

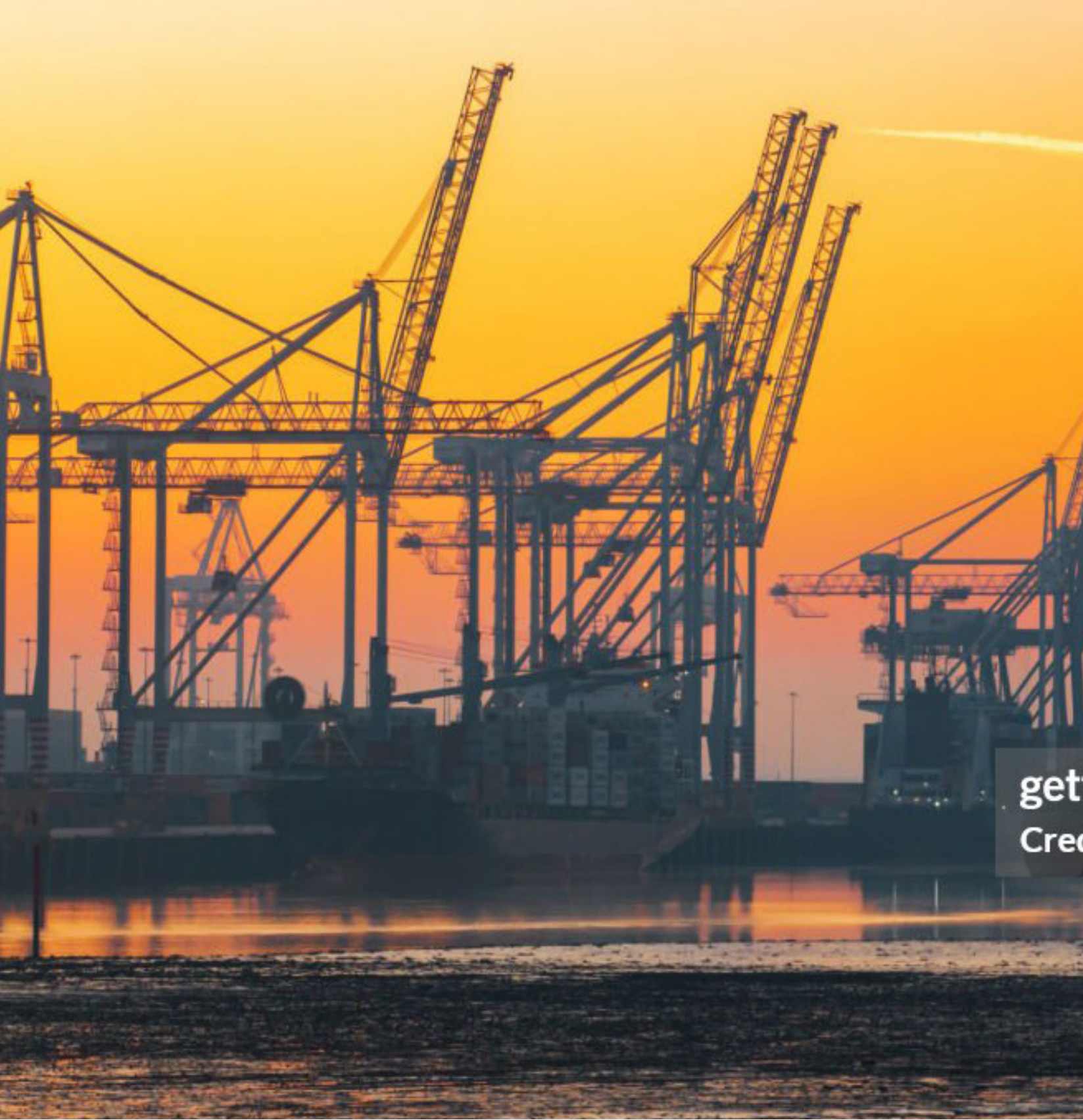
Annual Report 2024

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Director's report

With its 42 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.

