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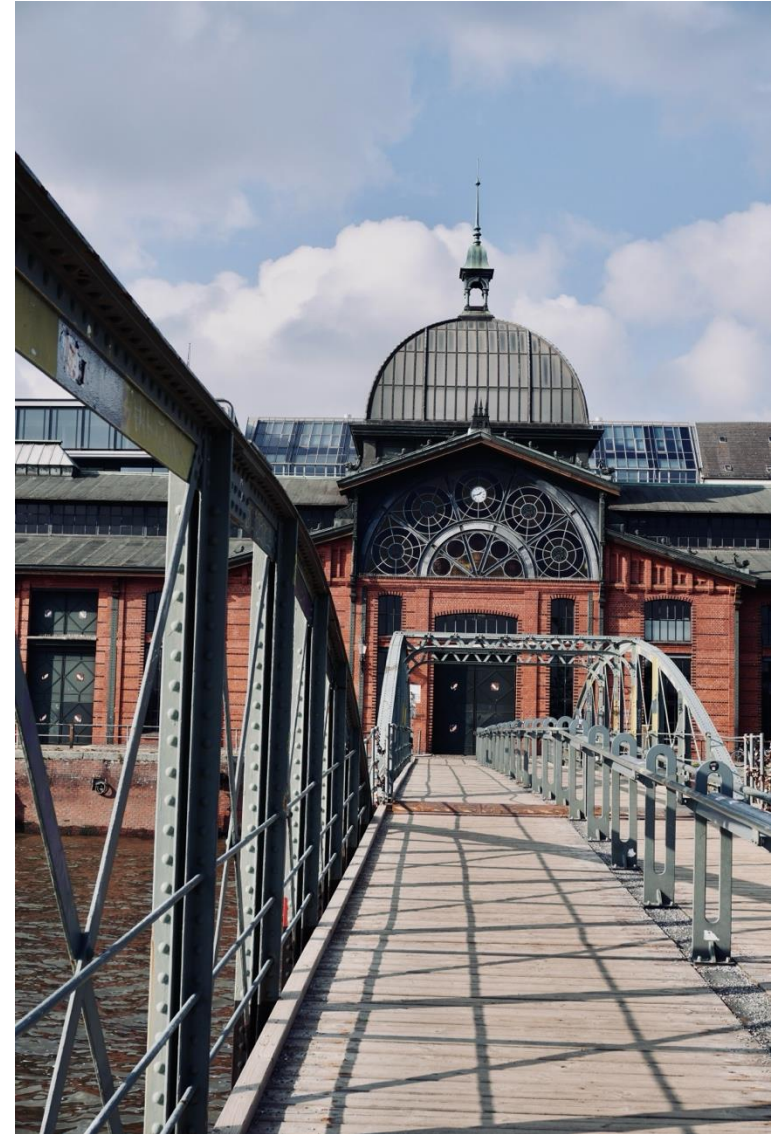
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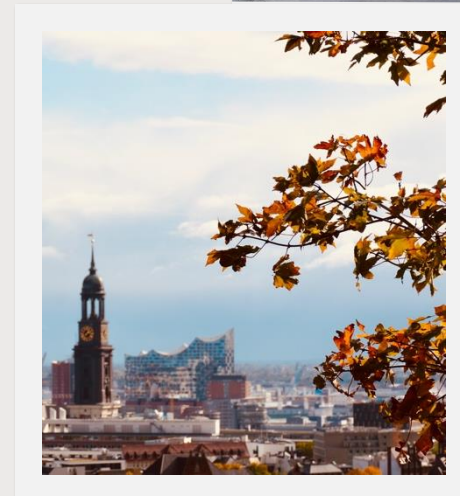
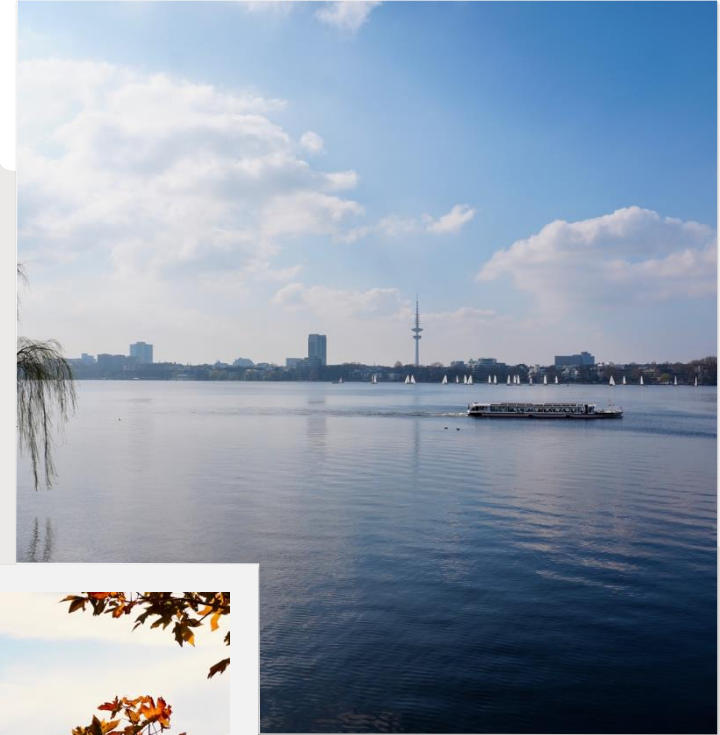
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A WARM WELCOME

