 41st Donald O'May Annual Lecture held at the Law Society in London marked a cherished tradition, epitomizing a celebration of academic exploration and achievement within maritime law. This annual event serves as a beacon of scholarly continuity, providing a platform for scholars, practitioners, and industry experts to gather and honour accomplishments in the field while fostering a sense of community and dedication to advancing maritime law through intellectual discourse and shared learning.

Sir Nigel Teare's lecture during this esteemed gathering proved to be the highlight, offering a comprehensive exploration of the intricate dynamics surrounding the apportionment of liability in collision cases within maritime law. His insightful discourse, enriched with practical examples and legal insights, captivated the audience, sparking engaging discussions and deepening attendees' understanding of this complex subject matter.

The venue provided a perfect backdrop for members to connect, exchange ideas, and strengthen professional relationships, enhancing collaborative possibilities and strengthening the Institute's network within the maritime law community.





# Sustainability Lecture

Ninety per cent of the goods traded worldwide are carried by sea, and there are approximately 50,000 merchant navy vessels operating in routes across the oceans. Although transporting goods by sea is less environmentally detrimental per quantum of goods than the equivalent journey by road, rail, or air, that vast scale of international trade means that global shipping has a major environmental footprint and produces a significant amount of greenhouse gases and other forms of pollution.

It is estimated that 940 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> are produced every year by the shipping industry. The industry is deemed to be responsible for approximately 2.5% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and is considered one of the most vexing sectors for carbon emissions reduction.



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# Research

**Professor Andrea Lista** is currently finalising an Article on the Assignment of Arbitration agreement to third parties within the context of maritime disputes, and two monographs. One book is on the “Third Parties and the Arbitration of Maritime Disputes,” and the second manuscript is titled “The Law of Containers”.

**Dr Alexandros X.M Ntovas** acted as Co-Investigator the project of “Industrial Decarbonisation Research and Innovation Centre, Port to Pipeline CO<sub>2</sub>-P2PCO<sub>2</sub>”, which was funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and led by Professor Damon Teagle, Southampton Marine and Maritime Institute. In addition to this work, Alexandros’ research this year was focused on research outputs in legal regulation of autonomous ships.

**Dr Liang Zhao** organised and presented on “Workshop on Electronic Bills of Lading”, funded by Law School’s Strategic Research Fund and Institute of Maritime Law, Southampton, 18 May 2023

**Mr Richard Coles** has undertaken private research over the past year in two topical and increasingly problematic areas for both commercial shipping and the superyacht sector, namely, sanctions and sustainability.





# Gard Partnership



## Together we enable sustainable maritime development

Sustainable maritime development is at the core of the Gard group's operations and outlook. As a global specialised marine insurance group with one of the broadest product offerings to ship and offshore operators we use our leverage to support the transition to a more sustainable industry.

Gard was established in Arendal on the southern coast of Norway in 1907 where its head office is still located. The group's creation and evolution are closely linked to the development of the modern shipping and insurance industries. Founded to underwrite only the P&I risks of sailing ships, the company was nevertheless part of a larger group of insurers covering other risks for all types of vessels.

With the demise of sail, Gard adapted and survived and continued to flourish by extending its remit. Over a century later the group has come full circle to cover one of the broadest ranges of risks in the marine insurance industry.

## A global organisation with a deep Scandinavian heritage

The Gard group today has 13 offices around the world whilst still maintaining its deep Scandinavian roots. Its product range encompasses P&I, Hull & Machinery, Offshore Energy, Builders' Risks, Renewables and various ancillary covers. Gard is today the largest P&I Club in the International Club of P&I Clubs, and it is one of the largest marine insurers globally.

## Sustainable maritime development

We are signatories to the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact, the Principles for Sustainable Ocean Business and the Principles for Sustainable Insurance and use the UN Sustainable Development Goals as a framework to define our ambitions and goals. Gard believes that, as a leading marine insurance group, it has an important responsibility, as well as an opportunity, to influence the transition to a more sustainable maritime industry.

## Partnering with the University of Southampton

Gard has a long-standing relationship with the University of Southampton and its renowned Institute of Maritime Law, one of the top maritime law centres in the world. We have refreshed our relationship with the Institute with the launch of the "IML Gard Fund" to demonstrate our commitment to academic partnerships and to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Developments in international maritime law are crucial to the shipping and marine insurance industries and therefore mutually beneficial collaboration and innovation amongst leaders in these fields is also crucial. The sheer breadth and depth of knowledge within the University of Southampton, more generally, also on subjects such as cyber, governance, offshore and marine engineering, fisheries, and oceanography, to name a few, means that the University of Southampton and the Institute of Maritime Law are the ideal academic partners for a diversified and leading global insurer such as Gard.

