

# CMI IWG ON MASS



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The CMI Paper Submission to LEG on Liability



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Liability Issues



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Melis Özdel

## Carriage of Goods by MASS – Do we need a Convention?



Melis is the specialism convenor for maritime law studies at UCL, and she publishes widely in the areas of international trade law, carriage of goods by sea, international commercial arbitration and conflict of laws and jurisdiction. She is the editor and co-author of “Commercial Maritime Law” (2020, Hart Publishing), author of “Bills of Lading Incorporating Charterparties” (2015, Hart Publishing) and co-author of “EU Transport Law” (2016, Hart-Nomos-Beck), “Contents of Commercial Contracts” (2020, Hart Publishing) and “Damages Recoveries and Remedies in

Shipping Law (2023, Informa). Melis is founder of the UCL Autonomous Shipping Project, which was launched in a bid to start an open and diverse debate on the future of autonomous shipping from a legal perspective. She is currently researching and publishing on the legal implications of autonomous shipping. She is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a supporting member of the LMAA (London Maritime Arbitrators’ Association). Melis is also a member of the CMI’s (Comite Maritime International) International Working Group on Unmanned Vessels.

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Salvage and Autonomous Maritime Navigation

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Making Autonomous Vessels COLREGS- compliant: A way forward through the legal challenges?



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