

Nord Baltic Summer School in Maritime Law

10 – 14 June 2013, Riga



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Welcome to Riga!

Riga is the capital city of Latvia. Riga is an important seaport and a major industrial, commercial, cultural and financial center of the Baltic Sea region. It is a modern and vibrant city with a rich cultural heritage. In the light of the aforementioned recognitions, Riga has been chosen to host an international Summer School in Maritime Law. The Summer School shall take place in Riga Graduate School of Law, which is known as a top tier law school in the Baltic region.

The Summer School will equip those who attend with a detailed insight into issues of current importance in the areas of shipping, land transport and European law. It is designed to provide a major learning resource for lawyers and business people. It will recruit students, practicing lawyers and business managers from the Baltics and the rest of Europe.

The Summer School will offer an invaluable opportunity to learn from distinguished academics, legal and business practitioners while establishing future contacts and friendships. Participants will not only be involved with academic work, but also explore the city's cultural and historical heritage.

The Nord Baltic Summer School in Maritime Law will be an event you do not want to miss!

Applications now available!

Be quick to book your place!

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Aims and Objectives

The programme is designed to meet the specific needs of professional lawyers who may be seeking to expand their practice in the field of Maritime Law, and also to meet the complementary needs of shipping executives who have to understand the complex legal issues which context their commercial enterprise.

The Teaching Programme

The rationale of the course is that the Law of England and Wales is the legal system which provides the basic reference underpinning all International Shipping Law, and is the universally preferred jurisdiction in respect of maritime disputes.

A full balance of academic, legal and commercial expertise is represented in the composition of teaching team, whose members are drawn from the Law Departments of leading universities and Law firms which specialise in Maritime, Shipping and Transport Law.

In addition to lecture presentation and seminar discussion, teaching arrangements will include role play. These elements are designed to enable students to apply their course learning immediately in their current professional situations. Students will also receive an hour of individual consultation with the organising tutor to enable discussion of the personal and career applications of the learning programme.

The Learning Atmosphere

The Summer School will offer participants the chance to meet like-minded professionals in a sympathetic but nonetheless demanding academic atmosphere in which valuable professional knowledge will be gained.

English is the language of instruction, but all the teaching units will be supported by detailed notes prepared to assist participants with the seminar work, and with later professional reflection. As acquisition of business English is often accelerated when students can express new concepts equally in their native tongue, it may be possible for the seminar discussion to be held in a language other than English where four or more students request it.



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CERTIFICATE

All those who successfully complete the programme will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement issued by the City Law School, The City University, London.

Social Programme

Riga is justifiably famous as a beautiful and lively city. For many people travelling in Europe it is at the top of their “must visit” list! A social element is included in the programme in order to promote the learning objectives of the Summer School, and to take advantage of the stimulating, cultural and social opportunities of Riga’s historical city centre and the outstanding beauty of places nearby.

TIMETABLE

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 10:00 | <i>Arrival and Registration</i> | Salvage & LOF | Maritime Energy Law: Oil & Gas | London Maritime Arbitration | Ship Registry and Flags of Convenience |
| 11:45 | <i>Coffee Break</i> | <i>Coffee Break</i> | <i>Coffee Break</i> | <i>Coffee Break</i> | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| 12:00 | Introduction to Common Law | The Law of Ship-building | Ship Arrest | Group Session: Moot Arbitration | Documentary Credits in the Shipping Industry |
| 14:00 | <i>Lunch</i> | <i>Lunch</i> | <i>Lunch</i> | <i>Lunch</i> | 13:00 - <i>Closing</i> |
| 16:00 | Bills of Lading: The Hague Visby Rules | Marine Insurance | Charter Parties | Group Session: Moot arbitration | |
| 17:45 | <i>Coffee Break</i> | <i>Social event</i> | | | |
| 18:00-19:45 | Rotterdam Rules | <i>Social event</i> | | | |



