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## FOREWORD

Dear Participants, distinguished Judges, and valued Supporters,

As we conclude the 12<sup>th</sup> edition, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all participants, judges, organisers, sponsors, and supporters. Reflecting on our journey over the past year, I am deeply impressed and immensely grateful for the dedication, passion, and hard work that made the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition a resounding success. Having been part of the Organising Committee for the past two years, I have witnessed the Competition grow and evolve into a significant platform for aspiring human rights advocates across Europe.

This year's Competition has been remarkable, filled with unforgettable moments and valuable experiences. From the initial stages of preparation and drafting Written Submissions, to the Oral Pleadings of the Regional Rounds, all the way to the Final Oral Round, the participants' unwavering commitment to human rights has been truly inspiring. Teams were challenged by the highly topical issues of freedom of expression, protection of reputation, and "cancel culture", which required them to craft innovative arguments and continually demonstrate their exceptional skills. The 12<sup>th</sup> edition has not only maintained but also enhanced our dedication to human rights, preparing Europe's brightest students to become brilliant advocates.

It is not only very gratifying to witness the enthusiasm of the participants, but also of the Judges. Their expertise, insightful evaluations, and constructive feedback have significantly enriched the experience for all participants, allowing them to learn and develop. Their dedication to mentoring and guiding the teams has fostered mutual understanding and highlighted the importance of human rights and legal advocacy. This, combined with the exchanges and interactions shared during gatherings and ceremonies, truly embodies the Philosophy Statement of ELSA.

At this point, it is essential to also acknowledge the smooth execution of this edition, headed by Maciej Łodziński. His tireless efforts and dedication, along with the support of the ELSA team, sponsors, and academic partners, have made this edition a unique success. Your unwavering commitment and enthusiasm have made this edition a resounding success. Let us carry the spirit of this Competition forward, continually working towards a more just world where there is respect for human dignity and cultural diversity.

It is with great anticipation and excitement that I look forward to the upcoming 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition. I eagerly await seeing many of you again and am committed to making the next edition as successful as the 12<sup>th</sup>.

With sincere appreciation and optimism for the future,

*Aliena Trefny, Vice President in charge of Competitions, International Board of ELSA 2024/2025*

## SUPPORTERS OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

We would like to begin by expressing our deepest gratitude to all the sponsors and supporters of the 12<sup>th</sup> Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition. Their unwavering support throughout all stages of the Competition was instrumental in successfully organising the successful 12<sup>th</sup> edition and especially, the Final Oral Round.



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## ABOUT HELGA PEDERSEN MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition (“HPMCC”) (formerly known as the “European Human Rights Moot Court Competition” - “EHRMCC”) was founded in 2012 in cooperation with the Council of Europe. Discussions had been ongoing for some time to create a moot court in the field of human rights. Finally, after negotiations and a lot of preparations consisting of gathering Case Authors, Judges, and other helpers, were able to launch the first edition of the European Human Rights Moot Court Competition in 2012, with the Final Oral Round (“FOR”) taking place in spring of 2013.

Since 2012, a lot of changes have been made. Rules have changed, stages have been introduced and adapted, and the structure has become more sustainable to keep up with the development of the HPMCC. For the Academic Year 2019/2020, ELSA introduced an additional stage in the Competition: Regional Rounds. For previous editions, some ELSA groups organised “Pre-Rounds” in which teams could participate to practise their oral pleading skills and prepare in the event that they would qualify for the Final Oral Round. However, the Written Submissions scores were still the only thing taken into account to determine the qualifying teams for the Final Oral Round. Following the overwhelming success of the Pre-Rounds, ELSA International decided to introduce official Regional Rounds, mandatory for all teams. With this introduction, the teams were scored on their Oral Pleadings skills, in addition to their Written Submissions. The scores from both the Written Submissions and the Regional Rounds were then combined to determine the best teams who would qualify for the Final Oral Round.





In the term 2020/2021, as the Competition was coming close to its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there were discussions if the Competition should be renamed, perhaps in honour of an important person within the Human Rights field. One of the names being circulated was that of Helga Pedersen. Helga Pedersen was a Danish judge who had a remarkable and inspirational legal career. She was a student at Slagelse Gymnasium in 1930 and earned her M.Sc. from the University of Copenhagen in 1936. She was Secretary to the Ministers of Justice in Denmark during World War II, and after the war, Pedersen attended Columbia University in New York, which was funded by an International Study Grant from the American Association of University Women. After returning to Denmark, she became a Copenhagen District Court judge from 1947 to 1950. She was elected to the Danish Parliament in 1950 and was appointed Minister of Justice from 1950 to 1953. She continued to be a Member of Parliament until 1964, when she distinguished herself as an advocate of prison and penal reform and the advancement of women's legal status. During this time, she was also a judge for both the District Court and the Appeals Court. She was later appointed as a judge to the Supreme Court. She was also named chairman of the Danish Women's National Council. In 1950, she participated in the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and served as a delegate at the UNESCO General Assembly. In 1971, she was appointed as the first female judge at the European Court of Human Rights. Other highly prestigious achievements of Pedersen include being a recipient of a gold medal from the Association of World Peace Through Law, becoming the first female commander of the Order of the Dannebrog. To this day, she serves as a role model to law students across Europe and beyond. To honour Helga Pedersen, we named this Competition after her.



*Helga Pedersen*

## ABOUT 12<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition was launched on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. The Case was once again written by our returning Case Authors Slavica Čubrić and Zuzana Kovalova. The Case titled “**David Borg v. Zemland**” was addressing current pressing legal topics about the freedom of expression as well as the so-called “cancel culture”. Here on behalf of ELSA and the Case Authors I would like to thank Mr Simon Palmer who immensely contributed to the creation of this year’s Case.

## CASE

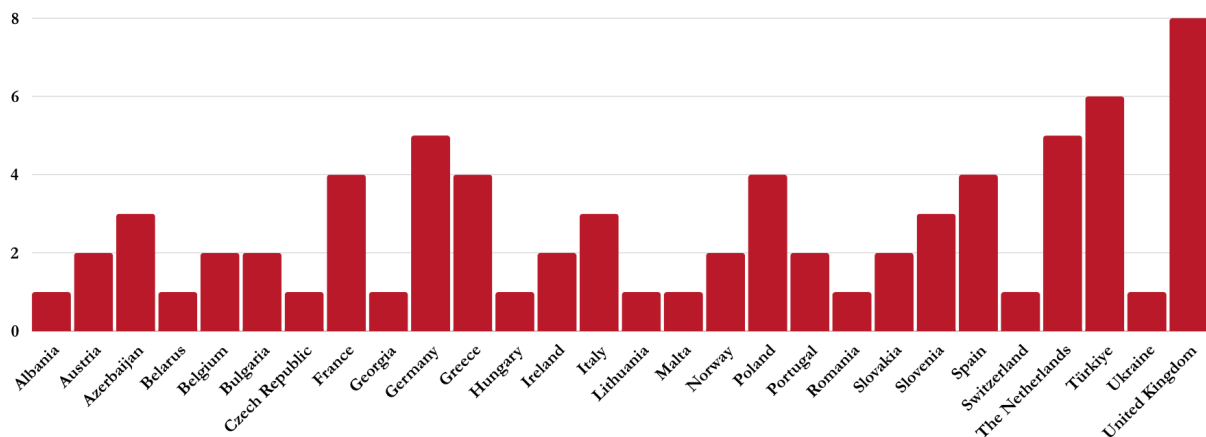
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#### HELGA PEDERSEN MOOT COURT COMPETITION

12<sup>TH</sup> EDITION - 2023/2024

The registration period lasted until the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, 2023, and by then, **68 teams** from **28 countries** across Europe had registered.



The registered Teams had until the 15<sup>th</sup> of November to submit up to **3 Clarification Questions** to the Case. The questions were sent to the Case Authors, whose answers were then made publicly available on the website of the Competition.

The next step was for the teams to submit their Written Submissions on behalf of the Applicant and Respondent in the matter. Out of the 68 registered teams, 61 Teams had fulfilled all requirements and successfully submitted their Written Submissions by the deadline on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2024. These Written Submissions were then scored by a group of human rights experts. Each Written Submission is scored two times by four different experts (2 scores for Applicant and 2 scores for Respondent) and the team score is the average score out of these four deducting the penalty points. The Penalties are based on the list from the Rules of the Competition and checked for formalistic errors, plagiarism, and violations of other provisions of the Rules.