On 18 June, the IML and SMMI's Conference on the new High Seas Treaty took place at the **National Oceanography Centre** in Southampton. Distinguished academics, industry and regulator Speakers, Chairs and Rapporteurs (**Professor Werner Scholtz**, Professor Chris Armstrong, **Mr Richard Coles**, **Mr Alan Evans**, **Ms Hannah Witt**, **Mr Pen Hadow**, **Ms Megan Randles**, Ms Muriel Rabone and Professor Lisa Levin contributed with their expertise in different areas, from Oceanography/Environment, to the Legal/Regulatory framework. The Event was funded by GARD through the GARD/IML Research Fund.

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The format of the Conference as a multidisciplinary Event 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 implementation of the Treaty.

On 13th November 2024, we hosted our 42nd Donald O'May lecture at **The Law Society**. Alongside with the Short course, our annual Lecture represents the history, the legacy and the tradition of the IML.

The Lecture was delivered by **Mr James M. Turner KC** who spoke on freedom of contract and decarbonisation in the shipping industry.

The IML Annual Lecture is the pinnacle of the Institute's annual activities. On behalf of the IML, I would like to thank Mr James Turner KC for delivering such an amazing and insightful Lecture. Many thanks also go to all the participants; the Event was a great success, and it was great to see so many colleagues and friends at the Conference!

In December 2024. A delegation from the Institute of Maritime Law comprising Professor Andrea Lista (IML Director), Dr Hannah Stones and Dr Liang Zhao (IML Members) delivered talks at the Annual OST Symposium in Maritime Law.

This year's OST took place at the Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law in Oslo on 9th December 2024.

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 Damages in Maritime Law. Professor Andrea Lista delivered a talk on the contractual remedies for falsification of documents under contracts concluded on shipment terms; Dr Hannah Stones spoke on liability for passengers, and; Dr Liang Zhao focused his intervention on damages under charter parties in light of the recent UK Supreme Court judgment in RTI Ltd v MUR Shipping BV [2024] UKSC 18.

The OST Symposium is a great initiative and an opportunity to discuss topical issues in maritime law with our American and Scandinavian colleagues. We have much to learn from one another, and I would like to thank the organisers of this year's Symposium, Professor Henrik Ringbom, Professor Erik Rosaeg and Professor Trond Solvang, and Professor Kristina Siig. It was great to see our friends from the Tulane Institute Professor Martin Davies, Professor Gunther Handl and Mr Mike Harowski, alongside with Professor Alla Pozdnakova (**Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law**) and Professor Mikis Tsimplis from **City University of Hong Kong**. We are looking forward to hosting next year's OST Symposium in Southampton!

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On 3 February, the IML Conference on Nuclear Shipping took place in London. Distinguished academics, practitioners, industry and regulator Speakers and Chairs contributed with their expertise in terms of technology, insurance liability and regulation. The Event was funded by Gard AS through the GARD/IML Research Fund.

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The format of the Conference as a multidisciplinary Event rendered it unique in its essence. The collaboration between Gard and the IML alongside with the valued links with the maritime industry will enable us to continue to lead the debate on decarbonisation and the use of alternative fuels in merchant shipping.

We are honoured to welcome to the Institute of Maritime Law Mr James M. Turner KC FCIArb MCIL as an External IML Member. James is one of the most prominent UK barristers in maritime law; it is an honour and a pleasure to have James with us at the IML and we are looking forward to our cooperation. Welcome James!

We are also delighted to welcome to the IML Ms Elisabeth Bussey-Jones a full-time salaried Tribunal Judge (First Tier Tribunal) and part-time Recorder in the Crown Court. Prior to that, Elisabeth practiced as a barrister for 24 years, formerly through chambers at 2 King's Bench Walk and latterly through chambers at 3 Paper Buildings.

With great sadness, we need to report the loss of Professor David Jackson. Together with Professor John Wilson and Professor Robert Grime, David Jackson founded the IML and also acted as IML Director. David has influenced generations of students and maritime lawyers, and will always be remembered as one of the IML founding fathers.

All of us at the IML were also incredibly sad to hear the news of Julian Clark's passing. Julian was a distinguished maritime lawyer and a long term supporter and friend of the IML, we had the pleasure to work with Julian

for many years. Including having him chair our annual lecture multiple times.

I should like to thank all my colleagues of the IML, Dr Johanna Hjalmarsson, Dr Hannah Stones, Dr Ainhoa Campas-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, after 11 years with us has left the IML to work in another area of the University), Ms Natasha King, Ms Chloe Ireland, Ms Ailsa Muskett, our IML Librarian, Mrs Sara Le Bas. 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 to 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.