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# Institute members



## Professor Andrea Lista, Director of the Institute of Maritime Law

Andrea's research interests lie within the areas of International Trade (contracts concluded on shipment terms), the enforcement of maritime claims, international commercial arbitration and competition law. He has written several articles and books on these subjects, and these have been cited as authoritative in courts worldwide.

Andrea has lectured for many years in Southampton, London, and Exeter, and has taught professional courses for lawyers and judges at national and international levels. In the past, Andrea has also acted as Legal consultant for the European Commission and European Parliament and appeared as an expert witness before the Houses of Parliament. Before re-joining the University of Southampton, Andrea has been a Lecturer at Queen Mary College, University of London, Associate Professor at the University of Southampton (where he was a Member of the Institute of Maritime Law), and

Chair in Commercial Law at the University of Exeter (where he has led the Law School to the REF 2021 as Director of Research). Throughout his Academic career, Andrea has been very actively involved in PhD supervision; to date, he has supervised 16 PhD students to completion, and has examined a vast number of PhD Vivas both as External and Internal Examiner.

In May 2013, Andrea was awarded the 'ETA Excellence in Teaching Award as the Overall Outstanding Lecturer in the School of Law', University of Southampton, and the 'Vice Chancellor Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching'. At the University of Exeter, Andrea has been commended by the DVC for Education for excellence in teaching in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Professionally, before taking his place as Director of the IML, Andrea has acted as counsel for a law firm in London, gaining a reputation as an active legal

consultant for law firms and companies in the fields of maritime commercial law and arbitration. In addition to leading the IML, Andrea delivers Key Speeches and Lectures, and continues his research in the areas of Contracts concluded on Shipment terms, Arbitration of Maritime Disputes and Enforcement of Maritime Claims.



## Dr Ainhoa Campas Velasco

Ainhoa Campàs Velasco is Lecturer in Law at the School of Law, University of Southampton. In 2021, she completed her PhD entitled 'Adrift in international law: towards a place of safety for sea migrants' for which she had obtained the M/Phil/PhD Vice-Chancellor's Award scholarship. Ainhoa first joined the University of Southampton in 2007, collaborating with the Institute of Maritime Law in a number of projects. She was a part-time lecturer at Southampton Law School from 2008 to 2014. In 2020 she collaborated as postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Law School in the Project 'Saharan and Mediterranean Cross-Border Migration and Deaths: the Impacts on Economic and Social Development of African Countries' (Principal investigator: Dr Remigius N Nwabueze). Ainhoa is a Qualified Lawyer, admitted to the Bar Association of Madrid in 1998. She has a background of ten years of legal practice in two leading maritime law firms in Madrid, specialising in litigation, cargo

claims, charterparty disputes and maritime administrative proceedings. Ainhoa is a Member of the International Law Association recently established Committee on Protection of People at Sea. Ainhoa gave oral evidence given at the House of Commons, Home Affairs Select Committee on the inquiry into channel crossings, migration and asylum-seeking routes through the EU, 18 November 2020. The report was released in July 2022 mentions Ainhoa's intervention on paragraph 53 (House of Commons, Home Affairs Committee: Channel Crossings, Migration and Asylum).



# Institute members



## Dr Alexandros Ntovas

Dr Alexandros X.M. Ntovas is an expert advocate and tenured academic in the areas of international law of the sea, admiralty, navigational freedoms and practice, marine environmental law and shipping regulation. He is Associate Professor (at the level of Readership) in Maritime Law, and the former Director of the Institute of Maritime Law, UK (1 February 2020–2023). He has practiced public and administrative law, and acts on numerous occasions as a policy advisor to governments, including the European Union, the public sector and the shipping industry. His expertise lies in the law of the sea and ocean governance; admiralty, with a focus on wet shipping law; navigational freedoms and practice, as well as in issues regarding piracy and other aspects of contemporary safety and security of ships, ports and offshore installations. He enjoys a strong academic background in public international law, particularly in the law of treaties and international dispute

settlement, while his further interests also cover the niche areas of legal historiography and reasoning within an interdisciplinary perspective. He publishes internationally on the above matters, as well as speaking in high-profile international fora and conferences. He is a Fellow of the British Higher Education Academy and derives extensive teaching experience from universities in the United Kingdom and abroad through visiting professorships and/or by formal invitations, in addition to discharging frequently the duties of external examiner. Moreover, he conducts frequently training seminars and participates in devising and offering executive professional courses for practitioners, government cadres, diplomatic corps and members of the judiciary, naval academies, policy institutional establishments and international organisations.



