



Centre for Maritime Studies

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Law of the Sea & Admiralty Law

Maritime Trade, Technology & Security Concerns

for Professionals & Students

Chief Guest
Dr. Neeru Chaddha
Judge
ITLOS, Hamburg, Germany

Dr. Neeru Chadha is a Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea since October 1, 2017. Prior to that she served as the Chief Legal Adviser in the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. She has also served as the Legal Adviser in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations.

Dr Chadha has represented the Government of India in various multilateral meetings and conferences in the United Nations, and other international and regional organisations on a wide range of subjects. She has also represented India in numerous bilateral negotiations on various issues of international law.

She served as the Agent of the Government of India in its maritime delimitation dispute with Bangladesh; in the case concerning the Enrica Lexie Incident with Italy; in the case pertaining to the Obligations concerning Negotiations relating to Cessation of Nuclear Arms Race and Nuclear Disarmament with Marshall Islands. She also served as a Co-Agent in the Kishenganga Arbitration with Pakistan.



Seas and Oceans are central to India's economic growth and have been pivotal for its transformed strategic profile in the 21st Century. This is best understood by the growing sea trade, recognition of the importance of port led development (Sagarmala) and sustainable development of marine resources and services with inclusive growth (Blue Economy).

The maritime constituents of a nation's power potential pivot on the states' ability to use the seas for trade, sustain a merchant fleet, develop port infrastructure to trade large volume of cargo, and quality human resource that shape and conduct maritime business. Maritime power also deals with sustainably harnessing marine resources (living and non-living) that abound the Indian Ocean region.

Maritime power has a direct connection with 'Order at Sea' which could be disturbed by wars, asymmetric threats and challenges such as piracy, terrorism, drug smuggling, gunrunning, and illegal human migration with adverse consequences which is a regular concern of security analysts in the Indian Ocean region. In such an environment, the naval and marine law enforcement agencies such as the navy, coast guard and marine police play a vital role for the preservation of maritime enterprise.

There is also a vital correlation between 'Order at Sea' which is based on International Law, International Relations, the role of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) & the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), International Maritime Organization (IMO) Regulations and Conventions, national legislations and Acts etc. that regulate commerce at sea, preserve 'Order at Sea' and facilitate dispute resolution.

Objectives

In the above context, this specialized workshop would be an exposition and analysis of the issues of Law of the Sea & Maritime Laws in the backdrop of maritime trade, marine environment, technological underpinnings & security issues which shape maritime affairs.

Potential Benefits to Participants

The workshop is intended to acquaint the participants with diverse facets of Law of the Sea, maritime laws in the backdrop of maritime trade frameworks related to sea based commerce, safety of life at sea, marine environment and blue ecomony.