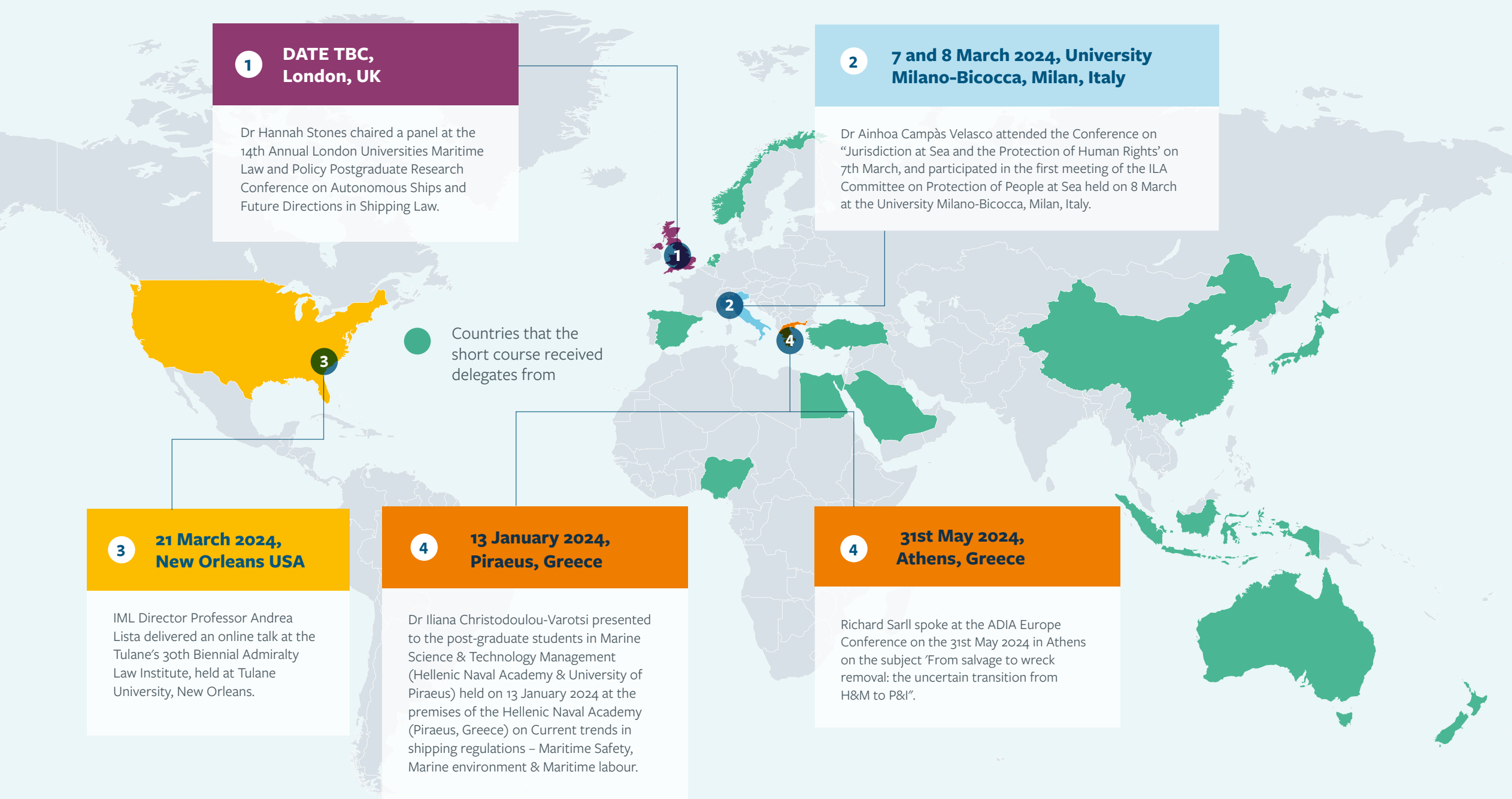
I am looking forward to working with my colleagues and to steering the IML on a steady course forward in 2025!