## Professor Andrew Serdy

Andrew Serdy, Professor of the Public International Law of the Sea and a former Director of the IML Institute, is on the Board of Editors of Ocean Development & International Law. Briefly a solicitor with Freehill, Hollingdale & Page in Sydney, Andrew then served the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in several diplomatic positions before specialising in the law of the sea, including appearing in the preliminary objections phase of the Southern Bluefin Tuna arbitration, drafting much of the legal documentation for Australia's 2004 submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS), and involvement with the negotiation of the 2003 Sunrise-Troubadour unitisation agreement with East Timor and the 2004 maritime boundary treaty with New Zealand. Since moving to Southampton in 2005 he has been an invited expert at workshops of the OECD High Seas Task Force, the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the

UN (FAO), and a member of the UK delegation to the 2010 UK-Canada Colloquium on Arctic issues, also co-authoring reports to the European Parliament's Fisheries Committee on the UN Fish Stocks Agreement. Andrew has acted as consultant to the Government of Canada, the FAO and the Fisheries Development Organisation of Oman. He is the author of *The New Entrants Problem in International Fisheries Law* (CUP, 2016) and contributed 19 entries to the 2017 *Hart/Beck/Nomos* commentary on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, edited by Alexander Proelss, including the whole of Annex II on the CLCS. Currently he is co-editing, with Professor Suzanne Lalonde of the Université de Montréal, a *Research Handbook on the Law of the Sea* for Edward Elgar, due to be published in 2024.



# Institute members



## Mr Darren Wall

Darren is a partner in the Commodities Team of the international law firm Hill Dickinson LLP, with over 15 years' experience advising in the field of international trade and shipping. His private practice sees Darren regularly advising companies that trade, finance and transport a wide range of commodities. As well as advising businesses, Darren has vast experience of dispute resolution, having conducted a variety of trade association arbitration including the LME, Gafta, FOSFA, ICA, RSA and SAOL as well as arbitrations subject to ICC, LCIA and LMAA terms. Darren has also frequently appeared before the Commercial Court and also has experience at Court of Appeal and Supreme Court levels, appearing on behalf of the Respondent in the Supreme Court case of *Bunge v. Nidera* [2015] 3 All E.R. 1082. Darren regularly contributes articles to legal publications, as well as presenting at several industry seminars and training events. Prior to entering

private practice, Darren obtained a postgraduate diploma in law at City University, London in 2005, attending Inns of Court School of Law. Darren is an alumnus of the University of Southampton, graduating with a degree in law in 2002, before spending time as a Research Assistant with the IML between 2002 – 2004.



## Professor Brenda Hannigan

Brenda Hannigan is a corporate lawyer with wide-ranging interests across the field of company law and corporate governance, as befits the author of one of the leading UK textbooks (Hannigan, *Company Law*, OUP). She teaches at undergraduate and post-graduate level with an emphasis on topical legal issues such as sustainability reporting, director, and auditor liabilities and shareholder rights. She was Head of the Law School from 2016 to 2020.



## Professor Emily Reid

Emily Reid is a Professor of International Economic Law and Sustainable Development based at Southampton Law School in the University of Southampton. Emily is Director of the Centre for International Law and Globalisation and a member of the Institute of Maritime Law and the Southampton Marine and Maritime Institute. Emily is the initial Chair of the UK Trade and Sustainable Development Domestic Advisory Group, which she sits on as a representative of the Trade and Public Policy Network.



## Professor Francis Rose

Professor Francis Rose continues to paint the Forth Bridge. He edits *Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* (which includes the *Unjust Enrichment Review*) and the *International Maritime and Commercial Law Yearbook*, alongside annual editions of his statutes and materials on Contract, Tort and Restitution and on Commercial and Consumer Law. As the author of the *Overseas Sales* chapters of *Benjamin's Sale of Goods*, he has contributed to the second Supplement to the eleventh edition (2022), followed closely by the twelfth edition (2023). He is currently preparing a third edition of his book on *Marine Insurance* and a second edition of the jointly authored *Admiralty Claims*.



## Dr Johanna Hjalmarsson

Dr Johanna Hjalmarsson is the *Lloyd's List Intelligence* Associate Professor of Maritime and Commercial Law at University of Southampton Law School. She is co-editor of *Lloyd's Law Reports*, *Lloyd's Law Reporter* and other periodicals. Her most recent publications include an open access review of maritime cases in 2022 and a chapter on fraudulent insurance claims in *Modern Law of Marine Insurance*.