Teams that fulfil the requirements and submit their Written Submissions get the chance to showcase their Oral Pleading skills in one of three Regional Rounds. This year, we had the privilege of organising the Regional Rounds in three cities across Europe. The first Regional Round was organised in Ankara, Türkiye, by ELSA Ankara between the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2024; the second one in St. Gallen, Switzerland, by ELSA Switzerland between the 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2024; and the third and final one was organised in Dublin, Ireland, by ELSA Ireland between the 23<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. We wish to express our congratulations and gratitude to ELSA Ankara, ELSA Switzerland, and ELSA Ireland for their hard work and successful organisation of these Regional Rounds. They created a great environment in which teams had the chance to demonstrate their Oral Pleading skills, learn from experts within the field, as well as learn from each other and get to know fellow students that share their interest in human rights law.

## Regional Rounds 12<sup>th</sup> edition



We of course also express our thanks to the Judges who took time out of their weekends to provide feedback to the teams and helped ensure the event's academic quality. Based on the Written Submission scores and the Regional Round Oral Pleading scores, the best 18 teams were selected to compete in the Final Oral Round in the beautiful city of Strasbourg.

This year, the Final Oral Round took place between the 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2024 and, as always, we welcomed the Teams to the Council of Europe for the Preliminary Rounds, Quarter-Final Rounds and Semi-Final Rounds and to the European Court of Human Rights for the Grand Final Round.

During these 5 days, we hosted an Opening Ceremony and an Academic Programme on the first day; the Preliminary Rounds and Mid-Ceremony on the second and third day; Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals on the fourth day; and the Grand Final on the fifth. The Grand Final was then followed by the Awards Ceremony and the Closing Reception, which also took place at the European Court of Human Rights in the Grand Hearing room and the cafeteria. You may read more about the different stages of the Competition in the following sections of this report.



*European Court of Human Rights*



## SCORING SYSTEM

The Written Submissions and the Oral Submissions are scored based on the following criteria, each weighing 25% of the final score. These criteria were:

1. **Identification of legal issues and relevant legal framework:** This ground sought to assess the team's general understanding of the case and the issues it raises.
2. **Knowledge of ECHR and relevant case law:** This ground sought to judge the extent of the team's technical ECHR knowledge.
3. **Quality of legal analysis and persuasiveness of arguments:** This ground concerned the overall persuasiveness of the team's pleadings and legal analysis.
4. **Style:** This ground addressed issues of presentation and accessibility.

The **Written Submission scores** and the **Oral Pleading scores** each comprise 50% of the overall Qualification Score.

For each criterion, the possible scores ranged between 0 (the lowest) and 40 (the highest). The Applicant/Respondent score of each Judge was calculated by adding up the points for each criterion and dividing them by 4.

The scores have been calculated in accordance with the scoring system outlined in the Appendix A. of the Rules of the Competition, as below:

### Appendix A - Calculation of Scores

The Written Submission Score shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\left(\frac{WSA1+WSA2-PA}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{WSR1+WSR2-PR}{2}\right)}{2}$$

The Regional Round Score shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\left(\frac{A1+A2+A3}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{R1+R2+R3}{3}\right)}{2}$$

The Qualification Score shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{WSS + RRS}{2}$$

The Preliminary Round Score shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\left(\frac{A1+A2+A3}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{R1+R2+R3}{3}\right)}{2}$$

## WRITTEN ROUND

The first challenge teams face in the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition is submitting their **Written Submissions**. Each team must provide two Written Submissions: one on behalf of the **Applicant** and one on behalf of the **Respondent**.

This stage is mandatory to qualify for the oral Regional Rounds. After the Regional Rounds conclude, the Written Submissions' scores are factored into the Qualification Score, which determines the top 18 teams that will advance to the Final Oral Round in Strasbourg.

For the 12<sup>th</sup> edition, 61 out of 68 teams submitted their Written Submissions by the deadline set by ELSA International on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2023. In total, 36 experts in the human rights field generously scored each Written Submission. ELSA International ensures that all submissions are scored twice by organising two stages of scoring. This year, the first round of scoring took place between the 5<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2024, and the second round between the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.

We would like to express our appreciation to: Zuzana Kovalova, Slavica Cubric, Anna Maralyan, Mihail Stojanoski, Geanina Munteanu, Jan Kratochvil, Vicki Prais, Michelle Lafferty, Kristaps Tamužs, Simon Palmer, Dmytro Tretyakov, Oana Girlescu, Ana Dangova Hug, Jeremy McBride, Ekaterina Sokur, Gulara Abdullayeva, Diana Lupu, Matylda Pogorzelska, Natalia Vorobyeva, Dovilė Gailiūtė-Janušonė, Maria Neus Torbisco-Casals, Aleksandra Meżykowska, Ayşe Dicle Ergin, Katerina Todorovska-Hummler, Maxim Timofeyev, Inga Abramavičiūtė, Francoise Tulkens, Foto Pappa, Piers Gardner, Levent Yalçın, Irina Chepaykina, Ingunn Elisabet, Maria Bendsen Pedersen, Rimante Tamulyte, Sergey Golubok, and Frances Sheahan.

Thank you for taking the time to read and score the Written Submissions of all teams. We hope you found them interesting!

The Written Submissions scores were scored in accordance with the formula that can be found in Appendix A of the Rules of the 12<sup>th</sup> HPMCC, as well as in the Scoring System part of this report. Additionally, the teams had to format their Written Submissions according to the criteria set out in the Rules of the 12<sup>th</sup> HPMCC. The ELSA International team conducted "penalty scoring", where points were deducted from the overall score for rule infractions based on the formal requirements in the Rules. This is marked as PA (Penalty Applicant) and PR (Penalty Respondent).

The average scores from each of the Written Submission judges are demonstrated below, however for a more detailed breakdown of the points awarded for each of the categories, please click [here](#).

Team No.	Applicant				Respondent				Total WS Score
	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	PA	Avarage Complainant	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	PR	Avarage Respondent	
1	27.00	30.00	1	28.000	37.00	24.00	1	30.000	29.000
2	26.75	30.75	0	28.750	30.00	18.00	0	24.000	26.375
3	24.00	23.50	0	23.750	37.25	31.50	0	34.375	29.063
4	33.25	25.00	2	28.125	25.00	28.75	2.5	25.625	26.875
5	34.00	11.75	0.5	22.625	25.00	26.00	0.5	25.250	23.938
6	14.50	27.50	0	21.000	31.00	36.00	0	33.500	27.250
7	32.50	32.50	0	32.500	34.00	24.25	0	29.125	30.813
8	29.00	32.75	0.5	30.625	19.25	31.25	0.5	25.000	27.813
9	35.00	27.50	0	31.250	26.00	31.25	0	28.625	29.938
10	28.75	37.50	0	33.125	30.50	33.50	0	32.000	32.563
11	35.00	20.00	0	27.500	31.00	33.75	0	32.375	29.938
12	35.00	23.00	0	29.000	25.50	36.00	0	30.750	29.875
13	34.00	28.25	0	31.125	31.25	32.00	0	31.625	31.375
14	35.75	27.50	0	31.625	27.00	33.25	0	30.125	30.875
15	25.50	34.50	0	30.000	36.00	27.50	0	31.750	30.875
16	38.50	36.75	0.5	37.375	18.00	37.50	0	27.750	32.563
17	18.50	26.50	1	22.000	31.25	30.50	1.5	30.125	26.063
18	13.25	16.00	0.5	14.375	23.75	24.50	0.5	23.875	19.125
19	11.50	N/A	3	8.500	9.25	N/A	2	7.250	7.875
21	35.00	18.75	0	26.875	15.00	32.50	0	23.750	25.313
22	23.50	28.75	0.5	25.875	33.75	33.75	0.5	33.500	29.688
23	33.00	27.25	0	30.125	18.75	20.00	0.5	19.125	24.625
24	29.25	35.00	0.5	31.875	33.75	20.25	0.5	26.750	29.313
25	36.00	30.75	0.5	33.125	25.00	33.50	0.5	29.000	31.063
26	31.50	N/A	1	30.500	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
27	35.75	38.00	1	36.375	29.75	31.25	0.5	30.250	33.313
28	24.25	24.75	1	24.000	20.25	37.50	0.5	28.625	26.313
29	30.50	33.25	0.5	31.625	35.00	19.00	0.5	26.750	29.188
30	28.50	19.75	1.5	23.375	21.75	30.50	1.5	25.375	24.375
31	32.50	34.50	0.5	33.250	24.50	16.00	0.5	20.000	26.625
32	27.00	19.25	1	22.625	34.00	31.25	1	32.125	27.375
34	40.00	20.25	1	29.625	34.00	37.25	0.5	35.375	32.500
35	30.50	16.25	1.5	22.625	30.50	19.50	1.5	24.250	23.438
36	36.25	34.00	1	34.625	32.00	28.25	0.5	29.875	32.250
38	29.50	N/A	1.5	28.000	12.00	N/A	0.5	11.500	19.750
39	25.00	20.00	1	22.000	32.00	31.00	0.5	31.250	26.625
40	38.00	32.25	0	35.125	29.25	33.50	0.5	31.125	33.125
41	29.50	35.75	0.5	32.375	29.50	29.75	0	29.625	31.000
42	34.00	20.00	3.5	25.250	18.00	11.25	3.5	12.875	19.063
43	38.25	N/A	0.5	37.750	35.75	N/A	1	34.750	36.250
44	31.00	30.25	1	30.125	36.00	39.00	0	37.500	33.813
46	15.25	31.75	0.5	23.250	27.25	33.50	0.5	30.125	26.688
47	32.00	36.50	0	34.250	21.50	29.75	0	25.625	29.938
48	23.75	16.75	3	18.750	10.25	9.75	3.5	8.250	13.500
49	27.50	25.75	0.5	26.375	35.00	36.00	1.5	34.750	30.563
50	31.50	35.25	0	33.375	25.00	30.25	0	27.625	30.500
52	35.00	35.25	2.5	33.875	35.25	20.50	2.5	26.625	30.250
53	35.00	N/A	0.5	34.500	27.25	N/A	0	27.250	30.875
54	16.25	8.00	1	11.625	10.00	15.00	1	12.000	11.813
55	39.00	39.50	0	39.250	29.00	33.75	0	31.375	35.313
56	30.25	15.50	0.5	22.625	37.00	9.75	0	23.375	23.000
57	20.00	24.25	0.5	21.875	17.50	10.50	0.5	13.750	17.813
58	29.25	26.00	1	27.125	33.50	26.25	1	29.375	28.250
59	28.75	28.25	0.5	28.250	21.75	26.00	0	23.875	26.063
61	29.50	35.50	0.5	32.250	33.25	27.25	0	30.250	31.250
62	27.25	40.00	0.5	33.375	19.00	38.25	0	28.625	31.000
64	19.75	N/A	2	17.750	18.75	N/A	1	17.750	17.750
65	28.25	31.50	0.5	29.625	34.25	38.50	1.5	35.625	32.625
66	32.25	32.00	0.5	31.875	29.75	27.50	0.5	28.375	30.125
67	23.75	34.00	1	28.375	33.75	13.50	1	23.125	25.750
68	33.50	16.50	0.5	24.750	33.50	35.75	0.5	34.375	29.563