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

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Global engagement



Courses and Events

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Institute of Maritime Law 48th Short Course 2024

In August/September 2024, the IML hosted its 48th 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.



30
delegates



48
years

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.



Institute of Maritime Law 42nd Annual Lecture 2024

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The Lecture was delivered by Mr James M. Turner KC who spoke on freedom of contract and decarbonisation in the shipping industry.

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Professor Andrea Lista

Wednesday Practitioner Seminars



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The Wednesday Seminar Series, hosted by our institution last year, provided students and professionals with comprehensive insights into various facets of maritime law, arbitration, and claims handling. The series featured distinguished professionals from the field, each offering unique expertise and practical knowledge.

16 October

Our series commenced with Mr. Gerard Hopkins from the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA). As an esteemed arbitrator and maritime lawyer, Mr. Hopkins provided invaluable insights into arbitration and maritime law, offering attendees an excellent opportunity to deepen their understanding of these areas in practice.

23 October

The following week, we welcomed Ms. Annie Stow from the International Group of P&I Clubs (IG P&I). Ms. Stow focused on the role and function of Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Clubs and detailed her experiences as a claims handler. This session was particularly beneficial for those interested in a career in P&I Clubs or claims handling. Ms. Stow's presentation was enhanced with slides, adding depth to the learning experience.

30 October

Mr. Jim Leighton of North Standard discussed the commencement of arbitration. With extensive experience in providing legal support to FD&D claims handlers, drafting legal materials, and training on FD&D issues, Mr. Leighton's seminar was a valuable resource for those interested in arbitration and maritime law.

06 November

Ms 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.

27 November

The final seminar featured Ms. Linda Jacques from Lester Aldridge, and her trainee solicitor, Mr. Theo Westrip. Titled "Shipping Law in Action," the session provided insights into real-life maritime cases. Ms. Jacques and Mr. Westrip discussed legal techniques and concerns in managing real-life legal disputes and client relationships within maritime and trade disputes.

Conclusion

The seminar series served as a robust platform for learning from and interacting with leading figures in the field of maritime law and arbitration. Each session was tailored to provide practical insights and real-world applications of the law, proving invaluable for both current students and practicing professionals.

Gard sponsorship



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 15 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.

Lloyd's List Intelligence

We are the industry experts delivering actionable maritime insight, data, and analytics trusted by 60,000 professionals across the globe to drive commercial advantage, evaluate risk, and support the efficient and lawful movement of seaborne trade.

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Our leading suite of legal content is available on i-law, home to the most specialised maritime and commercial law resources on the market. This includes Lloyd's Law Reports, providing the complete view of recent and historical case summaries, reports and approved judgements to assist professionals researching case law, rulings, and current events across maritime and other specialist practice areas.



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Professor Andrea Lista

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 Campàs Velasco

Dr 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).

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Dr Alexandros X.M. 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 utilisation 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.



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.

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Dr Hannah Stones

Dr Hannah Stones is a Lecturer in Law based in Southampton Law School at the University of Southampton. She is a member of the Institute of Maritime Law.

Dr Stones currently researches within maritime law. Her research particularly focuses on the legal challenges presented by remote-controlled and autonomous ships. This has involved considering established maritime law, legal approaches to smart technology, and industry responses to technology. Her research has utilised legal theory to analyse law, with a particular focus on economic theory. Dr Stones has responded to calls for evidence and consultations on smart technology. Dr Stones has focused on the contribution of liability rules, and technology, to the aim of safer shipping. She continues to work on the application of legal theories to maritime law.



Dr Johanna Hjalmarsson LLM

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.



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.



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.



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.

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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.



The Hon. Mr Justice Foxton

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.



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 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.

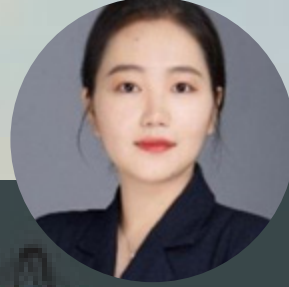
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Mr John Dunt

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*.



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.



Mr Richard Sarll

Richard Sarll is a barrister and arbitrator practising in commercial and admiralty law from chambers at 7, King's Bench Walk, London.