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STAFF

DIRECTOR Anthony Rogers: Is a former Legal Advisor to several prominent Ship-Broking and Ship-owning companies in the United Kingdom. He is currently Senior Lecturer, the City Law School, The City University, London, where he teaches Maritime Law, and Trade and Commercial Law. He is an Approved International Legal Consultant for the United States International Aid Agency. His special academic interests include Admiralty Practice, and the Law Relating to the Carriage of Goods by Sea. He is a member of the Editorial board of the *Baltic Maritime Law Quarterly*.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR Miquel Roca: Is qualified to practice Law in both Spain and England and Wales. After several years practicing as a Solicitor in England, he is now based in Spain, where he is the managing partner of Blas de Lezo Abogados, recognized as the "*Spanish Shipping and Maritime Law Firm of the year*". He is a regular publisher in specialized newspapers. He is also the co-author the book "*El Arbitraje Marítimo en Londres*" (London Maritime Arbitration), the first book on the subject ever written in Spanish. He is the Maritime Law Professor at the Abat Oliba Barcelona University and has been included in the prestigious list of "*The best 50 lawyers in Spain*".

LLM Māris Lejnieks: Is known as one of the best Maritime Law experts in Latvia. Since 1993 he is a lecturer at the University of Latvia where he lectures Public International Law and Maritime Law. Māris Lejnieks has co-authored a textbook on Maritime Law and is an author of over 20 other publications related to Public International Law and Maritime Law. He is a member of the International and European Law Council of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia. Māris Lejnieks has participated in 74-79 Session of the Legal Committee of International Maritime Organisation in London and in IX Session of Joint Intergovernmental Group of Experts (UNCTAD and IMO) in Geneva. In Latvia and the Baltics Māris Lejnieks is known as the best coach of teams of the University of Latvia Faculty of Law in such international moot court competitions as Telders International Moot Court Competition and Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition.



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The Course Topics

- **The Common Law of England and Wales**

An introduction to the Common Law, and particularly to the doctrine of precedent, which is found in the legal systems of (among others), England and Wales, the USA, Canada, Australia, and much of Africa and Asia. We will also look at some issues of Tort and Contract Law.

- **Admiralty Law and Practice**

We will look at some of the core areas of Maritime Law. There will be a focus upon Admiralty practice, which will include an examination of ship arrest, (including sister ship arrest) and maritime liens. This unit will also develop an understanding of salvage issues.

- **Freight Forwarding, Logistics and Multimodal Transport**

This topic will provide an introduction to the legal issues concerning freight forwarding and logistics operations with particular reference to their legal classification. The types of multimodal transport and the problems that arise in the development of a suitable international liability regime will be examined. International and national efforts to produce a regime and commercial responses will also be discussed as will the possible impact of the work on reforming the law of carriage by sea currently being undertaken by UNCITRAL.

- **Carriage of Goods by Sea & Cargo Claims**

This topic will examine issues surrounding contracts of affreightment, principally time and voyage charterparties and bills of lading. This will include current developments in the Hague-Visby rules and the recent Rotterdam Rules.

- **Maritime Economics**

This part of the Summer School will give consideration to Maritime Economics and all the different markets that form the economic organisation of the Shipping Industry.

- **The International Law of the Sea**

This topic will provide delegates with an opportunity to discuss the issues of oil pollution from ships and, more generally, the shipowner's ability to limit liability. The module will examine the international conventions that regulate these matters. This is an area of great practical importance to shipowners and charterers alike.



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- **Marine Insurance**

We will examine how the insurance market operates in the industry and what is the current status of the law regarding shipping risk cover and that related to Protection and Indemnity Clubs.

- **London Maritime Arbitration**

Most maritime disputes are dealt with in London, under English law, and by use of Arbitration. It is a must topic for all those involved in the shipping disputes resolution. We will look at general arbitration concepts and focus on maritime arbitration and the Rules of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association, and other institutional arbitration rules, such as the LCIA or the ICC.

- **Shipbuilding Contracts**

This part will examine the essence and most popular types of shipbuilding contracts, as well as address the most common issues in shipbuilding contracts.

Student Learning outcomes

By the conclusion of the Summer School delegates will:

1. Have gained practical knowledge of several expanding and potentially lucrative areas of Maritime and Commercial Law.
2. Be able to identify complex legal issues that arise in commercial situations.
3. Be able to analyse these problems, and provide suitable solutions.
4. Have gained confidence in arguing their cases and in defending the positions that they have taken.
5. Be able to research the answers to legal problems that they will face in the future.