## REGIONAL ROUNDS

Teams that submitted their Written Submissions on time advanced to the second stage of the competition: the Regional Rounds. Here, they presented their legal arguments orally before a panel of three human rights experts.

The scores from the Regional Rounds contribute 50% of the Qualification Score for the Final Oral Round. A total of 54 teams participated in one of three Regional Rounds, assigned randomly. These rounds took place in Ankara, Türkiye; St. Gallen, Switzerland; and Dublin, Ireland, in February 2024. Each Regional Round spanned three days, beginning with an Opening Ceremony, followed by two days of Oral Pleadings. Additionally, all rounds featured a rich cultural and social program designed to facilitate networking among the teams. This aspect is particularly significant as it aligns with ELSA's goal of promoting mutual understanding and friendship among law students across Europe.

The Regional Rounds concluded with an Awards Ceremony on the evening of the third and final day, where prizes were awarded for the Best Team and the Best Orator of each Regional Round. Each Regional Round also recognized the team that best embodied the ELSA spirit, honouring those who displayed good sportsmanship, adherence to ELSA's philosophy, and a genuine interest in building connections across Europe. Additional awards were given at the discretion of the Regional Round Organisers in collaboration with ELSA International.





## REGIONAL ROUND ANKARA

### ABOUT THE REGIONAL ROUND

The first Regional Round of the 12<sup>th</sup> HPMCC was organised by ELSA Ankara from the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. A total of 14 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round: Maastricht University Faculty of Law (the Netherlands), Comenius University in Bratislava (Slovakia), University of Cologne (Germany), Democritus University Of Thrace (Greece), Istanbul Bilgi University (Türkiye), Università degli studi di Milano-Bicocca (Italy), Università di Trento (Italy), Faculté Libre de Droit of the Université Catholique de Lille (France), Charles University (Czech Republic) Tilburg University (the Netherlands), Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University (Türkiye), Trnava University (Slovakia), Vilnius University (Lithuania), University of Oslo (Norway).

The Regional Round Ankara was supported by 21 judges and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Ali Dursun Ulusoy, Ali Ersoy Kontacı, Aysu Gül Yılmaz, Ayşe Dicle Ergin, Barkın Özyurt, Burcu Baytemir Kontacı, Cemre Belçim Gölbaşı, Elif Oral, Elvin Evrim Dalkılıç, Eylül Kabakçı, Gülriz Uygur, Hasan Ali Güçlü, Hediye Gökçe Baykal, Larry White, Nezahat Doğan Demiray, Seda Dunbay, Semih Ecer, Serkan Köybaşı, Tuğçe Duygu Köksal, Zehra Odyakmaz, Zeynep Dilara Berberoğlu.

### AN ORGANISER'S PERSPECTIVE

Organising one of the Regional Rounds of 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition was a truly satisfying and unique experience. For that, we would like to thank ELSA International for trusting us and appointing us to one of the Regional Round hosts to organise this prestigious moot court competition.

14 Teams all over Europe gathered in Ankara between 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> February to participate in the Regional Round Ankara of 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition. On 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, ELSA Ankara was delighted to welcome all of the Teams who came to our beautiful capital. The pleadings, opening and closing ceremonies were held in Bilkent University.

The first day of the Regional Round started with registration of Teams. After the registration, the Regional Round continued with the Opening Ceremony. Opening ceremony started with the opening speeches, then an overview and agenda of the Regional Round Ankara was introduced to the teams followed by the introduction of the Code of Conduct of ELSA. Later on, the Opening Ceremony concluded with the Drawing Ceremony. The day ended with a dinner which provided an opportunity for Teams to socialise with each other.

In the second and third days of the Regional Round, the teams had the opportunity to present their arguments both in respect of the Applicant and the Respondent. The pleadings are judged by legal experts who work in the field of human rights. After the pleading sessions on Saturday, the day concluded with dinner.

On the third and last day of the Regional Round, Closing Ceremony was held after the pleadings. Team 10 was awarded as the Best Team of the Regional Round and Fatihhan Balaban from Team 52 awarded as the Best Oralist of the Regional Round. After the Closing Ceremony, dinner was held followed by a social program with a concept which was “Red Party” that concluded the Regional Round Ankara of the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition!

Hosting one of the Regional Rounds of the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition was an amazing experience. The significance of organising the Regional Round of Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition is providing opportunity to individuals to get new connections and a chance to getting to know more about ELSA as well as the field of human rights. One can only fully understand the value of the ELSA and how important it is to contribute to it by organising an event of this magnitude. I am sure that everyone who contributed to the Regional Round had very satisfying experiences. We are happy to have had the chance to contribute to the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, and we are really proud of the outcome of the Regional Round.

We would like to express our gratitude to the judges who dedicated their time and efforts for the Regional Round. We want to thank Bilkent University and the dean of Faculty of Law Mrs. Ece Göztepe Çelebi for their help during the Regional Round. We also want to express our gratitude Mr. William Massolin and Mrs. Pınar Başpınar from Council of Europe Ankara Program Office for their help and support starting from the very early stages of the preparation of the Regional Round.

Last but not least, as the President of ELSA Ankara, I would like to use this opportunity to thank to Board of ELSA Ankara for the term of 2023/2024 and the members of the Organising Committee: Ali Fazlı Koca, Ayça Akan, Ayça Kılıç, Bersu Cengizoglu, Beyza Çakır, Bilge Hacimusalar, Deniz Hayırlı, Dilay Ünal, Ece Bektaş, Elif Sude Karsak, Evren Çetin, Eylem Sıla Ulupınar, İpek Seyhan, Mehmet Barış Yayıcı, Nisa Sakallı, Öykü Okan, Özge Kaya, Sude Selin Öksüz, Tuğçe Kocakaya, Yağız Boğoçlu, Yaren Bahadır, Yıldırım Can Soylu, Zeynep Irmak. It would not be easy without you and I, personally, would like to thank every single one of you.

**Written by Sarp Andaç Aydın**  
**Head of the Organising Committee of the Regional Round Ankara**



*The Organising Committee of the Regional Round Ankara with representatives of ELSA International*

## RESULTS

### TEAM SCORES

The teams got the chance to plead twice - once as Applicant and once as Respondent. They were scored on their overall performance as a team by three independent human rights experts. The Regional Round scoring formula can be found in Appendix A of the Rules as well as above in the [Scoring System](#) part of this report.

