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| Michaela Muscat Spaak PhD |  |
| **ㅡ** | Dr Michaela Muscat Spaak is Malta's alternate Permanent Representative to the International Maritime Organization, the UN agency responsible for regulating international shipping.  She was responsible for coordinating the EU's external maritime policy during Malta's Presidency of the Council of the EU and in 2019 spearheaded resolution A.1147(31), aimed at 'Achieving a Barrier-Free Working Environment for Women in the Maritime Sector', which was approved unanimously during the 31st session of the IMO's General Assembly.  She is one of the cofounders and coordinators of the IMOGENder network, aimed at promoting gender mainstreaming at the IMO, through initiatives such as the IMLI mentoring programme, the expert database of women in maritime and an online knowledge depository for women and girls interested in maritime diplomacy.  Between 2017 and 2020 she was a member of the Malta - UK Business taskforce, tasked with advising the Government of Malta on its Brexit foreign direct investment strategy. Since 2020, she has served as Programme Adviser at the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council which co-hosts the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) Business Forum with the incoming Chair-in-Office.  Michaela is active in the international human rights field as an ally, working on initiatives such as #PrideNotPrejudice and as a trustee of the board of UK registered charity GiveOut.  She obtained her MSc in Political Sociology and PhD in Sociology at the London School of Economics and Political Science, where she was awarded the joint LSE-Commonwealth doctoral scholarship in 2011. Since 2021, she has been an associate of the foreign policy think tank, LSE IDEAS. |
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# Honours & Appointments LSE IDEAS / Associate

## FEBRUARY 2020 - PRESENT, LONDON

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## IMOGENder Network / Co-founder & Coordinator

## SEPTEMBER 2020 - PRESENT, LONDON

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## GiveOut / Trustee of the Board

### JANUARY 2019 - PRESENT, LONDON

## IMLI/ Member of Director Selection Board

### JUNE 2019 -DECEMBER 2019, LONDON

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## LSE-Commonwealth Scholarship / Doctoral Scholarship

### 2011, LONDON

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