

Law Students in Athens Got Sea Traffic Management on the Agenda

On the 18 December 2018, Spiros Papadas, who worked for the University of Southampton assessing the legal feasibility of the STM Validation Project, was invited to speak in the University of Athens. The most eminent maritime law academic in Greece, Professor Lia Athanassiou, invited Spiros to give a lecture at the Maritime Law LLM programme, in order to share his expertise in the relationship between innovation technology and maritime law.



Professor Athanassiou and the Lecturer Mr. Papadas at the University of Athens (Photo: Mr. Papadas)

Spiros talked to the students about the operation of new technologies like autonomous ships and Sea Traffic Management, STM. He presented the potential benefits from the introduction of STM, and discussed with the students the legal and implementation issues relevant to STM and every new technology. There was a very lively discussion chaired by Professor Athanassiou and Mr. Papadas. The students were fascinated by the idea of optimisation, as well as by the interesting legal issues that were raised as a result of the work done by the team of the Institute of Maritime Law at University of Southampton. It is inspiring for law students to learn that not only is their future work valuable for the operational side of the maritime business, they can also use their knowledge to further improve shipping.