Rank	Team No.	Applicant				Respondent				Total both sides
		Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Applicant	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Respondent	
1	10	30.75	38.50	39.25	36.17	33.75	36.50	33.75	34.67	35.42
2	22	37.75	36.25	32.50	35.50	33.25	38.00	30.00	33.75	34.63
3	50	35.00	38.50	35.75	36.42	30.00	31.25	36.00	32.42	34.42
4	55	35.00	34.50	34.50	34.67	35.00	30.00	33.75	32.92	33.79
5	52	28.75	36.00	30.00	31.58	30.25	34.50	35.25	33.33	32.46
6	62	34.50	25.00	28.00	29.17	27.50	36.25	36.50	33.42	31.29
7	31	30.50	32.25	30.75	31.17	32.00	29.50	30.00	30.50	30.83
8	14	37.25	37.00	35.50	36.58	27.50	21.25	26.25	25.00	30.79
9	49	30.00	28.75	30.00	29.58	29.00	31.75	34.00	31.58	30.58
10	27	30.50	27.50	32.25	30.08	19.25	34.25	39.00	30.83	30.46
11	42	22.50	15.00	31.25	22.92	31.25	31.75	28.25	30.42	26.67
12	30	19.75	20.00	22.75	20.83	25.00	31.00	29.75	28.58	24.71
13	39	17.25	20.50	19.75	19.17	29.50	31.00	30.25	30.25	24.71
14	61	16.25	20.00	23.75	20.00	29.00	30.00	32.75	30.58	25.29

Based on the Regional Round scores, **Team 10** from **Maastricht University (the Netherlands)** was awarded **Best Team Award** of the Regional Round Ankara.



## INDIVIDUAL SCORES

In addition to the team scores, each orator was also scored individually. Only those team members who pleaded as both Applicant and Respondent were eligible to compete for the Best Orator Award in the Regional Round Ankara.

The individual scores are presented in the table below:

Team No.	Team Members	Applicant				Respondent				Total both sides	Best Orator
		Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Applicant	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Respondent		
10	Maximilian Strobel	38.50	38.75	29.50	35.58					35.58	N/A
	Alysia Cloake	38.50	40.00	32.75	37.08					37.08	N/A
	Ségolène Brigode					35.75	33.75	34.00	34.50	34.50	N/A
	Nathalie Minc					37.50	36.25	33.00	35.58	35.58	N/A
14	Veronika Fatašová	35.00	36.50	32.75	34.75					34.75	N/A
	Kiana Rostami	40.00	38.00	37.25	38.42	20.00	18.75	22.50	20.42	58.84	58.84
	Vivienn Úvegesová					27.50	27.50	33.75	29.58	29.58	N/A
	Viktória Fišerová										N/A
22	Theresa Molitor	39.25	38.00	32.50	36.58					36.58	N/A
	Matthias Hermes	35.50	32.50	30.75	32.92					32.92	N/A
	Gergana Stoyanova					32.75	38.00	28.00	32.92	32.92	N/A
	Jannik Hasler					38.00	40.00	30.50	36.17	36.17	N/A
27	Olympia Chatzigianni	28.75	27.50	31.75	29.33					29.33	N/A
	Dimitris Kapai	31.50	26.25	32.75	30.17	35.50	36.00	19.00	30.17	60.34	60.34
	Georgia Asimakoy					39.50	35.50	20.50	31.83	31.83	N/A
	Bilge Ertem	19.50	21.25	23.50	21.42					21.42	N/A
30	Gülşen Süde Uzdil	20.00	20.50	20.25	20.25					20.25	N/A
	Elif Başak Çağlar					28.75	31.50	32.00	30.75	30.75	N/A
	Nil Uzunoglu					23.75	27.00	27.50	26.08	26.08	N/A
	Aldo De Cesare	29.75	30.25	33.25	31.08	31.75	32.50	31.50	31.92	63.00	63.00
31	Annalia Ferrari	31.25	31.75	29.75	30.92	25.25	31.25	26.00	27.50	58.42	58.42
	Ivan Ronchi					34.50	32.50	31.25	32.75	32.75	N/A
	Matteo Zorra	20.75	18.25	19.25	19.41	26.50	30.00	30.00	28.83	48.24	48.24
	Rosalina D'Agostino	20.75	20.75	20.00	20.50	32.75	31.50	28.00	30.75	51.25	51.25
39	Emma Picheo	20.25	16.25	20.00	18.83	32.25	30.00	28.75	30.33	49.16	49.16
	Théodora Wallis	22.50	15.00	31.25	22.92	36.25	33.00	26.50	31.92	54.84	54.84
	Léa Depart	21.25	15.00	30.00	22.08	30.00	31.50	25.25	28.92	51.00	51.00
	Lauryn Beltran	21.25	15.00	30.00	22.08	32.50	32.00	26.25	30.25	52.33	52.33
42	Georgia Hejduková	30.00	26.25	27.75	28.00	18.75	27.50	33.25	26.50	54.50	54.50
	Ema Slovákova	33.00	27.50	31.75	30.75	28.75	33.50	35.50	32.58	63.33	63.33
	Kristýna Sýkorová	30.00	26.25	31.50	29.25	28.75	30.75	34.75	31.42	60.67	60.67
	Johna Vrbová	25.00	25.00	27.25	25.75	31.25	31.75	33.00	32.00	57.75	57.75
49	Adéla Archalovsova	36.50	39.75	35.50	37.25					37.25	N/A
	Camila Carrión	31.75	39.25	34.00	35.00					35.00	N/A
	Sara Rapi					29.00	35.00	36.25	33.42	33.42	N/A
	Aruna-Carla Bot					28.00	33.25	36.50	32.58	32.58	N/A
52	Fatihhan Balaban	32.75	36.00	33.50	34.08	31.50	35.00	36.75	34.42	68.50	68.50
	Elif Gurcuoglu	27.50	34.00	24.50	28.67	29.25	32.75	30.75	30.92	59.58	59.58
	Ema Ďudáková	35.00	30.00	32.25	32.42	35.25	38.00	30.00	34.42	66.83	66.83
	Klára Bicáková	37.50	33.75	34.50	35.25					35.25	N/A
55	Enara Kõnõzsyová					31.00	33.00	33.25	32.42	32.42	N/A
	Kamilé Baranauskaitė	16.25	21.25	28.00	21.83					21.83	N/A
	Virginija Baranauskaitė	16.25	21.25	21.50	19.67					19.67	N/A
	Aneta Jasutytė					32.50	33.75	33.75	33.33	33.33	N/A
61	Paulius Matemaitis					25.50	24.25	24.75	24.83	24.83	N/A
	Carl Victor Waldenstrom	28.75	36.50	26.25	30.50	35.00	37.75	35.00	35.92	66.42	66.42
	Eline S. Fosse	18.75	37.00	20.00	25.25	39.00	35.75	32.50	35.75	61.00	61.00
	Louise M. Bardsen	25.00	22.75	34.50	27.42	28.75	35.25	27.50	30.50	57.92	57.92

\*To be eligible for the Regional Round's Best Orator Award each orator must present oral pleadings for the Applicant and the Respondent.

Based on the scores, **Fatihhan Balaban** from **Team 52** from **Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University (Türkiye)** was awarded the **Best Orator** of the Regional Round Award.

## REGIONAL ROUND ST. GALLEN

### ABOUT THE REGIONAL ROUND

The second Regional Round of the 12<sup>th</sup> HPMCC was organised by ELSA Switzerland in the city of St. Gallen from the 15th-17th February 2024. A total of 17 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round: Dublin City University (Ireland), Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Spain), University of Malta (Malta), University of Bergen (Norway), West University of Timișoara (Romania), University of Freiburg (Germany), Durham University (United Kingdom), University of Graz (Austria), Martin-Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg (Germany), University of Coimbra (Portugal), University of Antwerp (the Netherlands), IE University (Spain), Leiden University (the Netherlands), Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary), Marmara University (Türkiye), Baku State University (Azerbaijan), University of Groningen (the Netherlands).

The Regional Round St. Gallen was supported by 19 judges and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Claudio Cerqueira B. Netto, Katja Achermann, Christoph Good, Andreas Müller, Corinne Reber, Jelena Protic, Shima Esmailian, Marten Breuer, Anna Tervahartiala, Johannes Siegel, Chloé Pignolet, Severin Walz, Caroline Ehrentraut, Bohdana Ostrovska, Eckart Ehlers, Anita Goh, Nika Bruskin, Mihail Stonjanoski and Anna Maralyan for the time and expertise they contributed to the organisation and academic quality of the Regional Round St. Gallen.

### AN ORGANISER'S PERSPECTIVE

The experience of hosting a Regional Round of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition was incredibly fulfilling, where not only the participants were able to learn a lot, but also ELSA Switzerland as an organising group. It was a true pleasure to welcome 17 teams from all over Europe to the small but beautiful city of St. Gallen.