# Institute members



## Professor Ulrich Jurgens

Ulrich spent 15 years at sea, four of which he sailed as master. He also holds a law degree from the University of Bremen (Germany), an LLM and a PhD in law from the University of Southampton. In addition to his seagoing career Ulrich worked in maritime consultancy, Greenpeace, taught at Warsash Maritime Academy and at the University of Southampton. He worked as a surveyor, auditor and examiner for the MCA and spent a year in New Zealand as Safety and Standards Manager and DPA. Ulrich was also an ITF inspector and in co-operation with Acomarit in Geneva managed the ITF GLOBAL MARINER project. Since 2016 Ulrich operates his own consultancy and survey company kooglefisch marine consultancy in Southampton ([www.kooglefisch.eu](http://www.kooglefisch.eu)) focusing on ship inspections, audits and training. 2018 Ulrich became a Research Fellow for the University of Southampton Marine and Maritime Institute (SMMI) project “Solid Bulk cargo Liquefaction: Strategies for Effective Control”

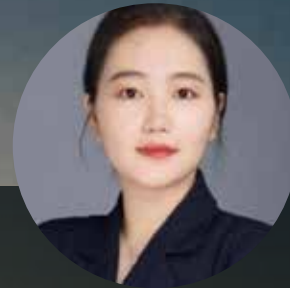
financed by Lloyds Register Foundation. Since 2019 Ulrich is teaching preparatory courses for MCA Oral Exams for Chief Mates and Masters at Warsash Maritime School and in 2023 became a Fellow at the University of Southampton Institute of Maritime Law.



## Dr Feng Wang

Dr Feng Wang is a Lecturer in Law and a member of the Institute of Maritime Law at University of Southampton Law School. His research interests are primarily in the fields of insurance law, marine insurance law, maritime law.

Apart from teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses at Southampton, he is also actively involved in delivering training to both academic and industrial partners. Feng has published several book chapters and international journal articles. His journal article ‘Blockchain bills of lading and their future regulation’ was published by Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly in 2021. In addition, Feng was invited by PRC Ministry of Transport to assist on the “Reform of Chinese Maritime Law” in 2018 and was also invited by insurance industry practitioners such as MS Amlin to provide expert opinion.



## Dr Meixian Song

Meixian’s research interests lie broadly in the fields of shipping and insurance law. Her first monograph, Causation in Insurance Contract Law, was published in 2014 with Routledge. Her main academic research interests are marine and non-marine insurance law, carriage of goods by sea and contract law.



## Mr Haris Zografakis

Haris studied maritime law in Southampton (LLM), where he was awarded the Newitt award for his dissertation, having first studied law in Athens (LLB). Upon graduation from Southampton in 1994, he joined Richards Butler (now Reed Smith) on a summer scholarship, going on to qualify as a solicitor in 1997. He became partner at Middleton Potts (now Hill Dickinson) in 2001 and he has been partner at Stephenson Harwood since 2008. Over his 27-year career in London, he has acted for clients from all over the world. Dispute resolution represents the largest part of his practice, and he has acted in over 300 arbitrations, High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court and multi-jurisdictional cases ranging from modest demurrage claims to mine off-take, shipbuilding and oil and gas disputes worth hundreds of millions. His reported Court cases include the Johnny K, Trafigura v Kookmin Bank, the Sabrewing, the Northgate, the Port Russel, U&M v Konkola Copper Mines, CH Offshore v PDVSA Petroleo and Petrosaudi Oil Services v Novo Banco et al. While he has

been described as a “solid and tenacious litigator” (Chambers UK 2007) and “a supreme tactician” (Chambers UK 2020), he is also involved in non-contentious work, structuring transactions and drafting standard terms. More recently, he has been actively involved in maritime decarbonisation projects, served on the drafting committee of, and is legal advisor to, the Sea Cargo Charter. He has served on the editorial board of Shipping and Transport Law Journal, is member of the Council of the London Shipping Law Centre, has published and lectured extensively worldwide including for BIMCO, the IMO and universities. Haris heads Stephenson Harwood’s commodities practice, which has consistently been recognised as a First Tier team by The Legal 500. He has also recently been inducted to the Legal 500 Hall of fame as a result of his continued recognition by the directory.