to all YMLA Friends.

After a successful YMLA Seminar in Antwerp,
it is time for the YMLA Seminar in Hamburg.

We are honored to host this year's
Young Maritime Lawyers' Conference in Germany.



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Thursday June 11, 2026

- "Get Together" – [click here](#)

Friday June 12, 2026

- **SOCIAL ACTIVITY** – [click here](#)
- **REGISTRATION & WELCOME LUNCH**
Location "GINN Hotel"
- **SEMINAR** - [click here](#)
Location "GINN Hotel"
- **BBQ & EVENING EVENT**
Location "Überquell"

A special highlight:

Live music by the band "WELL★" and DJ JANNI – [click here](#)

Saturday June 13, 2026

- **SEMINAR**
Sustainability Saturday – [click here](#)
Location "GINN Hotel"
- **GOODBYE LUNCH**

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Thursday

from 6 p.m. : “Get Together”

Friday

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Social activity
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.: Registration & Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.: Welcome
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.: Seminar
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Coffee break
3:00 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.: Seminar
4:05 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.: Coffee break
4:25 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.: Seminar

Time to get ready for:

7:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.: BBQ & Evening Event

Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.: Welcome
9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.: Seminar
10:45 a.m. – 11:15 p.m.: Coffee break
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Seminar
12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.: Final words
12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.: Lunch

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GET TOGETHER AT



When: Thursday, June 11, 2026

Meeting Point: 6:00 p.m. at following address

Rödingsmarkt 20
20459 Hamburg

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SOCIAL ACTIVITY “RIDDLE HUNT”

When: Friday, June 12, 2026

Meeting Point: 9:00 a.m. at “GINN Hotel”
or 9:30 a.m. at following address
next to “Atelier Zippel”
Überseebrücke, 20459 Hamburg

Riddle hunt across one of the two most famous ships in Hamburg.

Discover the ship, solve puzzles and tasks and get to know the other YMLA participants.

We'll be back at the “GINN Hotel” in time for registration and lunch.

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SEMINAR ON FRIDAY

The 2025 Amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention: a major turning point in the strengthening of International Maritime Labour Law

by Frédérique Heurtel, Stream, FR

Flag State, Enforcement, and MASS

by Sander Metzelaar, HerikLegal N.V., NL

Excusing contractual performance: frustration and force majeure in English law

by Anna Hoffmann & Neil Dowers, 4 Pump Court, UK

Maritime cargo claims before the Belgian Courts: The end in sight or still alive

by Nick Vangeneugden, Ponet Law BV, BE

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

3:00 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.