It was the first time in the history of ELSA Switzerland to host a Regional Round of one of the flagship Moot Courts of ELSA, and when we submitted our application, we knew that we would be facing challenges. This is why we began our fundraising efforts as soon as we got officially appointed. We managed to get the support of six Swiss universities and one law firm, which ensured that we would be able to cover all the costs and be ready for the three days of the Regional Round from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of February. ELSA Switzerland extends its gratitude to the University of St. Gallen, the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW), the University of Geneva, the City of St. Gallen, the Universities of Bern and Lausanne, the law firm Schellenberg Wittmer and the University of Lucerne for their contributions to making this Regional Round happen.

The other major challenge we encountered was finding enough human rights professionals to judge the pleadings of the teams. In a joint effort, the Organising Committee sent over 100 invitations, out of which 19 received a positive response. This allowed us to have three Judges in every pleading, not only from all over Switzerland but also from several other European countries. The Organising Committee greatly appreciates the engagement of the Judges present and was very happy to receive positive feedback about the Judges' experience throughout the Regional Round.

The Regional Round started with the Opening Ceremony on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 in the SQUARE Building of the University of St. Gallen. We had the honour of being welcomed by Prof. Dr. Peter Hettich, the Dean of the Law School of the University of St. Gallen. During a presentation of the Law School, he highlighted the relevance of human rights, mentioning a recent decision of the European Court of Human Rights in the case *Klimaseniorinnen v. Switzerland*, and welcomed the teams. Following the Drawing Ceremony, the participants enjoyed the “apéro riche”, and then went to enjoy a guided tour of the University of St. Gallen and the artwork exhibited all over the campus.

The next two days were dedicated to the main part of the Competition – the Oral Pleadings. Despite a more stressful start, everything went smoothly and started on time, coffee, lunch and dinner was served to everyone and our timekeepers ensured that the rules were followed. The timekeepers enjoyed this experience immensely and ELSA Switzerland is grateful for their time and efforts for the Competition. The Closing Dinner and Award Ceremony took place in the Brasserie Lokremise after the last pleadings on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February. It was a festive dinner, where the teams and the Judges were able to celebrate the conclusion of the Regional Round, especially the Award Winners. At this point, the Organising Committee also wants to thank all participants and congratulate them on their hard work and all their accomplishments.

Despite all the challenges and stressful moments, the Organising Committee and ELSA Switzerland enjoyed this experience of organising a Regional Round immensely. We would like to thank ELSA International for having entrusted us with the responsibility of hosting teams and Judges from all over Europe and for their support throughout this journey. ELSA Switzerland is honoured to have dedicated several months leading up to the Competition to ensure the best experience possible for everyone involved and it was incredibly fulfilling to listen to the participants' arguments, see them shine in the pleadings and witness new friendships being formed.

**Written by Aliena Trefny,  
Head of the Organising Committee of the Regional Round St. Gallen**



*The Organising Committee of the Regional Round St. Gallen*

## RESULTS

### TEAM SCORES

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		Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Applicant	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Respondent	
1	11	30.50	32.88	32.00	31.79	38.13	33.50	31.25	34.29	33.04
2	4	30.00	28.75	31.25	30.00	39.25	31.50	22.75	31.17	30.58
3	44	29.75	38.25	11.25	26.42	33.50	35.00	31.00	33.17	29.79
4	12	40.00	31.50	23.50	31.67	23.00	27.25	31.50	27.25	29.46
5	68	31.75	27.50	30.00	29.75	28.50	28.25	30.00	28.92	29.33
6	40	34.25	29.50	31.00	31.58	23.13	26.00	31.25	26.79	29.19
7	1	21.50	23.25	30.00	24.92	30.00	29.00	29.25	29.42	27.17
8	34	31.25	32.50	29.00	30.92	21.00	22.38	22.00	21.79	26.35
9	47	27.50	23.50	24.75	25.25	30.00	23.75	26.25	26.67	25.96
10	59	19.38	21.50	22.50	21.13	68.75	8.25	8.25	28.42	24.77
11	17	29.00	35.00	34.50	32.83	12.50	18.75	16.75	16.00	24.42
12	23	30.00	30.25	27.50	29.25	19.75	23.75	10.25	17.92	23.58
13	25	21.00	15.75	27.75	21.50	28.75	20.00	23.75	24.17	22.83
14	5	17.50	22.00	19.25	19.58	20.25	28.00	25.00	24.42	22.00
15	9	17.75	13.50	18.75	16.67	20.00	22.25	19.75	20.67	18.67
16	32	15.00	12.00	10.00	12.33	17.13	17.50	19.25	17.96	15.15
17	57	4.50	7.50	4.75	5.58	0.00	0.00	7.50	2.50	4.04

Based on the Regional Round scores, **Team 11** from **West University of Timișoara (Romania)** was awarded **Best Team Award** of the Regional Round St. Gallen.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORES

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The individual scores are presented in the table below:



Team No.	Team Members	Applicant				Respondent				Total	Best Orator
		Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total		
1	Edel Daly	19.50	21.50	25.00	22.00	27.00	27.50	27.50	27.33	49.33	49.33
	Niko Kawonczyk	23.75	25.00	35.00	27.92	31.50	30.00	31.00	33.83	61.75	61.75
	Holly Heeney										N/A
4	Carla Goicolea	26.25	25.00	25.00	25.42	38.00	23.50	21.00	27.50	52.92	52.92
	Francisco de Asis Sanz Santillán	27.50	17.50	25.00	23.33	40.00	33.00	21.25	31.42	54.75	54.75
	Elena Price Fernandez	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	30.00	23.50	31.17	71.17	71.17
	Carmen Ramos Aramburu	27.50	18.75	20.00	22.08	36.00	21.00	21.25	26.08	48.16	48.16
5	Laura Chetcuti Dimech	17.00	21.00	18.75	18.92	20.50	27.00	24.00	23.83	42.75	42.75
	Matthew Charles Zammit	17.50	23.00	20.50	20.33	20.50	29.00	24.00	24.50	44.83	44.83
9	Tonje-Malin Rhrich	18.50	12.00	13.75	14.75	18.00	15.00	12.50	15.17	29.92	29.92
	Julie Rorvik Haugan	18.00	15.00	18.75	17.25	23.00	20.00	17.25	20.08	37.33	37.33
	Marlen Rorvik Haugan	17.75	14.00	19.25	17.00	22.50	20.00	17.75	20.08	37.08	37.08
	Emma Nystad Ness	17.25	14.00	20.25	17.17	25.25	25.00	23.50	24.58	41.75	41.75
11	Anamaria-Iuliana Petcu	29.00	32.50	29.50	30.33					30.33	N/A
	Dara Nestorovici	31.00	33.25	32.00	32.08					32.08	N/A
	Andreea-Bianca Iaici					40.00	35.00	32.50	35.83	35.83	N/A
	Marin Ugnenco					35.00	31.25	28.75	31.67	31.67	N/A
12	Julian Klute	40.00	31.50	21.75	31.08					31.08	N/A
	Sarah Gouverneur	39.75	32.50	24.25	32.17					32.17	N/A
	Lucie Cherpin					23.00	26.00	32.00	27.00	27.00	N/A
	Nicole Ahn					25.00	25.75	30.75	27.17	27.17	N/A
17	Julia Berti Pereira Olea	25.75	22.50	29.75	26.00	11.50	15.50	14.25	13.75	39.75	39.75
	Harry James Botterill	31.00	40.00	35.25	35.42	14.50	24.25	17.50	18.75	54.17	54.17
	Nargis Babar	30.75	38.75	35.75	35.08	12.50	17.25	16.50	15.42	50.50	50.50
23	Sophia Urban	30.00	28.50	28.75	29.08	21.25	23.75	10.50	18.50	47.58	47.58
	Alexandra Sameno	30.00	31.50	27.50	29.67	18.00	21.25	10.00	16.42	46.09	46.09
25	Marc-Lukas Markhoff	20.50	15.50	27.00	21.00	26.50	17.25	20.00	21.17	42.17	42.17
	Theodora Leithold	22.25	13.75	28.25	21.42	27.50	20.50	28.75	25.58	47.00	47.00
	Hannah Spittler	23.50	17.75	28.25	23.17	28.75	19.50	26.25	24.83	48.00	48.00
	Hannah Sommer	19.50	18.75	26.25	21.50	33.75	25.25	29.50	29.50	51.00	51.00
32	António Moraes Teixeira	10.00	12.75	15.00	12.58					12.58	N/A
	Filipe Ferreira Guimarães Souza e Silva	9.50	9.50	11.25	10.08					10.08	N/A
	Francisco Moreira Machado Cavalcanti					12.50	20.00	17.00	16.50	16.50	N/A
	Luiz Francisco Cavalcanti Sobreira dos Anjos					21.75	10.00	21.00	17.58	17.58	N/A
34	Mohamed-Nour Dardaba	28.75	27.50	25.25	27.17					27.17	N/A
	Joely Thompson	28.75	32.50	28.75	30.00					30.00	N/A
	Roxanne Rouffart					21.25	22.50	21.75	21.83	21.83	N/A
	Baptiste Watillon					21.00	21.25	22.75	21.67	21.67	N/A
40	Jasmin Kaur Klein	29.25	32.25	27.00	29.50					29.50	N/A
	Alexia Collot d'Escury Ariza	29.75	36.00	30.25	32.00					32.00	N/A
	Cecilia Nakao					27.00	26.00	36.25	29.75	29.75	N/A
	Louiza Apostolidi					19.25	26.25	31.25	25.58	25.58	N/A
44	Anna Maria Puigdemonts Triadó	30.50	37.50	13.50	27.17					27.17	N/A
	Mohammad Mishal	28.00	37.50	9.75	25.08					25.08	N/A
	Irmak Akcebe					33.00	35.00	33.75	33.92	33.92	N/A
	Ilka Rodriguez Delgado					30.50	35.00	32.25	32.58	32.58	N/A
47	Eszter Pribula	25.25	28.00	30.75	28.00					28.00	N/A
	Denes Domonkos Bereczki	16.75	20.75	22.25	19.92					19.92	N/A
	Balazs Domonkos Bagi					30.00	20.00	22.50	24.17	24.17	N/A
	Zsigmond Zoltan Wein					31.25	27.50	30.00	29.58	29.58	N/A
57	Murathan Kocaman	4.25	6.25	4.75	5.08					5.08	N/A
	Hilal Ögünlü	4.75	11.25	4.00	6.67					6.67	N/A
	Taha Kaygusuz					0.00	0.00	5.00	1.67	1.67	N/A
	Ata Kaplan					1.00	1.25	7.50	3.25	3.25	N/A
59	Madina Tahirli	21.25	21.25	19.00	20.50	9.00	23.75	7.00	13.25	33.75	33.75
	Elmira Sadigzada	17.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	8.00	10.00	5.50	7.83	28.66	28.66
	Aydan Karimli	12.50	18.00	13.00	14.50	8.00	26.25	9.00	14.42	28.92	28.92
	Azada Mammadzada	26.25	24.75	27.50	26.17	8.00	22.50	8.00	12.58	38.75	38.75
68	Iurie Patrichev	31.00	27.25	27.50	28.58	25.00	23.50	31.25	26.58	55.16	55.16
	Rachel Deasy	32.50	30.00	27.50	30.00	33.00	32.00	20.25	28.42	58.42	58.42
	Filip Ioan Săftoiu										N/A