He is a co-author of *Carver on Charterparties*, now in its third edition, and also a co-editor of *Lowndes and Rudolf on General Average and York-Antwerp Rules*, 15th Edition.

Richard sits on the Admiralty Court Users' Committee as well as the GA sub-committee of the Association of Average Adjusters, of which he is an associate member by examination. He regularly publishes articles and presents at conferences on themes relating to shipping law.

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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) 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.



Ms Elisabeth Bussey-Jones

Elisabeth Bussey-Jones currently sits as a full-time First Tier Tribunal Judge and a part-time Recorder in the Crown Court. After commencing her career in Australia, she was called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 1997 and practiced as a barrister in criminal and regulatory law in the UK until 2021. In that role, she prosecuted and defended all manner of criminal cases and was engaged in a number of multi-agency operations. She has previously held other judicial positions such as Deputy District Judge in the County and Family Court and sitting as an assistant coroner. Pursuing a life-long interest in marine matters and environmental law, she undertook a Masters in Maritime Law (LLM) at the University of Southampton, focussing on international law of the sea and subjects which relate to the marine environment. Her particular interests for future academic study relate to conservation and preservation of the marine environment, sustainable fisheries and marine protected areas.



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.



Mr James M. Turner KC

James M. Turner KC read English law as an undergraduate at Durham University and German law as a postgraduate at Tübingen University. Between the two he was called to the Bar and has been practice at the Chambers now known as Quadrant since completing pupillage there in 1992. He took silk in 2013.

As a specialist in international commercial and shipping disputes, his practice has a particular emphasis on shipbuilding, charterparty and collision cases. His advocacy is generally in arbitration and in the Commercial and Admiralty Courts. He has also developed interests in regulatory topics such as decommissioning, ship recycling and decarbonisation.

He sits with increasing regularity as arbitrator, in references governed by ICC, LCIA, HKIAC, LMAA, NAI and UNUM rules. A fluent Dutch speaker, he has the distinction of being the only non-Dutch lawyer on the UNUM panel of arbitrators.

James presented the Institute's 42nd annual lecture in November 2024, on “Party Freedom in the Decarbonisation Era: the Intersection between Contract and Regulation”.

Research & Publications

Professor Andrea Lista has recently submitted for publication an Article on the Assignment of Arbitration agreement to third parties within the context of maritime disputes. Andrea is also currently working on an Article on Letters of Indemnity as dishonest practice of the *lex mercatoria*, and on a Chapter on the Contractual Challenges arising from the usage of sustainability clauses in shipping contracts. Andrea is also working on two new monographs: One book is on the “Third Parties and the Arbitration of Maritime Disputes”, and the second manuscript is titled “The Law of Containers”.

Mr James M Turner KC has recently published the following article “Mur Shipping – a comparative perspective”, with Marieke Witkamp FCI Arb, in *Lloyd’s Shipping & Trade Law Journal*, (2024) Volume 24, Issue 8.

“Handelsgebruiken & arbitrage: het Nederlandse en het Engelse perspectief” in *Tijdschrift voor Arbitrage*, Wolters Kluwer, TVA 2024/21, 3 May 2024, with Jolien Kruit and Frank Salome of Van Traa advocaten, Rotterdam.

Professor Andrew Serdy published “Climate Change and Management of Shared and Straddling Fish Stocks: Nothing (New) to See Here, Folks?”, in B. Kunoy, T. Heidar and C. Yiallourides (eds), *International Fisheries Law: Persistent and Emerging Challenges* (Routledge, 2024), 357-370. As well as, “State Immunity and the Law of the Sea: A Shipping Perspective”, (2023) 29 *Journal of International Maritime Law* 264-277.

Dr Iliana Christodoulou-Varotsi published the following article titled ‘Implementation of IMO instruments from a shipowning state perspective’ in *The Elgar Companion to The Law and Practice of the International Maritime Organization*, Edited by L. Carballo Piñeiro & M. Q. Mejia (2024) (pp. 379-393). As well as an article in shipping press titled ‘Autonomous Shipping – A Summary of the State of Play’. *Maritime Intelligence* magazine (LibertyPress) magazine anniversary edition.