4:25 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

Negotiable Cargo Documents

by Claire Olbertz, Caland Advocaten, NL

Latest developments regarding international security interests in containers, and their potential incorporation into the CTC framework

by Annick Sleenckx, GDS Advocaten, BE

Conservatory Measures

By Bram Pos & Vincent van Uden, AKD, NL

War risk insurance

by Camille Duponteil, Villeneuve Rohart Simon & Associés, FR

Issues relating to the boarding by France of a ship suspected of being part of the Russian "phantom fleet"

by Clémence Pelletier & Clara Boidé, Richemont-Delviso, FR

The case concerning the MT Eventin: Safe Haven or Sanctions Risk? The Right of Refuge for Ships in Distress

by Armine Usojan, Fleet Hamburg, GER

Legal protection against the inclusion of tankers on sanctions lists

by Heyo Eyiah, KDB.legal KOCH BOËS, GER

Entry into force of the Hong Kong Convention for the Safe and Sound Recycling of Ships

by Alberto Bregante, Siccardi Bregante & C., IT

Enforcement of environmental laws and regulations in Italy

by Stefano Romano, studio Legale, IT

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PROF. DR. WOLFGANG WURMNEST

MODERATOR

We are delighted to welcome Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wurmnest as the moderator for the Friday delegate presentations. Prof. Dr. Wurmnest is a well-renowned professor of Private Law, Private International Law, Commercial and Maritime Law at the University of Hamburg, where he teaches commercial maritime law as part of the specialized maritime law curriculum.

He has held a full professorship at the University of Hamburg since 2021. Previously, he served as a full professor at the University of Augsburg (2013–2021) and the Georg Wilhelm Leibniz University of Hanover (2009–2013) and worked as a Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg (2004–2008). Prof. Dr. Wurmnest studied law at the Universities of Hamburg, Lyon III, and UC Berkeley (LL.M.), and has been a visiting scholar at universities in Foggia, Lyon, Hanoi, and Cambridge. His primary fields of research include comparative and international contract, tort, and competition law.



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MR. JOHANNES KLOTZ

MODERATOR

We are pleased to have Mr. Johannes Klotz as a moderator for this year's conference. Mr. Klotz is a maritime lawyer, in-house counsel at Hapag-Lloyd and a problem solver. His areas of work include navigating chartering, sustainability, disputes and U.S. regulatory waters - usually with a commercial mindset and occasionally with strong coffee.



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BBQ & EVENING EVENT

When: Friday, June 12, 2026

Meeting Point: 7:00 p.m. at „Überquell“ – [click here](#)



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“GINN Hotel”

Große Elbstraße 39, 22767 Hamburg



“Überquell”

St. Pauli Fischmarkt 28-32, 20359 Hamburg



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Sailing into the Future – Sustainability Management in Practice for a Ferry Operator

by Ms. Jenny Schmigale – [click here](#)

The Advisory Opinion of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) on Climate Change

by Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce – [click here](#)

GHG Reporting: Challenges for Ship Owners

by Ms. Britta Schulz – [click here](#)

Sustainability Agreements in Port Terminals: How can one reconcile sustainability and EU competition law in EU Ports

by Prof. Dr. Philippe Corruble – [click here](#)

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MS. JENNY SCHMIGALE

HEAD OF COMPLIANCE & ESG AT SCANDLINES
DEUTSCHLAND GMBH

Topic: “Sailing into the Future – Sustainability Management in Practice for a Ferry Operator”

We are proud to welcome Ms. Jenny Schmigale, an experienced expert in compliance management, sustainability management, risk management, internal control systems and internal audit. In her role at Scandlines, she is currently responsible for overseeing ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) standards and compliance, and previously managed Compliance management, risk management and internal audits.