# Institute members



## Dr Iliana Christodoulou – Varotsi

Dr. Iliana Christodoulou-Varotsi is a well-established Athens-based legal consultant and shipping industry educator and trainer in private practice; she specialises in Maritime and EU law and policies. Member of the Athens Bar Association since 1995. As an external consultant, she has provided law drafting expertise to the Republic of Cyprus in view of the accession of Cyprus to the EU and for the ratification of ILO MLC 2006. Specialised services in the frame of various EU projects as a subcontractor to the European Commission, EMSA and ELA. Course Leader with Lloyd's Maritime Academy, the world's largest provider for professional development for maritime professionals, contributing to the education and training of shipping companies, banks, shipyards, and naval personnel. External trainer with DNV Maritime Academy Hellas on ILO MLC interacting directly with the Greek shipping community. Visiting lecturer at ALBA Graduate Business School American College of Greece. Visiting Fellow, Institute

of Maritime Law, University of Southampton. Author of five books with international publishers. She holds all her degrees, including her PhD with the highest distinction, from Paris Sorbonne University. Post-doctoral experience with the Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law. She approaches law from a multi-disciplinary stance by integrating industry best practice and placing the focus on the human element.



## Ms Kathleen Goddard

Kathleen Goddard is a Visiting Fellow in the Institute of Maritime Law. She graduated with an LL.B. (Hons) degree from the University of Birmingham and an LL.M. from the University of London. She trained as a solicitor with a leading firm of solicitors in the City of London which specialised in maritime and commercial law before commencing an academic career. Kathleen has taught at the Inns of Court School of Law, the University of Exeter, the University of Southampton and the University of Plymouth. Kathleen now devotes her time to research and writing. She has written on several areas of maritime law including ship mortgages, marriages at sea, the Rotterdam Rules, reducing air pollution from ships, and the legal implications for commercial shipping of rescuing refugees and migrants at sea. Kathleen is also developing her interest in maritime legal history.



## Mr John Dunt

John Dunt is a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Maritime Law, University of Southampton. He is author of Marine Cargo Insurance, 2nd edn. Informa Law from Routledge, 2016 (winner of the 2010 British Insurance Law Association prize) and editor of International Cargo Insurance, Informa, 2012. John was a partner of Clyde & Co LLP for 30 years from 1977 to 2007 and a consultant for 10 years until 2017. He specialised in marine insurance, particularly marine cargo insurance. In this respect he was ex-officio legal advisor to the Joint Cargo Committee (a joint committee of Lloyd's Underwriters and London market company representatives) from December 1999 to April 2007. In this role he was legal advisor to the Committee Working

Party responsible for updating and revising the Institute Cargo Clauses 2009. Following the World Trade Centre attack in September 2001, he was involved in drafting the wordings used in marine insurance policies worldwide to control terrorism and cyber risks. John continues to write widely on marine cargo insurance legal issues and regularly contributes articles and case notes to LMCLQ and JIML. He is currently revising and updating the third edition of Marine Cargo Insurance.



## Mr Richard Lord KC

At Brick Court Chambers the core of Richard Lord's practice for over 25 years has been commercial litigation and arbitration, with a particular specialisation in dry shipping and shipbuilding, insurance and reinsurance, commodities, energy and professional negligence claims. He has appeared in and advised on numerous cases in tribunals from The Supreme Court/House of Lords to the High Court in The British Virgin Islands. His 'home territories' are the Commercial Court in London and International Arbitrations, including ICC, LCIA, LMAA and Bermuda form arbitrations. He acts as a mediator and arbitrator, has written textbooks on Bills of Lading and the Arbitration Act and has lectured and written extensively, as well as giving expert evidence on English law for foreign courts. Recent experience includes total loss marine insurance claims, a Supreme Court case on fraudulent devices, numerous charterparty/COA and shipbuilding disputes as well as more general commercial litigation primarily in the marine and energy sector. In 2017 he was shortlisted by Chambers & Partners as Insurance Silk of the Year.



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## Mr Richard Coles

After an extensive career as a maritime and commercial lawyer in the City of London Richard retired as a Partner at Gateley LLP at the end of 2014, following which he became a Visiting Fellow and Member of the Institute of Maritime Law, in addition to his role as an occasional Consultant to his former firm and other entities. His research interests include ship finance, shipbuilding contracts, international maritime conventions, and issues relating to the ownership, regulation, and operation of superyachts. Since becoming a Visiting Fellow, Richard has from time to time delivered Wednesday afternoon practitioner lectures to students on the Law School LLM programme, as well as presenting papers or acting as a rapporteur at various academic conferences and colloquia on behalf in the UK and abroad. Richard is an author/editor of two books, Ship Registration:

Law and Practice (with Ed Watt), The Law of Yachts and Yachting (with Filippo Lorenzon). He contributed a chapter on yacht codes in Codification of Maritime Law. He has authored several articles, papers, and book reviews. His most recent article, entitled Sanctions and Superyachts, was published in Lloyd's Shipping and Trade Law in 2022.