Mr John Dunt published “To what extent should marine cargo insurance be construed to include cover for financial loss?” chapter 6 in *Research Handbook on Marine Insurance Law*, edited by Ozlem Gurses, published 2024 by Edward Elgar Publishing. As well as “The extent of insurable interest in cargo”, (2023) 29 *JIML* 195, examining *Quadra Commodities SA v XL Insurance Company SE* [2022] EWHC 431 (Comm); [2022] 2 *Lloyd’s Rep* 541; [2023] EWCA Civ 432 (CA).

Professor Alexandros X.M. Ntovas published ‘Halsbury’s Laws on Prize: The law and the exercise of Prize jurisdiction (LexisNexis: 2024, 6th edition)’

Dr Hannah Stones published ‘The Ruby Princess and the Long Legacy of COVID-19’.

Hannah Stones, 2023, *Lloyd’s Shipping & Trade Law*, 23 (10)’ and ‘Not just an inconvenience: a defence of the regulatory value of liability rules for remote-controlled and autonomous ships Hannah Stones’, 2023, *Journal of Ocean Technology*, 18 (4)’

Mr Richard Sarll published “Carver on Charterparties”, 3rd Edition (co-author), Thomson Reuters. As well as an article entitled “Forwarding cargo to destination: a review of Rules F and G, York-Antwerp Rules”, published in “Research Handbook on Marine Insurance Law” (ed. Özlem Gürses), Edward Elgar Publishing and an article entitled “GA: London – An Examination of the Jurisdictional Bases for Claims in General Average”, published in “Commercial Disputes, Resolution and Jurisdiction” (ed. Barış Soyer), Informa law.

Professor Francis Rose continues to edit *Lloyd’s Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* (which in 2024 celebrated its golden jubilee) and the *International Maritime and Commercial Law Yearbook*, alongside the annual edition of his statutes and materials on Contract, Tort and Restitution. He has contributed to the first Supplement to the twelfth edition of Benjamin’s *Sale of Goods* (2024), as the author of the *Overseas Sales* chapters, and to the second edition of the jointly authored *Admiralty Claims*. He has also published a critique of the Court of Appeal’s decision in *The Flaminia* (“Charterers’ Limitations” [2024] LMCLQ 391) and a review of de la Rue, Anderson and Hare’s third edition of *Shipping and the Environment: Law and Practice* (in (2024) 140 *Law Quarterly Review* 157); and he contributed a paper on Professor Sir Guenter Treitel at a conference on *Scholars of Commercial Law*, to be published as a book in 2025.

Conferences

On 21 March 2024, IML Director **Professor Andrea Lista** delivered an online talk at the Tulane's 30th Biennial Admiralty Law Institute, held at Tulane University, New Orleans.

The title of Professor Lista's speech was: The Poseidon Principles: An Effective Road to Sustainability in the Shipping Industry?"

The talk explored the Poseidon Principles initiative of the financial and insurance industries in an attempt to consider some of its problematic implementation aspects, and its overall impact on the Shipping Industry.

Professor Andrea Lista says: "It has been an honour and a pleasure to deliver a talk at the prestigious Tulane's 30th Biennial Admiralty Law Institute. I would like to thank Professor Martin Davies, the Director of Maritime Law Centre, Law School, Tulane University, for his kind invitation.

The Institute of Maritime Law and the Tulane Maritime Law Centre have strong synergies and a longstanding tradition of collaboration; we treasure this relationship which is becoming stronger as the years go by".

This year's OST took place at the Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law in Oslo on 9th December 2024. 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 Damages in Maritime Law. Professor Andrea Lista delivered a talk on the contractual remedies for falsification of documents under contracts concluded on shipment terms.

In December 2024, Andrea delivered a key note speech on the "Challenges Linked to Greening Sale Contracts and their interrelation with Greening Carriage Contracts" at the GHG Conference Oslo, December 2024.

Mr James M Turner KC presented the Institute of Maritime Law Southampton's 42nd annual lecture in November 2024, on "Party Freedom in the Decarbonisation Era: the Intersection between Contract and Regulation".

Dr Ainhoa Campas Velasco participated in the first meeting of the ILA Committee on Protection of People at Sea held on 8 March 2024 at the University Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy, and attended the Conference on "Jurisdiction at Sea and the Protection of Human Rights" on 7th March.

Dr Ainhoa Campas Velasco participated online in the second meeting of the ILA Committee on Protection of People at Sea held in Athens, Greece on 27th June 2024.

