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IFLOS Maritime Talks, 30 September 2023, Courtroom of the Tribunal

„Human Rights at Sea“

- 09:00-09:10 Welcome and introduction (IFLOS representative)
- 09:10-09:20 Welcome address by the President of the ITLOS (*Albert J. Hoffmann*)
- 09:20-9:50 **Keynote speech:** Considerations of Humanity in the Law of the Sea
(*Liesbeth Lijnzaad*, Judge at the ITLOS/Professor Maastricht University)
- 9:50-10:10 Safeguarding Labour Conditions for Seafarers (*Jonathan Warring*, ITF, London)
- 10:10-10:30 Human Rights Compliance in the Shipping Sector: an overview
(*Gesa Heinacher-Lindemann*, DNV-GL, Hamburg)
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-11:20 Forced Labour in Fisheries: Corporate and Consumer Responsibilities
(*Huw Thomas*, 3 Pillars Seafood)
- 11:20-11:40 Protests at Sea: a Human Rights Perspective (*Richard Caddell*, Cardiff University)
- 11:40-12:00 The Protection of the Human Right to Life at Sea (*Seline Trevisanut*, Utrecht University)
- 12:00-12:20 Securing European Maritime Borders: The human rights challenge in Operation Sophia (*Rodrigo Lorenzo Ponce de León*, European Union Naval Force)
- 12:20-12:40 Controlling EU Maritime Borders – Challenges for the Protection of Human Rights (*Tuuka Höijer*, Frontex)
- 12:20-13:15 Roundtable Discussion (all participants)
- 13:15 Farewells (IFLOS representative)



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Dr. Liesbeth Lijnzaad is a judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (since 2017) and is a member of the Seabed Disputes Chamber, the Chamber for Summary Procedures as well as the Chamber for Maritime Delimitation Disputes of the Tribunal. She is a Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, and a conciliator and arbitrator under UNCLOS Annexes V and VII. Previously, she was the principal Legal Adviser on Public International Law at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and head of its international law department (2006-2017). Dr. Lijnzaad is also endowed Professor Practice of International Law at Maastricht University (since 2011). Her research interests are amongst others the Law of the Sea, the Laws of Armed Conflict, Feminism and International Law as well as the Sources of International Law. She is the chair of the Supervisory Board of the T. M. C. Asser Institute in The Hague (since 2021).



Jonathan Warring is Senior Legal Assistant at the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), a global trade union body representing over 18 million workers in 150 countries. He focusses on maritime issues, including the ITF's FOC Campaign, the Maritime Labour Convention and abandonment of seafarers. Jonathan has represented the ITF at external bodies, including the International Labour Organization (ILO), International Maritime Organisation (IMO), and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). He holds Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of Otago.



Gesa Heinacher-Lindemann is Senior Vice President and Group Compliance Officer at DNV with comprehensive experience in different functions including general counsel and secretary of the European Association of the Classification Societies (EurACS). DNV is a global assurance and risk management company with 13,000 employees in more than 100 countries providing classification and advisory services for maritime customers, energy infrastructure verification and advice, management system certification, and supply chain assurance across various industries. DNV also offers digital solutions, including software, platforms, cybersecurity services, primarily serving maritime, energy, and healthcare sectors. Since 2007 she participates at the annual IFLOS Summer Academy as lecturer for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and is also a recognized speaker at expert conferences and panel discussions. Gesa Heinacher-Lindemann studied law in Germany and obtained an LL.M. degree in maritime law from University of Miami School of Law. She also received a fellowship from the European Commission and gained first working experiences as a lawyer in a US law firm.



Huw Thomas founded 3 Pillars Seafood in 2020 to provide responsible sourcing and supply chain advice to seafood processors, retailers, and non-governmental organisations. With a career spanning nearly 30 years in the seafood world Huw has been Fisheries & Aquaculture Manager of a UK retailer, led the market engagement work for a US-based trust aiming to end illegal fishing, the Technical Director of one of the UKs leading chilled seafood processing companies and run a shrimp processing plant in Vietnam. Recognised as a thought leader in the evolving world that seafood sustainability programmes sit, he brings a unique perspective and insight to supply chain risks, mitigation, and certification efforts.



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Prof. dr. Seline Trevisanut is professor of International Law and Sustainability at Utrecht University School of Law. She has taught and conducted research in various institutions, including Columbia University, the European University Institute, the Max Planck Institute for Public Comparative and International Law and UC Berkeley. Her publications include papers and chapters on the law of sea and international environmental law, a monograph on Irregular migration by sea in international and EU law (2012, in Italian), and edited volumes, inter alia, on Migration in the Mediterranean: Mechanism of International Cooperation (2015) and Regime Interaction in Ocean Governance: Problems, theories and methods (2020).



Dr. Richard Caddell is a Reader in Law and Deputy Head of the School of Law, Politics and International Relations at Cardiff University, where he is a member of the Wales Governance Centre, Co-Director of the Centre for Environmental Law and Politics and a Principal Investigator within the Nippon Foundation's Ocean Nexus Programme, researching the topic 'Brexit, Devolution and the Sea'. His primary research interests engage the law of the sea, international environmental law and human rights, and he has published widely on biodiversity conservation, marine environmental regulation, fisheries governance, ocean conflicts and Polar law. Richard regularly acts as a legal advisor on environmental and marine issues and is an academic member of Francis Taylor Building, the UK's foremost Planning and Environment Law set of barristers.



Lieutenant Colonel (Lt.Col.) Rodrigo Lorenzo Ponce de León (Armed Forces of Spain) is Legal Advisor for the European Union's Operation ATALANTA Headquarters since 2017. He is also an active member of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, and has published doctrinal articles on Military Law topics in specialized reviews ranging from combat to law enforcement operations. His prior experience also includes providing legal support to Spanish navy Units deployed to the former European Union's Operation Sophia (2015-2017). He has also been invited as guest speaker on Maritime Law forums by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.



Tuukka Höijer is a Head of Operational Planning Sector at the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, Frontex. He has worked in Frontex for 10 years in positions involving coordination and monitoring of the implementation of the maritime operations. His background is from the Finnish Coast Guard where he served as a commissioned officer. He holds a master's degree in military science.