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The City Law School is one of the few universities in the world to offer a dedicated LLM in Maritime Law. This degree is taught by leading academics with commercial experience also offering a strong input by current practitioners both from England and abroad. The location of the Law School in the City of London itself means that it is very convenient for the City institutions and the Royal Courts of Justice and the wider cultural and social experience that London has to offer.

Riga Graduate School of Law (RGSL) was established by an agreement between the Latvian and Swedish governments and the Soros Foundation of Latvia in 1998 and since then it has become a top tier law school in the Baltic region. All RGSL programmes are taught in English by an international faculty composed of full-time and external professors and lecturers coming from both academic and professional backgrounds. RGSL is marvellously located in a historic property in the 'art nouveau district' of Riga and hosts an outstanding law library.

Riga and the Venue

The summer school shall take place in RGSL located in Riga. Riga is the capital of Latvia and it is founded in 1201. Riga lies on the Gulf of Riga, at the mouth of the river Daugava and the city is a former Hanseatic League member. Historically the Baltic Sea region has acted as a major transport corridor both in itself and for the rest of the world. Riga's historical centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, noted for its Art Nouveau/Jugendstil architecture and 19th century wooden architecture. Amongst the 50 museums to be found in Riga, the oldest and largest is the Museum of History and Shipping; founded in 1773, it is the oldest in the Baltics. The city will be the European Capital of Culture in 2014, along with Umeå in Sweden. Today more than half of Latvia's population lives in Riga, as well as the country's largest manufacturing concerns, along with central government and administration boards. Riga has developed into an important economic, political, and cultural centre within the Baltics.

Participants are welcome to accommodate at the Clarion Collection Hotel Valdemars, where the summer school students shall enjoy a discount. The booking code for the discount shall be announced to each participant after applying for the summer school. The prices are from 55 to 80 EUR per night depending on the room of your choice. Prices include breakfast buffet, free wifi connection and access to the hotel's fitness centre. Light evening meal is available for all hotel guests complimentary. This offer is valid for last room availability. The hotel is centrally located within the 10 minute walking distance of Riga Old Town and 5 minute walking distance of RGSL. For more information please visit <http://www.valdemars.lv/hotel-Riga>.

Enquiries and Application Form

Enquiries about the course may be sent by e-mail to the Deputy Director: mroca@bdlezo.com.

Please fill in the following Application Form and don't miss this great chance! The amount of participants is limited, so please be quick in and book your place!



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|--|------------------------|
| Family Name | First Name |
| Correspondence address | |
| Email address | |
| Telephone nos. | |
| Business | |
| Other phone | |
| Mobile | |
| Citizenship | |
| Nationality | |
| Passport No. | |
| First Language | Other languages |
| Name and address of nearest family member <i>(N.B. for emergency use only)</i> | |
| Contact Telephone no. | |



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Education (most recent and highest achievements first)

Professional Experience

Reasons for wanting to attend this Summer School

How did you hear about the Summer School?

Signed.....Date.....



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Payment:

- I will pay for the professional tuition fee 850 €
- I will pay the student and alumni tuition fee 400 €

Student and alumni fee is only available to undergraduate student's and former Summer School students. Those students applying under this fee are required to enclose a copy of a valid student ID.

Time for payment

Full payment of the tuition fee must be made before 1 June 2013. The organisers can cancel the event if after that date a minimum of 20 participants have not enrolled and paid for the course. Other attendants will not have a right to claim cancellation damages although all of them will be reimbursed their tuition fees paid in advanced.

Bank Account Payment

Payment must be made in full and clear of any bank charges to the following bank account:

Bank Account No: 2100-1104-15-0200216316

IBAN: ES30 2100 1104 1502 0021 6316

BIC / SWIFT CODE: CAIXESBBXXX

Please allow 3/4 days for payment confirmation.

Invoice

All participants will be provided with a payment receipt. If you require an invoice, send your full invoicing details before 1 June 2013. No invoices will be issued after that date.

This form shall be sent to the following e-mail address: mroca@bdlezo.com, where further queries can also be made.



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