

# MARITIME LAW



Centre for Maritime Law  
Faculty of Law





## The Centre for Maritime Law (CML)

The Centre for Maritime Law (CML) launched in September 2015 with funding from the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and the Ministry of Law.

CML focuses on commercial maritime law research as well as enhancing knowledge and expertise among the shipping community in Singapore. In addition to its research programme, the Centre also takes the lead in NUS Law's existing three programmes – the undergraduate LL.B. programme, the LL.M. (Master of Laws) in Maritime Law, and the Graduate Diploma in Maritime Law and Arbitration (GDMLA).

The Centre is led by Professor Stephen Girvin, Director and MPA Professor of Maritime Law, and Associate Professor Paul Myburgh, Deputy Director.



*Professor Stephen Girvin*



*Associate Professor Paul Myburgh*



## Event Highlights



### Official Launch

The Centre was officially launched on 3 September 2015 by Guest-of-Honour, Mr Andrew Tan, Chief Executive of MPA and Professor Simon Chesterman, Dean of NUS Law, at Raffles Hotel. The event was attended by 150 participants from the maritime and legal community.



### Distinguished Speaker Series

The Honourable Justice Steven Chong inaugurated our distinguished speaker series with his keynote address, 'Maritime Law in Singapore and Beyond: Its Origins, Influence and Importance' at our official launch.



### Global Shipping Law Forum 2015

CML hosted the first Global Shipping Law Forum, a recurring collaborative research event with the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS), Queen Mary University of London and the Marine and Shipping Unit of TC Beirne Law School, University of Queensland. 14 papers from academic researchers and maritime legal practitioners were presented in relation to 'Indemnities and Guarantees in Maritime Law'.

### CML Seminar Series

The CML Seminar Series focuses on topics that are of value and interest to the maritime community. The seminars are conducted in the Central Business District to encourage the attendance of working professionals. The first two seminars were conducted by Visiting Professor Michiel Spanjaart (Erasmus University, Rotterdam) and Visiting Professor Djakhongir Saidov (King's College London) in August 2015. Other speakers in the series have included Professor Jason Chuah (The City Law School, London), Dr Steven Hazelwood (University of Birmingham) and Dr Zhao Liang (City University of Hong Kong).





## Judicial Decisions on International Conventions

CML is collaborating with the Comité Maritime International (CMI) on a project to provide a database of maritime decisions on all the international maritime conventions. This is an initiative by well-known Italian maritime lawyer, Francesco Berlingieri. CML will manage and host this database which will be made available for public access.



### Executive Committee

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