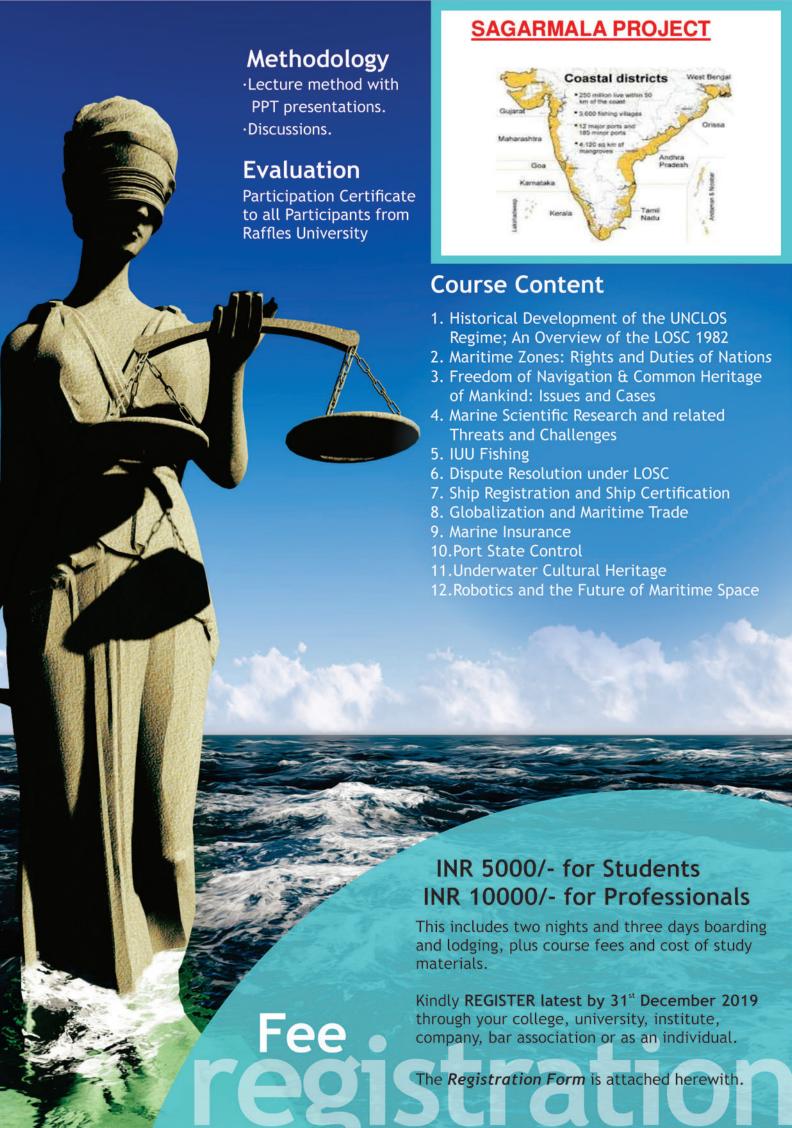
The workshop is of critical importance for law students, legal and maritime professionals who would understand the enduring maritime linkages with national and international legal regimes, conventions and frameworks particularly on issues of interpretation of the Law of the Sea, legal regimes on matters maritime, issues of freedom of navigation and right of innocent passage, and legitimate activities in the oceans.

Duration & Logistics

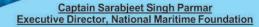
This course is tailor-made to suit two days residential workshop for students and professionals who are already engaged or aspire to engage with the maritime space. The Course shall be an engagement from 9.30 am to 6.30 pm with cultural evenings. The boarding & lodging shall be provided for two nights and three days at Raffles University campus at Neemrana, National Capital Region (NCR).

Potential Participants

Government Officers, Employees from Shipping Companies, Ports, Freight Forwarders, Port State Control Officers, Coastal Police, Navy & Merchant Navy Officers, Coast Guard Officers, Legal Practitioners, Academics, Researchers, Post-Graduate and Undergraduate Students..







An alumnus of National Defence Academy (NDA) Kharakwasla and Defence Services Staff College (DSSC) Wellington, Captain Parmar was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jul 87. The officer is a Sea King pilot who has commanded two ships and a frontline Sea King Squadron. He was member of the XI Indian Antarctic Summer Expedition in 1991 and has attended the South Asia Regional Governance and Management Defense Course Conducted by the British Government at Colombo in 2005.

He represented the Indian Navy in the first international HOSTAC (helicopter operations from ships other than aircraft carriers) conference held at Norfolk, USA in 2008. He has served as Joint Director Naval Plans in Directorate of Naval Planning at IHQ MoD (Navy). He has been Directing Staff at Defence Services Staff College (DSSC), Wellington, where he was responsible for the national strategy and international law modules. As a Research Fellow at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi from Sep 2010 to July 2014 he has written extensively on maritime security aspects and presented papers at various national and international conferences. Post IDSA he was Director (Strategy) in the Directorate of Strategy Concepts and Transformation at IHQ MoD (Navy) from Jul 2014 to Apr 2016, where as part of the core team he revised the Indian Navy's unclassified maritime security strategy document and doctrine. From Apr 2016 to Apr 2018, as Director Strategic Maritime Assessment and Doctrine Development, he carried out regional maritime assessments and completed the doctrine development plan. He joined the National Maritime Foundation as a senior fellow in April 2018 and took over as the Executive Director on 04 June 2019. His areas of interest include maritime security in the IOR and Western Pacific; national security and maritime security strategies; doctrines and concepts; piracy; and Lawfare with specific focus on maritime affairs. He can be contacted on execdir.nmf@gmail.com or ssparmar669@gmail.com



Advocate of Supreme Court of India. Her doctorate is in Maritime Studies. She has an LL.M. with distinction from UK in Shipping Laws and a PGD gold medalist in International Laws. Besides, she has her Masters in Management & Geography. She has studied Law in India, Germany and United Kingdom with specialization in International Contracts, Commercial Arbitration and Shipping Laws.