\*To be eligible for the Regional Round's Best Orator Award each orator must present oral pleadings for the Applicant and the Respondent.

Based on the scores, **Elena Price Fernandez** from Team 4 from **Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Spain)** was awarded the **Best Orator** of the Regional Round Award.

## REGIONAL ROUND DUBLIN

### ABOUT THE REGIONAL ROUND

The third and final Regional Round of the 12<sup>th</sup> HPMCC took place in Dublin, Ireland from the 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. A total of 21 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round: Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine), Zurich University of Applied Sciences (Switzerland), Vienna University of Economics and Business (Austria), Freie Universität Berlin (Germany) Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" (Bulgaria), University of Trieste (Italy), University of Passau (Germany), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), University of Wrocław (Poland), UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles (Belgium), Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (Bulgaria), Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (Poland), University of Birmingham (United Kingdom), ESADE, Ramon Llull University (Spain), Utrecht University (the Netherlands), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece), Birmingham City University (United Kingdom), City Law School (United Kingdom), Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Católica Global School of Law (Portugal), The Honorable Society of King's Inn (Ireland), The Inns of Court College of Advocacy (United Kingdom).

The Regional Round Dublin was supported by 25 judges and we would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of this event. To the judges, who have given their time and expertise to evaluate participants' arguments and to provide invaluable feedback: Noeline Blackwell, Stephen Carruthers, Marie-Luce Paris, Havva Yesil, Grace Tierney, Nuala Egan, Gene Carolan, Michael Finucane, Karen Kilraine, Niamh Harnett, Gary Lee, Alex Casey, Dmytro Tretyakov, Christiane Ahlborn, Ashimedua Okonkwo, Thamil V. Anathavinayagan, Anna Maralyan, Stephen Brittain, Ekaterina Sokur, Dovilė Gailiūtė-Janušonė, James O'Reilly, Bohdana Ostrovska, Foto Pappa, Stephanie Fitzpatrick, Ingunn Markusdottir.



## AN ORGANISER'S PERSPECTIVE

It was a true honour to host the Dublin Regional Round of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, Ireland's largest Moot Court since the COVID-19 Pandemic. The organising committee and I were extremely lucky to be a part of it. The competition was of extremely high standard and overall was a huge success. The participant feedback was exceptional, for many of them it was the largest, most competitive moot court they have competed in. For me personally, I acquired a wide range of knowledge in regard to how a moot court is run, the efforts involved, and also the ability to work as a team. While being a part of the organising committee, I made new friends and connections, above all else, we had fun! I am proud of myself and the rest of the organising committee for the hard work and our ability to rise to any challenge. HPMCC has given me more confidence in myself, my skills and knowledge. It was truly an honour to collaborate with such an exceptional team. Despite the weekend presenting its challenges, our committee's outstanding skills were pivotal in ensuring the competition's success.

Written by Grainne Honer  
Head of the Organising Committee of the Regional Round Dublin



*The Organising Committee of the Regional Round Dublin with representatives of ELSA International*

## RESULTS

### TEAM SCORES

The teams had the opportunity to plead twice, once as the Applicant and once as the Respondent. Their overall performance was evaluated by three independent human rights experts. The scoring formula for the Regional Rounds is detailed in Appendix A of the Rules of the 12<sup>th</sup> HPMCC.

The table below provides the team scores:

Rank	Team No.	Applicant				Respondent				Total
		Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Applicant	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Respondent	
1	24	35.00	35.00	34.75	34.92	33.00	33.50	33.75	33.42	34.17
2	13	29.50	33.00	32.50	31.67	35.50	36.50	37.00	36.33	34.00
3	36	33.75	33.00	33.25	33.33	32.50	32.25	36.00	33.58	33.46
4	35	37.25	39.25	32.75	36.42	28.00	33.25	29.13	30.13	33.27
5	29	32.50	32.00	38.00	34.17	31.75	31.75	32.50	32.00	33.08
6	6	30.75	32.00	36.00	32.92	33.00	32.25	34.00	33.08	33.00
7	16	35.75	34.75	35.00	35.17	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	32.08
8	7	30.00	30.00	31.75	30.58	31.50	31.25	37.50	33.42	32.00
9	67	30.00	38.00	31.00	33.00	29.50	28.50	30.25	29.42	31.21
10	8	25.50	28.38	31.25	28.38	34.00	33.75	30.50	32.75	30.56
11	15	28.25	29.00	28.50	28.58	31.75	31.75	33.25	32.25	30.42
12	65	35.00	22.75	22.25	26.67	31.75	33.50	32.75	32.67	29.67
13	21	22.50	30.25	31.00	27.92	32.00	30.00	31.00	31.00	29.46
14	41	29.50	30.50	25.75	28.58	29.00	28.00	30.00	29.00	28.79
15	56	25.00	27.00	31.75	27.92	29.00	30.25	26.00	28.42	28.17
16	46	23.25	30.00	27.50	26.92	29.75	30.00	30.00	29.92	28.42
17	28	26.00	24.50	32.75	27.75	28.25	29.75	26.25	28.08	27.92
18	2	26.50	24.75	30.25	27.17	24.75	30.50	29.00	28.08	27.63
19	48	30.25	30.25	30.25	30.25	17.25	27.00	28.00	24.08	27.17
20	3	30.50	30.00	27.75	29.42	22.75	12.25	22.00	19.00	24.21
21	18	25.50	24.50	22.00	24.00	21.75	24.75	26.75	24.42	24.21

Based on the Regional Round scores, **Team 24** from the **Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (Bulgaria)** was awarded **Best Team Award** of the Regional Round Dublin.

### INDIVIDUAL SCORES

In addition to the team scores, each orator was also scored individually. Only those team members who pleaded as both Applicant and Respondent were eligible to compete for the Best Orator Award in the Regional Round Dublin.

