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INTERNATIONAL MARITIME AND TRANSPORT LAW CONFERENCE – TRANSPORT LAW DE LEGE FERENDA

INTER-UNIVERSITY CENTRE DUBROVNIK, CROATIA (7th – 10th September 2026)

MEDITERRANEAN MARITIME LAW COLLOQUIUM “HALF A CENTURY SINCE THE ADOPTION OF THE 1976 BARCELONA CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOLS”

Monday, 7th September 2026

09:00 **Opening Ceremony**

09:15 **Regional Approach in Pollution Prevention – Legal Framework** (*Chair: Aref Fakhry*)

Maja Seršić: The UNEP Regional Seas Programme – The Particular Case of the Mediterranean
Daria Povh Škugor: Fifty Years of UNEP MAP – Barcelona Convention for a Sustainable and Resilient Mediterranean

Lilia Khodjet el Khil: The Barcelona Convention at 50 – Advancing the International Maritime Environmental Law in the Mediterranean through Regional Cooperation

11:15 *Discussion*

11:30 **Coffee break**

12:00 **National Implementation – Contemporary Solutions** (*Chair: Mitja Grbec*)

Wafa Harrar Masmoudi: The Application of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in Tunisia – From Legal Effectivity to Tangible Effectiveness

Ilaria Tani: From Framework to Practice – Italy and the Barcelona Convention in Context

Murat Sümer: Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in Türkiye

13:30 *Discussion*

13:45 **Welcome Reception at the Inter-University Centre**

14:45 **Barcelona Convention – Application and Challenges** (*Chair: Igor Vio*)

Mitja Bricelj: Barcelona Convention, Slovenia and the EUSAIR Process

Aref Fakhry: Barcelona Convention and Armed Conflict – A Tale of Legal Resilience

Mitja Grbec: The Compliance Committee and Its Role within the Barcelona Convention System

16:15 *Discussion*

16:30 *Final Remarks*

17:00 **Sightseeing: Guided walking tour – Old Town** (*departure from the IUC*)

Tuesday, 8th September 2026

KEYNOTE SPEECHES SESSION

(Chair: Jasenko Marin)

- 09:00 Rhidian Thomas: Maritime Liens and Mortgages – The Centenary of the Quest for a Unifying International Convention
- 09:45 Časlav Pejović: Chinese Maritime Code 2025 – Contracts on Carriage of Goods by Sea
- 10:30 *Discussion*
- 10:45 **Coffee break**

SESSION 1: MARITIME AND TRANSPORT LAW – RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

(Chair: Rhidian Thomas)

- 11:15 Jasenko Marin: Liability of Multimodal Transport Operators – The Interplay between Contractual Terms and Mandatory Law
- Zoran Tasić: How Onerous “Pay to Be Paid” Clause is in Marine Insurance? The Case of MS Amlin Marine NV v King Trader Limited & Others (Court of Appeal, 2025)
- Iva Tuhtan Grgić – Zuzanna Pełowska-Dąbrowska: Is it a Sea Carriage or a Holiday? Comments on the CJEU Case MH v Costa Crociere SpA
- 12:45 *Discussion*
- 13:00 **Lunch at the Atrium Restaurant**

SESSION 2: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES IN SHIPPING INDUSTRY

(Chair: Mihael Mišo Mudrić)

- 14:00 Daniele Casciano – Filippo Lorenzon: Crude Oil and Products Trading at a Difficult Time – Is the Law of Commodities Plying Through Dire Straights?
- Vlatka Butorac Malnar – Marijana Liszt: Legal Implications of Public Interest Relating to Mainland Cabotage
- Ceren Cerit Dindar: From “Sail Fast, Then Wait” to the “Blue Visby Solution” – Decarbonizing Charterparty Practices
- 15:30 *Discussion*
- 15:45 **Coffee break**

SESSION 3: NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN MARITIME TRANSPORT

(Chair: Zuzanna Pełowska-Dąbrowska)

- 16:15 Manuel Alba Fernandez: Something Old, Something New – The Integration of Emerging Technologies in Maritime Law
- Raphael Esu: Digital Twins and Rethinking Good Weather in Speed and Consumption Warranties
- Mihael Mišo Mudrić: ISO 42001:2023 – AI Risk Management System in Shipping
- Luci Carey: Carriage of Passengers by Sea and MASS – The Legal Challenges for Crewless Passenger Vessels
- 18:15 *Discussion*
- 19:00 **Cable car to Srđ – Dubrovnik panorama (departure from the IUC at 18:45)**

Wednesday, 9th September 2026

KEYNOTE SPEECH

09:00 Norman Martinez: Fifty Years of the LLMC 1976 and Thirty Years of the 1996 Protocol

SESSION 4: TRADITIONAL AND NEW FORMS OF TRANSPORT DOCUMENTS

(Chair: Časlav Pejović)

09:45 Liang Zhao: Electronic Bill of Lading – Chinese and Comparative Law Perspective

Patrick Vlačić: Latest Developments Related to the Electronic Bill of Lading

10:45 *Discussion*

11:00 **Coffee break**

SESSION 5: GREEN SHIPPING, MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES

(Chair: Zoran Tasić)

11:30 Marija Pijaca – Božena Bulum: Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Aquaculture and Contemporary European Union Decarbonization Strategies

Axel Luttenberger: Marine Conservation under the Nature Restoration Law

Pia Rebelo: Decarbonization Updates in Shipping – Where Are We Now?

Petra Perišić: Climate Change, Marine Environmental Vulnerability and the Law of the Sea – Interpreting State Obligations in the ITLOS Advisory Opinion

13:30 *Discussion*

14:00 **Lunch at the Atrium Restaurant**

15:00 **Book promotion:** “*Regulating Unmanned Vessels – Emerging Solutions*” edited by Zuzanna Pełowska-Dąbrowska and Igor Vio, Informa Law from Routledge, 2026

16:00 **Coffee break**

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(Chair: Iva Tuhtan Grgić)

16:30 Ante Vojković: Liability and Compensation in the Event of an Incident Caused by Alternative Fuels

Maša Štampić – Nour Nohra: Maritime Labour Convention after 20 Years: From Policy to Practice – Closing the Gap between Legal Protection and Effective Implementation

Aleksa Martinović: Protection of the Marine Environment from Pollution by Ships under UNCLOS with Special Reference to Montenegrin Legislation

Azra Kulenović: Critical Underwater Infrastructure in Areas beyond National Jurisdiction – Legal Challenges under UNCLOS and the BBNJ Agreement.

18:30 *Discussion and Final Remarks*

18:45 **Closing Ceremony**

20:30 **Dinner at the Orhan Restaurant**

Thursday, 10th September 2026

10:00 Visit to the Institute for Historical Sciences of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts at the Sorkočević-Sorgo Palace

11:00 **Sightseeing: Boat trip to the Elafiti Islands with lunch** (departure from the Port of Gruž)