Prior to joining Scandlines, Ms. Schmigale built an extensive career in corporate governance, serving as a Senior Internal Auditor at Skandia/Old Mutual in Berlin, an Internal Control Systems Officer at Siemens in Paris, and a Sarbanes-Oxley consultant at AXA in Paris. Grounded in a degree in Business Information Technology, she also holds an MBA and possesses several esteemed professional designations, including Corporate Sustainability Reporting Specialist (CSRS) and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA). As a lecturer, speaker and author, she is committed to sharing her knowledge and experience.



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DR. XIMENA HINRICHS OYARCE

REGISTRAR OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE
LAW OF THE SEA (ITLOS)

Topic: “The Advisory Opinion of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) on Climate Change”

We are honored to introduce Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce, who has served as the Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) since 2019. Dr. Hinrichs Oyarce obtained her Doctorate in Law from the University of Hamburg.

Her distinguished career in international maritime institutions began at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in 1995, before she joined the Legal Office of ITLOS in 1997. She went on to serve as Senior Legal Officer and Head of the Legal Office from 2013 until her election as Deputy Registrar in 2017. In addition to her administrative and legal responsibilities, Dr. Hinrichs Oyarce lectures extensively on the law of the sea at numerous universities, summer schools, and institutes worldwide, and is a widely published author on international law and ocean governance.



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MS. BRITTA SCHULZ

HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT NORTH EUROPE ZONE BUREAU
VERITAS / MARINE & OFFSHORE

Topic: “GHG Reporting: Challenges for Ship Owners”

We are proud to welcome Ms. Britta Schulz as a speaker at this year's conference. Ms. Schulz serves as the Head of Environment for the North Europe Zone at Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore, based in Hamburg. She is a highly accomplished maritime professional with extensive expertise in environmental compliance, green shipping solutions, and modern decarbonization strategies.

Ms. Schulz took on her current executive role leading the environmental division in September 2024. Prior to this, she successfully managed operations as the Services Manager for North & Central Europe and previously contributed her leadership as the Marine Center Deputy Manager beginning in 2018. Throughout her tenure at Bureau Veritas, she has specialized deeply in technical sectors critical to the future of shipping, including alternative fuels, greenhouse gas (GHG) emission verification, ballast water management systems, and maritime safety standards such as ISM, ISPS, and MLC compliance.



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PROF. DR. PHILIPPE CORRUBLE

PROFESSOR OF EUROPEAN MARITIME AND PORT LAW

Topic: “Sustainability Agreements in Port Terminals: How can one reconcile sustainability and EU competition law in EU Ports”

We are delighted to welcome Prof. Dr. Philippe Corruble as a speaker at this year's conference. Prof. Dr. Corruble has been a Professor of European Maritime and Port Law at EM Normandie Business School since 2021 and possesses highly renowned expertise in European competition law, transport sector regulations, and the strategic management of major seaports.

He obtained his PhD in Law from the University Jean Moulin Lyon III in 1996 and holds an HDR (Habilitation à diriger des recherches) from the University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, specializing in the regulation of maritime transport and ports. Prior to his current tenure at EM Normandie Business School, he spent many years as a professor at the prestigious HEC Paris and served as a visiting professor at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland.