## Dr Liang Zhao

Dr Liang Zhao is an Associate Professor in Law at Southampton Law School, University of Southampton, UK. He is a member of the Institute of Maritime Law. He is also the Co-Director of Private and Commercial Law Centre at University of Southampton Law School. His interest areas include maritime law (in particular carriage of goods by sea), insurance law, conflict of laws and comparative law. He is working on the project of electronic bills of lading. He has published a book (with Lianjun Li) entitled "Maritime Law and Practice in China", Informa law from Routledge 2017, and a book chapter of Ship Finance in "Maritime Law and Practice in Hong Kong", Sweet and Maxwell Hong Kong 2019 (2nd edition). He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Supporting member of London Maritime Arbitrators Association and an arbitrator of China Maritime Arbitration Commission.



## Ms Vasanti Selvaratnam KC

Vasanti Selvaratnam KC is a senior Silk practising as both Counsel and Arbitrator across a wide range of industry sectors, regularly handling multimillion dollar commercial disputes in shipping, trade and commodity disputes, banking and finance, insurance, jurisdiction disputes, conflict of law issues and civil fraud. She is one of the panel of LOF arbitrators and has handled a number significant LOF hearings in recent years, including MAERSK HONAM and CSCL JUPITER. Vasanti was shortlisted as Chambers and Partners Shipping Silk of the Year in 2019 and again in 2022. She has been shortlisted in 2023 by Legal 500 as Shipping Silk of the Year. She has been consistently highly rated in the legal guides throughout her many years in practice at the English Bar (currently a Tier 1 shipping Silk). Vasanti also speaks and publishes on a variety of legal topics, including on the issue of good faith in English law (LMCLQ, May 2020). Vasanti was called to the Bar in 1983 and received her LLM

in 1984. She has been a practising barrister at the Commercial Bar since 1985, a Recorder from 2000 – 2018, Queen's Counsel since 2001, a Bencher of Middle Temple since 2011 and a member of the LOF panel of arbitrators since 2013. She is chair of the education sub-committee of the London Shipping Law Centre and a Consultation Board member of Practical Law Arbitration. Until stepping down on 10 September 2023, Vasanti has also been joint head of Chambers of the 36 Group, one of the largest multi-disciplinary sets of barristers' chambers in London.



## Mr David Foxton KC

David Andrew Foxton KC was called to the Bar in 1989 and took Silk in 2006. He was appointed as a Recorder in 2009 and was appointed as a Deputy High Court Judge sitting in the Queen's Bench Division and Chancery Division in 2016. David was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1989, and practised as a member of Essex Court Chambers for over 30 years, for the last three as Head of Chambers. There, his practice embraced a broad range of commercial disputes, including those arising from shipping and international trade. He was sworn in as a Judge of the Queen's Bench Division in January 2020, and sits in the Commercial Court. He is the General Editor of "Scrutton on Charterparties" and has published a biography of Lord Justice Scrutton.



# Publications

**Dr Ainhua Campas Velasco** - "Vulnerability and Marginalisation at Sea: Maritime Search and Rescue and the Meaning of "Place of Safety", (2022) 18 (1) International Journal of Law in Context, D Gurnham (ed) Cambridge University Press

**Dr Ainhua Campas Velasco** - "Maritime Search and Rescue in the Nationality and Borders Act 2022: An Act of Deterrence?" Ocean Yearbook, Volume 38, Leiden: Brill Nijhoff Publishers.

**Professor Andrew Serdy** - "The 2022 Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies: the WTO Mountain Labours and Brings Forth a Possibly Short-lived Mouse" Japanese Yearbook of International Law, Volume 66

**Dr Iliana Christodoulou – Varotsi** - Articles in Greek shipping press on current topics with legal repercussions such as anti-money laundering legislation (Maritime Economies (Liberty Press), issue 336/2023) and gender equality (Maritime Intelligence (Liberty Press) 8/2023).

**Dr Liang Zhao** - "Conflict of jurisdiction and enforcement of arbitral awards and judgments between the UK and China [2023] Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly 259-282"

**Dr Liang Zhao** - "UK Electronic Trade Documents Act 2023: a legal solution for digital trade? 2023, Lloyd's Shipping and Trade Law, 23 (6), 1-4"

**Dr Liang Zhao** - written evidence for the "Electronic Trade Documents Bill, House of Lords, Parliament, 2023"

**Mr Richard Coles** - an article submitted for publication in the Tulane Maritime Law Journal based on the paper entitled, "Sustainability and the Yacht Industry".

