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Dr Felicity Attard participation in the 5th Annual Alexander C. Cushing International Law Conference at the U.S. Naval War College

Dr. Felicity Attard was invited by Professor James Kraska, John Harvey Gregory Lecturer on World Organization at Harvard Law School and Chairman of the Stockton Centre for International Law at the U.S. Naval War College, to deliver a presentation at the 5th Annual Alexander C. Cushing International Law Conference in Newport.



It was organised by the U.S. Naval War College and co-sponsored by the Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology, the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force Command and Staff College, the University of Basel, and the U.S. Naval Justice School. The presentation analysed the challenges facing the international maritime community with respect to the obligation of all States to ensure that shipmasters render assistance, and the inadequate protection offered thereafter. The conference was attended by high-ranking naval officers, academics, and practitioners from around the world.

Interim Dean's Award ceremony

8th June 2023. An interim Dean's award ceremony was held, for academic year 2020-2021 (when no award ceremony was held due to Covid19 restrictions). Ms Camille Pelicano was awarded a prize for having come first in the LL.B. Hons course, Mr Liam Axisa for having come first in the M.Adv course and Ms Annalise Vella for coming first in the M.Not course. The prizes were sponsored by Prof. David Attard, University Chancellor.



A commemorative gift was also presented to Prof. Ian Refalo, to mark his retirement from the University after nearly fifty-two years, having received his appointment in November 1971.

Lecture by Dr Laura Pritchard-Jones

13th June 2023. Dr Daniel Bianchi organised a lecture entitled *Abuse in Mental Health Care 'What we know and what we need to know'* which lecture was

delivered by Dr Laura Pritchard-Jones, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, Keele University. This lecture was attended by academics from various UM faculties and by professional persons working in the mental health field. The presentation was particularly well received, with participants actively debating various aspects and sharing their own experiences and observations.

Dr Pritchard-Jones was in Malta as a visiting external examiner in the Department of Media, Communications and Technology Law.



World Society of Mixed Jurisdiction Jurists 5th World Congress

14-16 June 2023. The 5th World Society of Mixed Jurisdiction Jurists was held in Malta, the chosen theme being *Mixity in Private Law And / Or Private Law*. The organisation of this congress was spearheaded by Dr David Zammit and included participants from various countries such as Japan and South Africa. Various members of our Faculty delivered presentations, with subsequent invites to develop their presentations into papers to be published in a peer reviewed journal at a later date.

Dr Ruth Farrugia lecturing in Turkey

19-22 June 2023 Ankara, Turkey. As part of a joined Council of Europe / European Union project on strengthening family courts, Dr Ruth Farrugia delivered a series of lectures to members of the Turkish Judiciary, on custody and best interests of the child. This was her second round of training as part of the same project. An accompanying report will be published in October 2023.

Faculty of Laws lectures to members of the Maltese Judiciary

23 June 2023 Professor Tonio Borg and Judge Professor Peter Xuereb delivered lectures to members of the Maltese Judiciary in a seminar entitled *Fundamental*



Human Rights on the European and National Level - understanding and application by the National Courts. While Prof Tonio Borg delivered two lectures, one entitled *Procedural Issues in Human Rights Cases*, the other *Remedial Powers of the Courts in Human Rights Cases*, Judge Professor Peter Xuereb lectured on *The Status and Effect of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the EU Legal Order.*

Another lecture was delivered by Judge Beatrice Romascanu, on *The Relationship between the EU Charter and ECHR.*

News to share? If you have any item of relevance to this newsletter, feel free to inform us about it. You may contact any member of the editorial board, these being Prof Tonio Borg, Prof Ivan Sammut, Ms Rowena Leontijevic and Dr Ivan Mifsud. The Board reserves the right to refuse to publish an item submitted to it for its consideration.