Dr Ainhoa Campas Velasco participated in the symposium with Professor Itamar Mann (Haifa) on 22 July 2024, hosted by the Centre for Global Constitutionalism and the Southampton Marine and Maritime Institute. It included Mann's Annual Lecture, 'Three Lifeboats: Regina v. Dudley and Stephens as a Global Climate Law Case', and commentaries by Professor Chris Armstrong, Dr Antje Scharenberg, Professor David Owen, Dr Ainhoa Campas Velasco and Professor Andrew Serdy.

Dr Ainhoa Campas Velasco became a member of COST Action CA23103 CA23103, Life, liberty and health: ensuring universal protection of human rights at sea (BlueRights) in November 2024 and is now co-leading sub-working group 1.1 on Search and Rescue, within working group 1 on Protection of life at Sea. She participated in the London kick-off meetings on 23 January 2025 and presented at the Opening Conference of COST Action 'CA23103 BlueRights' in London on 24 January 2025.

Dr Iliana Christodoulou-Varotsi presented to the post-graduate students in Marine Science & Technology Management (Hellenic Naval Academy & University of Piraeus) held on 13 January 2024 at the premises of the Hellenic Naval Academy (Piraeus, Greece) on Current trends in shipping regulations – Maritime Safety, Marine environment & Maritime labour.

Dr Iliana Christodoulou-Varotsi also gave a presentation at the International Marine Purchasing Association (IMPA) conference held in Athens (Eugenides Foundation premises) on 24 September 2024. The presentation was on 'Social sustainability in shipping: Where do we stand?'.

Dr Iliana Christodoulou-Varoti also gave many lectures including to the post-graduate students of IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), Malta (15 February 2024). A lecture on 'Challenges for multi-flagged fleets in ensuring regulatory compliance with Maritime Labour Convention and the role of maritime administrations. As well as a lecture on 'Maritime labour standards and Covid-19 challenges'.

Dr Hannah Stones chaired a panel at the 14th Annual London Universities Maritime Law and Policy Postgraduate Research Conference on Autonomous Ships and Future Directions in Shipping Law. Hannah has consulted on the development of autonomous technology with colleagues from the SMMI. Hannah has attended the annual OST conference in Oslo in December 2024 presenting 'Efficiency of Compromise: Economic Lessons in Liability under Athens 2002' which relates to her ongoing work in the fields of autonomous shipping and legal theory.

Professor Alexandros Ntovas took part in many activities this year including: "Unmanned Maritime Systems: Regulation from theory to practice – Problems and prospects", presented at the United States Naval War College, Rhode Island United States (January 2024). "Ship Autonomy and Classification Requirements for Manning Equivalences", presented at the American Bureau of Shipping, Texas United States (July 2024).

"IMO Mass Code and the Functional Approach to 'Hu-manning' on the Basis of Goal-Based Standards", presented at National University of Singapore School of Law (August 2024). "The Human Shipmaster and the Mastership of Law in the Era of Autonomous Navigation: A change in three turns", delivered at the European Society of International Law 2024 Conference on Emerging Technologies in Vilnius, Lithuania (September 2024).

"Unmanned Maritime Systems and the European Union Regulation Developments", delivered at the NATO Centre of Excellence Conference on Unmanned Maritime and Aerial Systems in Ljubljana, Slovenia (September 2024).

"Autonomous Ships and Functional Human Presence: 'Ad' the IMO MASS Code 'per' UNCLOS", delivered at the Autonomous Ships 2024 Conference organised by the Royal Institution of Naval Architects in Copenhagen, Denmark (November 2024).

Mr Richard Sarll spoke at two conferences this year, the ADIA Europe Conference, 31 May 2024, Athens, on the subject, "From salvage to wreck removal: the uncertain transition from H&M to P&I" as part of the meetings of the Marine Insurance Working Party. As well as the 19th International Colloquium, Institute of International Shipping & Trade Law, Swansea University, 11-12 September 2024, on the subject, "Construction of Warranties in the Post-Insurance Act landscape".

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. The collection contains numerous maritime and shipping law texts including volumes of historical interest.

A reading room is also available, containing over 40 journal titles and a substantial amount of 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.



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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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