**Mr John Dunt** - "To what extent should cargo cover be construed to include cover for financial loss" to be published in March 2024 by Edward Elgar Publishing in Research Handbook on Marine Insurance Law, edited by Ozlem Gurses, Professor of Commercial Law, King's College, London.

**Mr John Dunt** - "The extent of insurable interest in cargo", examining *Quadra Commodities SA v XL Insurance Company SE* [2022] EWHC 431 (Comm); [2022] 2 Lloyd's Rep 541; [2023] EWCA Civ 432 (CA) JIML.





# Conferences

**Dr Ainhua Campas Velasco** attended as speaker the Eleventh Oslo-Southampton-Tulane (OST) Colloquium at the Tulane Maritime Law Center, New Orleans, to speak on Sustainability in shipping in the 2020s and beyond under the title of Sustainability in irregular migration by sea.

**Dr Liang Zhao** presented for the 13th annual maritime law and policy postgraduate research conference 2023, City University London in April focusing on UK Electronic Trade Documents Bill: What are they and what should they be?

**Mr Richard Coles** attended the Oslo-Southampton-Tulane Colloquium in New Orleans in October 2023 and delivered a paper entitled, Sustainability and the Yacht Industry.

**Dr Iliana Christodoulou – Varotsi** delivered a presentation on Maritime Labour Standards, IMO IMLI Malta in February and spoke at the Introduction to the translation from Greek into English of the newly adopted Greek Code of Private Maritime Law: 'The Greek Code of Private Maritime Law – Law 5020/2023' by Daniel Webber & John O'Shea, Lex Graeca, 2023.

**Dr Iliana Christodoulou – Varotsi** moderated panels at numerous industry conferences, notably including; the 1st Cyprus Shipping News Conference in Cyprus on Marine Insurance in May, the 1st Cyprus Shipping News Conference Greece on Marine Insurance later in May and the 1st Cyprus Shipping News Greece Crewing Conference in September.

In February 2023, **Professor Andrea Lista** delivered an online research Seminar at Dalian Maritime University. The talk explored the application of EU Competition rules to the Maritime Industry, providing reflections on the current *status quo* and possible future developments.

In March 2023, **Professor Andrea Lista** delivered a Keynote Speech at a Conference at Keele University. The talk was titled: "Letters of Indemnity in International Commercial Sales: a Dishonest Practice?". The talk explored the controversial use of letters of indemnity in the maritime industry, outlining their legal nature, usage, and enforceability.

In April 2023, **Professor Andrea Lista** chaired on panel of the 13th Annual Maritime and Policy Postgraduate Research Conference at City Law School, University of London.

On 28 September 2023, **Professor Andrea Lista** delivered a talk at the Biennial Modern Studies in Commercial Law Conference, held at the University of Reading. The title of Professor Lista's speech was: "Electronic Documents and Bills of Lading as Intangible Documents of Title".

In October 2023, **Professor Andrea Lista** lead the IML delegation at the Annual OST Symposium in Maritime Law, delivering a talk on the contractual initiatives on sustainability in the maritime industry.

In November 2023, **Professor Andrea Lista** chaired and delivered a keynote speech at the IML and Southampton Marine and Maritime Institute's Conference on Sustainability in the Shipping and Maritime Sector took place at the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton, in Southampton.

In December 2023, **Professor Andrea Lista** delivered an online research Seminar at Dalian Maritime University. *The title of the talk was: "Electronic Documents and Bills of Lading as Intangible Documents of Title".*

**Dr Alexandros Ntovas** was invited to deliver the luncheon lecture in February, to the Utrecht University School of Law / Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (NILOS).

**Dr Alexandros Ntovas** was invited to speak at the United Nations International Maritime Organization (IMO) on Legal Issues relating to Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS), including matters arising from the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) at IMO Headquarters.

In June, **Dr Alexandros Ntovas** was invited to speak at the international conference of the International Institute of Marine Surveying, which took place in Southampton, and delivered a presentation on the 'Regulatory Progress in Autonomous Shipping' in the session dedicated to Commercial Ship Marine Surveying.

In November, **Dr Alexandros Ntovas** was invited to attend the 'Global Ocean Regime Conference', which was hosted by the Republic of Korea in Seoul, Korea Maritime Institute. Alexandros participated as a speaker in the panel on 'Emerging Technology and the Law of the Sea'.

