



Center on Maritime Labour Law

Call for Book Chapters

Book Title- “Maritime Labour Law”

1) Concept Note

Maritime transport is the backbone of international trade as more than 80% of global trade by volume happens through ships. Maritime workers perform an admirable service to humanity by helping in moving ships and a variety of cargo from one port to the other. Working on long-term contracts, at sea, and far away from home, seafarers have to face numerous challenges. These include issues related to repatriation, abandonment, non-payment of wages, etc. Mindful of problems faced by seafarers in international waters, some forward-looking developments have taken place in international law. Today there are many Conventions and recommendations on working conditions in the maritime transport sector which aims to achieve decent work for seafarers and to secure economic interests through fair competition for quality ship owners.

Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) negotiated in the year 2006, is considered as the “fourth pillar” of International Maritime Law. This Convention incorporates and builds upon 68 existing maritime labour convention and recommendations. Convention is considered as ‘bills of rights for the seafarers providing them minimum international standards for living and working conditions.

The purpose of this book will be to analyze the current legal regime governing maritime workers. Each chapter focuses on a different aspect of the Maritime Labour Law, like the Seafarer Employment Agreement, repatriation, and abandonment of seafarers, criminalization of seafarers. Special focus is given to the issues related to the implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. Separate chapters will be dedicated to highlighting issues and challenges in the

implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention by flag state, port state, and labour supplying state. Furthermore, the book will assess whether the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 has been successful in filling gaps in maritime labour law which were existing before its negotiation. We take the privilege of requesting you to share your thoughts/experience/insight/analysis on any of the related theme/ sub-theme related to Maritime Labour Law.

2) Tentative Themes

- History of seafarers and world shipping
- The Role of Trade Union Activities in the Maritime Sector
- Legal issues related to Recruitment and Placement agencies for seafarers
- Seafarer Employment Agreement, under Maritime Labour Convention 2006
- Jurisdiction and governing law in disputes arising out of a Seafarer's Employment Agreement
- Abandonment of seafarer and legal response
- Legal Issues related to Repatriation of Seafarers
- System of financial security for seafarers under Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
- Maritime Labour Law and issues related to medical care and welfare of the seafarers
- Flag state responsibilities under Maritime Labour Law
- Port state responsibilities under Maritime Labour Law
- Labour supplying state responsibilities under Maritime Labour Law
- Challenges to implementation of Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
- Legal frameworks governing Port Workers

Note: The above mentioned themes are not exhaustive; Authors are open to work on any topic related to the above mentioned theme(s).

3) About the Editors

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4) Submission Guidelines:

- Submissions are to be made only in the electronic form (MS Word format). Chapter should be in Times New Roman 12 point font and double spaced. A uniform mode of citation in OSCOLA format must be followed throughout the work. Word Count for the book chapter- 5000 to 10000.
- A covering letter with the name(s) of the author(s) and address, designation, institution/affiliation, the title of the manuscript and contact information (email, phone, etc.) is compulsory to submit. All submissions must contain an abstract of not more than 300 words.
- All the contributions should be the original work of the contributors and should not have been submitted for consideration in any other Publication. The authors are required to take special care in citing all the sources that they will refer to in their submissions.
- The submissions received would be reviewed by the panel of Editors to determine whether the Subject matter is within the scope of the Book and assess the quality of the manuscript.
- The book will be published with an established publishing house of International/ National repute & will carry an ISBN number.
- Last Date for Receipt of the submission is 20th October, 2020.
- All submissions are to be made via e-mail as MS word documents cmll@gmu.edu.in