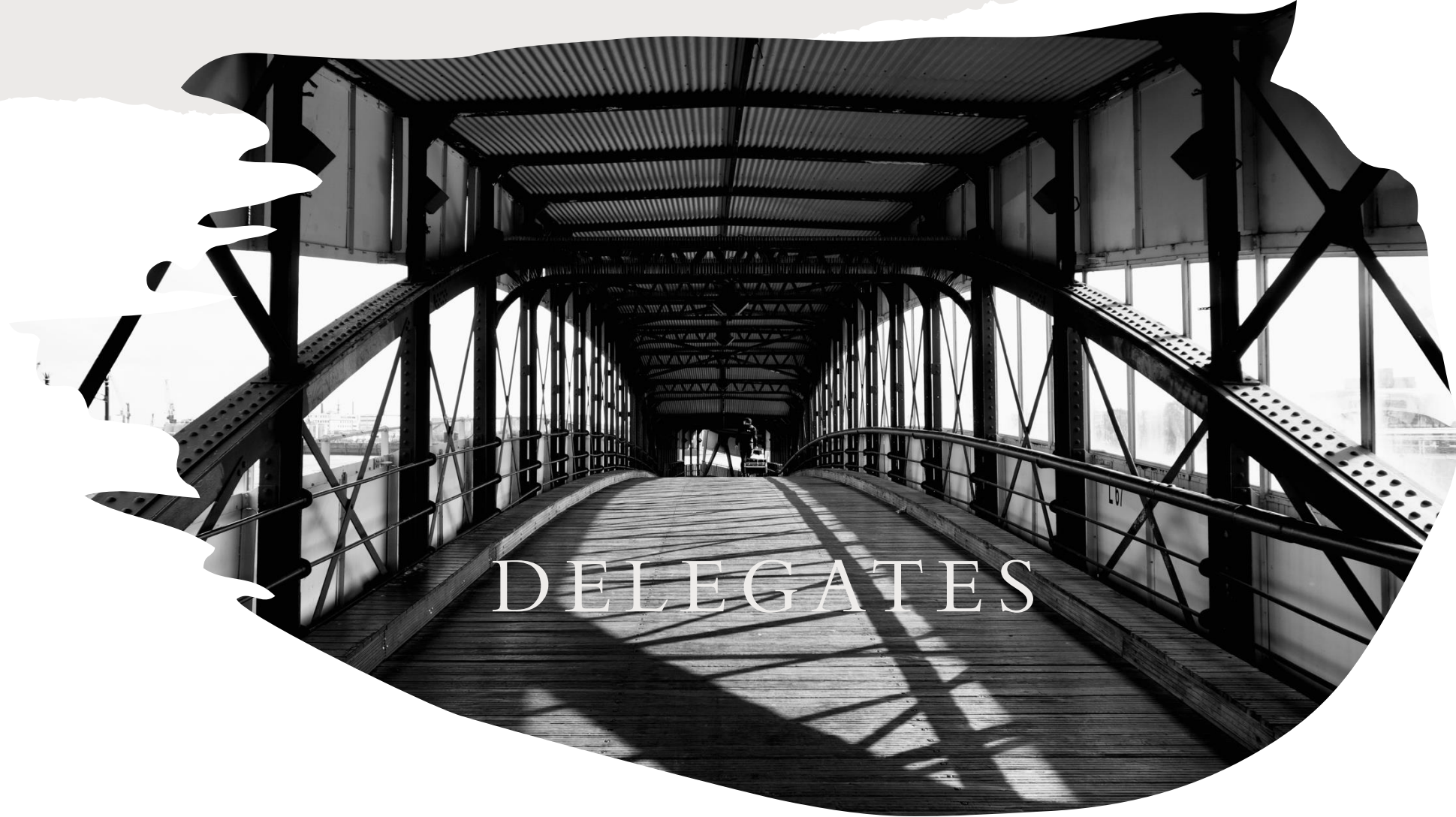
Prof. Dr. Corruble's research focuses primarily on European and international regulatory issues in competition law, particularly in the context of globalization, modern port logistics, and the increasing market concentration within the containerized liner shipping industry. A prolific author, his articles on these subjects have been widely published in France and the United Kingdom. He recently published a comprehensive textbook with Bruylant entitled “EU Competition Law applicable to Liner Shipping and Seaports”.

Deeply committed to bridging the gap between academic teaching and the practical realities of international business law, Prof. Dr. Corruble also serves as Of Counsel at the maritime law firm Stream. For over fifteen years, he has provided his legal expertise across a vast array of cases involving the application of EU law, including anti-competitive practices, corporate acquisitions, state aid, Brexit transitions, fisheries regulations, free ports, and the establishment of maritime investment funds.



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