Madhumita Kothari's areas of practice include Contracts, Commercial Arbitration, Joint Ventures, Shipping Laws, Marine & General Insurance, Banking, Corporate Law, M&A, Immigration Laws, Customs Laws, Service matters and all forms of Civil Litigation.

Madhumita Kothari has various publications to her credit in International Laws and shipping related issues. She is a keynote speaker in various international conferences and she has been presenting various conference papers in her areas of expertise. She is a faculty on Business Laws and Maritime Laws at IIFT & GNLU.

Madhumita Kothari has received various national & international awards like Bharat Gaurav Ratna award for excellence in Maritime Studies, International Women Achiever' Award and Kala Samman Award as a legal luminary



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Raffles University provides a platform and environment for open discussions and interactions between the faculty and students and is designed to ignite and serve the urge to explore and learn beyond boundaries. Diversity and flexibility for options of courses to choose from aims at enabling students to pursue studies most suited to their intellect and talent. This enables students to discover, nurture and expand their individual talents, skills and interests so that they emerge as leaders and path breakers wherever they go.



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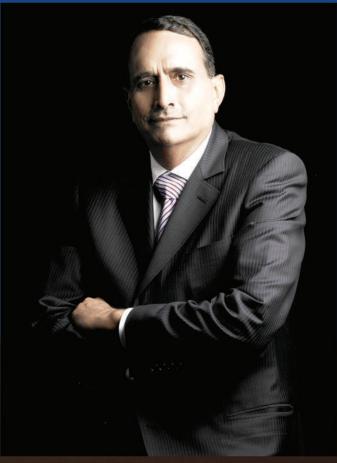
A leader who had the vision and conviction that this dream can be achieved.

He inspired the Strength and Energy in all of us.

Our Founder

Late Shri Vinod Kumar Gomber, an eminent and visionary NRI, founded The Gomber Education Foundation to fulfil his vision of establishing worldclass, integrated institutions. Late Shri Vinod Kumar Gomber steered Dubai based Emaar Properties as the Group's CEO. He led Emaar Group's subsidiaries in Dubai and its operational arms across the world. With his wealth of experience in diverse fields of business, he took a multi-functionary role at the Emaar encompassing strategic planning, monitoring and management of execution, systems and processes, legal, human resources, treasury, finance & tax planning, and corporate communications. He was the one who conceived the idea of Burj Khalifa, Dubai Mall, Aquarium and Fountains in Dubai and actualized it.

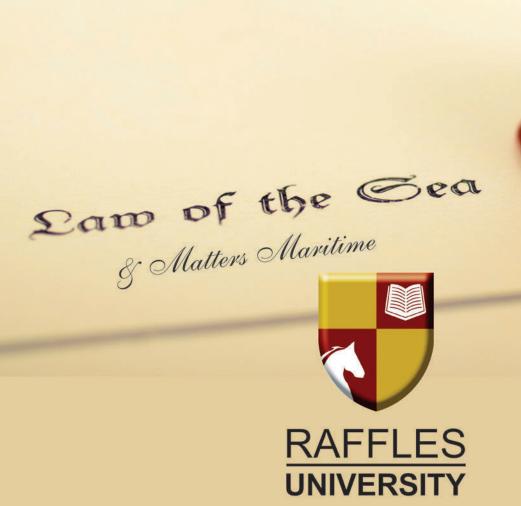
A Harvard Business School Alumnus, Late Shri Vinod Kumar Gomber also held the positions of Executive Director and Group Chief Executive Officer of RSH Limited, Singapore, before joining Emaar Group. He is credited with leading RSH Group from 1994 to 2006 and transforming the company into a pan - Asian marketing, distribution and retail giant of sports, active lifestyle and fashion products.



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