**Professor Andrew Serdy** presented a paper titled "State Immunity in the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea: A Shipping Perspective", at the 40th Anniversary Conference of the University of Southampton Institute of Maritime Law

**Professor Andrew Serdy** presented another paper titled "Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary between Mauritius and the Maldives: Where is the 'Sovereignty Umbrella' Now that it has Started Raining?", at the 5th London International Boundary Conference, King's College, London.

In November **Professor Andrew Serdy** participated remotely at the invitation of the Australian and Vietnamese Governments in the 5th ASEAN [Association of South-East Asian Nations] Regional Forum Workshop on Implementing UNCLOS [the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea] and Other International Instruments to Address Emerging Maritime Issues, delivering a presentation entitled "Extended continental shelf: Analytical studies on the work of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf".

# Library

The Institute of Maritime Law houses the specialist Philippa Kaye law library, a unique and comprehensive resource available to visiting scholars and maritime specialists. Leading academics from around the globe, practitioners from the city and post-graduates in maritime law are regular visitors. A reading room is also available, containing over 40 journal titles and a substantial amount of IMO and UNCTAD documentation.

The library is not a lending library, but we do welcome applications from academics and researchers from around the globe who wish to come and use the library for private research.

This past year we have welcomed visitors from Japan, Spain, UK and Turkey. A comment from one of our visitors:

“I am very satisfied with my one-month research stay at the Institute of Maritime Law of the University of Southampton, a centre of recognised prestige in the field of International Law. Having access to the abundant bibliographic resources on various branches and current topics of maritime law in the specialised library of the IML enabled me to develop a good structure from a holistic perspective and has enriched and broadened the horizons of my research; also for the research assistance services of the Hartley Library. I cannot forget all the material facilities provided by IML to work, but also the very pleasant communication and helpful feedback from the IML team during my stay from 27 June to 27 July 2023. I hope to look forward to staying in close contact with them.”

**Alberto Delfin Arrufat Cárdua**  
Universitat Jaume I de Castellón (Spain)

# The team

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# Terms of Reference

## Aim

1. The Institute of Maritime Law (IML) should aim to be (i) a major centre for research, study and dissemination of maritime law, enjoying an international reputation for excellence and (ii) a focus for professional interest in maritime law.
2. The IML shall endeavour to fulfil its aim through a number of means including, but not limited to, (i) the provision of maritime law courses and seminars (ii) the organisation of public lectures in maritime law and (iii) the maintenance of a library facility for the study of maritime law.

## Governance

3. The IML is a research and enterprise centre within the Law School. The IML shall at all times comply with all rules and regulations in force from time to time within the Law School, Faculty and University structure.

## Organisation

4. All academic staff in the Law School with an interest in maritime law may be Academic Members of the IML, as may others from outside the Law School, from time to time.
5. The IML shall have a Director appointed by the Head of School in consultation with the Dean and Academic Members. The Director shall be responsible for taking decisions regarding all matters relating to the management of the Institute from time to time and shall fulfil the Institute's internal reporting obligations and shall, on behalf of the Institute, liaise with other entities within and outside the University. The Director shall invite Law School Academics and others with an interest in Maritime Law to become Members of the Institute of Maritime Law, subject to the approval of the Head of School. The tenure of the Director shall be a period of three years.

6. The IML shall have an Operations Committee composed from time to time of Academic Members of the Institute as requested by the Director. The role of the Operations Committee is to assist the Director with the day-to-day running of IML activities. The Operations Committee shall meet from time to time as necessary. All IML Academic Members may attend and participate in meetings of the Operations Committee, subject to permission of the IML Director.

7. The IML shall have an Advisory Board composed of approximately six persons external to the University. It may also include a lesser number of persons internal to the University but external to the Law School. The Advisory Board shall advise the Director on a range of strategic matters, including developments within the shipping industry, continuing professional education, collaboration with external partners, research funding opportunities and other matters that may arise from time to time. Advisory Board Members shall generally be maritime professionals from the legal community and beyond. Advisory Board Members shall be invited to join the Advisory Board for a period of three years by the Director in consultation with the Operations Committee and the Head of School. The Advisory Board shall meet at least two times per year with the Director and Academic Members.

## Review


8. These Terms of Reference shall be reviewed annually before the commencement of the academic year by the Head of School, the Academic Members and Director, and any amendment shall be approved by a majority of the Academic Members.
9. These Terms of Reference enter into effect on 29th September 2020 and supersede the 1998 Constitution of the IML in its entirety.






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