The individual scores are presented in the table below:

Team No.	Team Members	Applicant				Respondent				Total	Best Orator*
		Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Applicant	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Respondent		
2	Myroslava Kalynovska	28.00	32.00	26.25	28.75	25.00	33.00	26.75	28.25	57.00	57.00
	Olha Sinhaievska	24.75	24.50	23.00	24.08	27.76	32.00	28.75	29.50	53.58	53.58
3	Shkelqim Zeneli	28.75	30.00	30.00	29.58	31.25	12.75	21.00	21.67	25.63	25.63
	Deborah Lussihwet Alem	28.00	30.25	29.50	29.25	27.50	10.50	22.50	20.17	24.71	24.71
	Caspar Samuel Fingerhuth	27.25	28.75	29.25	28.42	29.50	13.50	24.25	22.42	25.42	25.42
	Andrina Marugg	28.25	29.75	29.50	29.17	21.50	10.00	17.75	16.42	22.80	22.80
	Tina Zachs	30.75	32.75	32.50	32.00					32.00	N/A
6	Alexander Lakatha	30.75	32.50	37.00	33.42					33.42	N/A
	Alexander Rieger					33.00	31.50	33.25	22.58	22.58	N/A
	Paula Kampits					33.00	32.50	33.25	32.92	32.92	N/A
	Adrian Loeprick	30.00	30.00	32.75	30.92	30.00	31.75	38.00	33.25	64.17	64.17
7	Anna Golubeva	30.00	30.75	28.50	29.75	29.75	30.00	30.50	30.08	59.83	24.71
	Leon Bromand	30.25	28.75	33.00	30.67	31.25	29.25	34.50	31.67	62.34	25.42
	Moritz Düwel	30.25	28.00	30.25	29.50	32.00	30.25	37.00	33.08	62.58	22.80
	Diyana Parparova	26.25	27.50	31.25	28.33					28.33	N/A
8	Dobrina Tsokova	24.75	29.50	30.25	28.17					28.17	N/A
	Ralina Dimitrova					33.00	32.25	33.00	32.75	32.75	N/A
	Miroslava Boeva					34.74	34.50	36.26	35.17	35.17	N/A
	Francesca Colacioppo	30.50	36.25	33.00	33.25					33.25	N/A
13	Giulia Maio	27.50	29.75	30.75	29.33					29.33	N/A
	Chiara Gisinti					35.25	37.25	36.00	36.17	36.17	N/A
	Antonella Losavio					35.25	36.75	35.75	35.92	35.92	N/A
	Emma Dorothea Hermann	27.25	29.00	27.25	27.83					27.83	N/A
15	Anna Elisabeth Baumann	28.00	29.00	28.75	28.58					28.58	N/A
	Pia Johanna Stehr					31.75	32.50	31.75	32.00	32.00	N/A
	Amelie Schober					31.50	30.75	31.50	31.50	31.50	N/A
	Maja Kalin	33.00	33.50	34.00	33.50					33.50	N/A
16	Luka Držić	36.00	35.25	36.00	35.75					35.75	N/A
	Flora Hawlina					27.00	29.00	30.50	28.83	28.83	N/A
	Mark Savinšek					30.00	29.00	29.00	29.33	29.33	N/A
	Jędrzej Sieradzki	24.75	23.50	21.50	23.25	22.00	26.00	27.75	25.25	48.50	48.50
18	Aleksandra Sobkiewicz	25.00	25.50	22.00	24.17	21.50	21.50	26.50	23.17	47.34	24.71
	Amelie Jacob	24.50	30.25	30.25	28.33					28.33	N/A
	Elena Fernández Mas	24.50	29.75	30.25	28.17					28.17	N/A
	Elisa Lubicz					32.25	30.25	31.75	31.42	31.42	N/A
21	Léna Duthoit					30.25	29.50	30.00	29.92	29.92	N/A
	Albena Dzhambazova	32.50	31.50	34.75	32.92					32.92	N/A
	Zhanin Al-Shargabi	37.00	35.00	36.25	36.08	32.75	32.50	33.00	32.75	68.83	68.83
	Eduard Kain					32.50	33.50	33.75	33.25	33.25	N/A
28	Olga Kadukowska	26.50	26.25	32.75	28.50					28.50	N/A
	Anna Mliczek	26.00	25.50	32.75	28.08	28.50	31.00	25.50	28.33	56.41	56.41
	Weronika Mielewczyk					28.75	27.75	27.00	27.83	27.83	N/A
	Maksymilian Duszkiewicz					26.75	27.25	26.25	26.75	26.75	N/A
29	Rachel Lok	32.50	30.75	32.00	31.75	32.25	30.50	31.50	31.42	63.17	63.17
	Kosta Lovato	32.50	30.50	36.50	33.17					33.17	N/A
	Ranvir Raj					31.25	30.00	33.00	31.42	31.42	N/A
	Helena Durbán Batllori	36.25	40.00	32.25	36.17					36.17	N/A
35	Aina Palmada Margarit	36.75	34.75	31.50	34.33	27.75	32.75	29.00	29.83	64.16	64.16
	Cristina Calvo Marín					28.25	3375.00	29.25	30.42	30.42	N/A
	Inés Cirera de Tudela										N/A
	Sophie Finegan	34.00	34.00	33.50	33.83					33.83	N/A
36	Gaia Zoboli	32.75	32.50	33.25	32.83					32.83	N/A
	Andrea Di Maio					32.50	29.50	29.75	30.58	30.58	N/A
	Paula Rodríguez Padilla					32.50	35.50	35.00	34.33	34.33	N/A
	Michail Efstathios Vidiniotis Mastoras	29.25	31.00	25.25	28.50	28.75	29.50	30.00	29.42	57.92	57.92
41	Ioannis Panos	29.50	30.00	26.25	28.58	29.25	29.00	30.00	29.42	58.00	58.00
	Nathan Lynas	24.00	34.75	28.25	29.00	28.25	28.25	28.25	28.25	57.25	57.25
46	Kimberley Ditchfield	21.50	22.50	27.75	23.99	33.00	33.25	33.50	33.25	57.24	57.24
	Maria Klatte	29.00	29.25	29.25	29.17					29.17	N/A
	India Needs	32.25	32.25	32.50	32.33					32.33	N/A
	Faisal Ali					12.50	25.75	26.75	21.67	21.67	N/A
48	Tjun Yi Lum					20.25	28.50	29.75	26.17	26.17	N/A
	Marie Botte	23.25	27.75	31.50	27.50	26.25	26.00	22.75	25.00	52.50	52.50
	Srishagon Abraham	27.50	28.75	33.75	30.00	29.25	31.25	29.00	29.83	59.83	59.83
	Zipporah Verick Augustine										N/A
65	Séamus Small	34.50	18.50	20.00	24.33					24.33	N/A
	Leigh Brosnan	35.25	24.50	24.25	28.00					28.00	N/A
	Oisín Mag Fhógartaigh					32.25	31.75	32.75	32.25	32.25	N/A
	Ciara McLoughlin					29.50	32.50	32.75	31.58	31.58	N/A
67	Raphael Hardy	30.00	33.00	28.75	30.58					30.58	N/A
	Victoria Bradshaw	30.00	36.00	34.00	33.33					33.33	N/A
	Jess Wallis					29.50	26.75	28.25	28.17	28.17	N/A
	Seth Cox					30.50	30.50	32.25	30.83	30.83	N/A

\*To be eligible for the Regional Round's Best Orator Award each orator must present oral pleadings for the Applicant and the Respondent.

Based on the scores, **Zhanin** Al-Shargabi, Team 24 from **Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (Bulgaria)** was awarded the **Best Orator** of the Regional Round Award.



## QUALIFICATION SCORES

Based on their scores in the Written Submissions and the Regional Rounds, each weighing 50% of the Qualification Score, in accordance with provision 5.4 of the Rules of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, 18 teams were selected for the Final Oral Round. The Rules provide the following guidance on the selection of the qualifying Teams:

### "5.4. Qualification to the Final Oral Round

18 Teams that qualify to the Final Oral Round shall be determined as follows:

- a) **12 of these 18 Teams shall be selected based on their Qualification Score proportionally to the number of Teams at the Regional Rounds. The number of Teams qualifying from each Regional Round will correspond to the number of Teams at that Regional Round as a percentage of the overall number of Teams participating in Regional Rounds. Where that percentage results in a number of Teams which is not a whole number, ELSA International shall exercise its discretion in the final determination of the number of teams qualifying from each Regional Round.**
- b) **ELSA International shall create a unified list of the Teams from all Regional Rounds based on their Qualification Scores excluding the qualified 12 Teams under Rule 1.3.4 (a). The remaining 6 Teams qualifying to the Final Oral Round shall be the Teams with the highest Qualification Scores based on this list.**
- c) *The Qualification Score shall be calculated in accordance with Rule 8.2.5, according to the formula in Appendix A of the Rules of the 12<sup>th</sup> HPMCC."*

Based on the above:

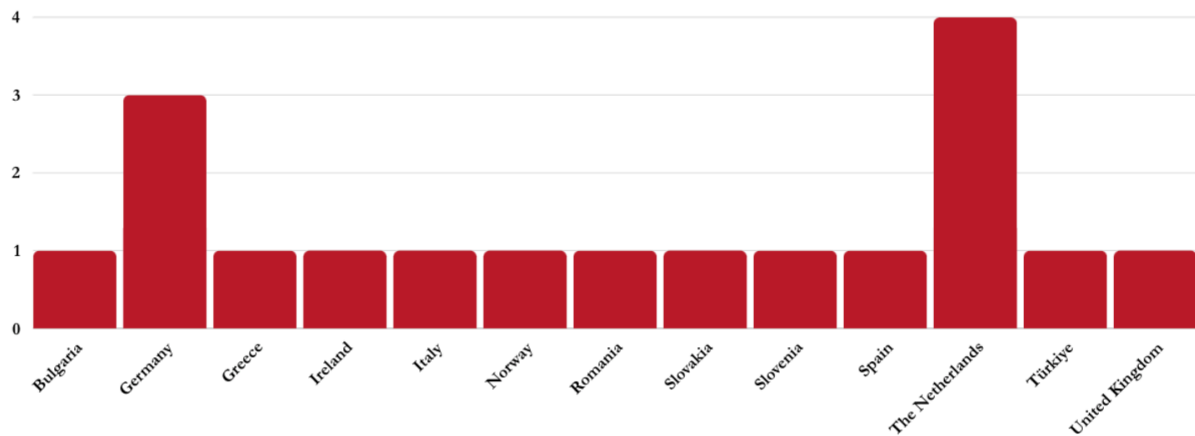
- a) **12 out of the 18 Teams:**
  - i) 3 out of the 12 Teams qualified from Regional Round Ankara (corresponding to the overall number of Teams in that Regional Round being 14)
  - ii) 4 out of the 12 Teams qualified from Regional Round St. Gallen (corresponding to the overall number of Teams in that Regional Round being 17)
  - iii) 5 out of the 12 Teams qualified from Regional Round Dublin (corresponding to the overall number of Teams in that Regional Round being 21)
- b) **The remaining 6 Teams qualifying to the Final Oral Round came from:**
  - i) Ankara (4 Teams)
  - ii) Dublin (2 Teams)

Please find the qualifying scores in the table below:

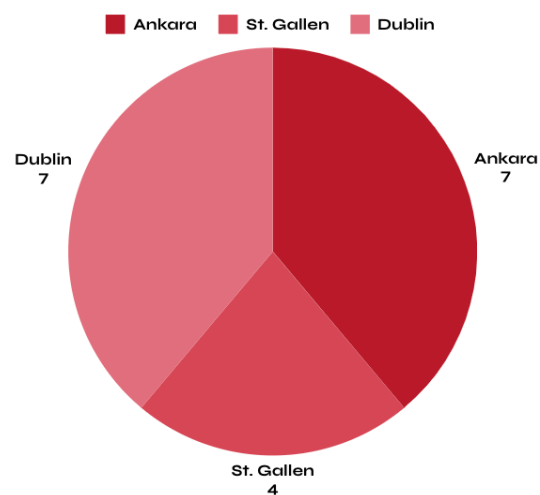
Rank	Team No.	Regional Round	Regional Round Score	Written Submission score	Qualification Scores
1	55	Ankara	33.79	35.31	34.55
2	10	Ankara	35.42	32.56	33.99
3	36	Dublin	33.46	32.25	32.86
4	13	Dublin	34.00	31.38	32.69
5	50	Ankara	34.42	30.50	32.46
6	16	Dublin	32.08	32.56	32.32
7	27	Ankara	30.46	33.31	31.88
8	44	St. Gallen	29.79	33.81	31.80
9	22	Ankara	34.63	28.88	31.75
10	24	Dublin	34.17	29.31	31.74
11	11	St. Gallen	33.04	29.94	31.49
12	7	Dublin	32.00	30.81	31.41
13	52	Ankara	32.46	30.25	31.35
14	40	St. Gallen	29.19	33.13	31.16
15	65	Dublin	29.67	32.63	31.15
16	62	Ankara	31.29	31.00	31.15
17	29	Dublin	33.08	29.19	31.14
18	14	Ankara	30.79	30.88	30.84
19	15	Dublin	30.42	30.88	30.65
20	49	Ankara	30.58	30.56	30.57
21	6	Dublin	33.00	27.25	30.13
22	41	Dublin	28.79	31.00	29.90
23	12	St. Gallen	29.46	29.88	29.67
24	68	St. Gallen	29.33	29.56	29.45
25	34	St. Gallen	26.35	32.50	29.43
26	8	Dublin	30.56	27.81	29.19
27	31	Ankara	30.83	26.63	28.73
28	4	St. Gallen	30.58	26.88	28.73
29	67	Dublin	31.21	25.75	28.48
30	35	Dublin	33.27	23.44	28.36
31	61	Ankara	25.29	31.25	28.27
32	1	St. Gallen	27.17	29.00	28.08
33	47	St. Gallen	25.96	29.94	27.95
34	46	Dublin	28.42	26.69	27.56
35	21	Dublin	29.46	25.31	27.39
36	28	Dublin	27.92	26.31	27.12
37	2	Dublin	27.63	26.38	27.01
38	25	St. Gallen	22.83	31.06	26.95
39	3	Dublin	24.21	29.06	26.64
40	39	Ankara	24.71	26.63	25.67
41	56	Dublin	28.17	23.00	25.59
42	59	St. Gallen	24.77	26.060	25.42
43	17	St. Gallen	24.42	26.06	25.24
44	30	Ankara	24.71	24.38	24.54
45	9	St. Gallen	18.67	29.94	24.30
46	23	St. Gallen	23.58	24.63	24.11
47	5	St. Gallen	22.00	23.94	22.97
48	42	Ankara	26.67	19.06	22.86
49	18	Dublin	24.21	19.13	21.67
50	32	St. Gallen	15.15	27.38	21.26
51	48	Dublin	27.17	13.50	20.34
52	57	St. Gallen	4.04	17.81	10.93

## HANDFUL OF STATISTICS

### Represented Countries



### Qualifying Teams by Regional Round



## FINAL ORAL ROUND

The Final Oral Round of the 12<sup>th</sup> Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition gathered teams from all over Europe in Strasbourg, France, between the 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2024. As per tradition, the Final Oral Round took place in the Palais de l'Europe, with the Grand Final taking place in the European Court of Human Rights.

On the first day, we welcomed the teams to the Palais de l'Europe to register and attend the Academic Programme. For the programme we had the honour of welcoming Mrs Yasemin ÇAĞ - lawyer, Head of section at the Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law from the Execution of the judgements of the ECHR. The topic of discussion was "Execution of ECtHR Judgements" which was followed by a Q&A. We would like to thank Mrs Yasemin ÇAĞ for accepting our invitation and for engaging with the students.



*Mrs Yasemin ÇAĞ - lawyer, Head of section at the Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law from the Execution of the judgements of the ECHR and the participants of the Academic Programme*



After the Academic Programme, we made our way to the Dutch Residency. On behalf of the winning team of the past 11<sup>th</sup> edition, the Opening Ceremony was graciously hosted by the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and was opened by Ms Tanja Gonggrijp, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. During the Ceremony, ELSA International conducted a draw to determine the pleading order of the teams for the Preliminary Rounds. Thank you again to the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for your hospitality.



*Ms Tanja Gonggrijp, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Maciej Łodziński, Head of the Organising Committee, Participants during the Opening Ceremony*

For the second and third day of the Final Oral Round, the Preliminary Rounds took place where all of the qualified teams pleaded once on behalf of each party - Applicant and Respondent - before a 3-members Bench. As a result of the scores of the Preliminary Rounds, 8 Teams qualified for the Quarter-Finals.



*Participants during the Pleadings during Preliminary Rounds*

On the third day, the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, all participants were invited to the Mid-Ceremony organised by the City of Strasbourg in the City Hall. The Mid-Ceremony was opened by the speech of the Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg, Ms Marina Lafay, and we wish to express our thanks for welcoming us to the great Hôtel de Ville de Strasbourg.



*Interior and exterior of the City Hall of the City of Strasbourg, Ms Marina Lafay, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg delivering the welcome address*

The speech was followed by the announcement of the Teams that qualified for the Quarter Finals. The evening was then followed by a dinner at Restaurant Au Point Saint-Martin.



*On the left: Representatives of the eight Teams qualifying for the Quarter-Finals, on the right: coin toss to determine the sides on which the Teams will plead the next day.*



The fourth day of the Final Oral Round started with the Quarter Finals, and after the lunch break and the second round of Quarter-Finals, the Semi-Finalists were announced by ELSA International.



*Team 62 - one of the Semi-Finalists of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition celebrating (on the left), ELSA International's "Helga Team", responsible for the project (on the right)*

After the announcement, the Semi-Finals took place. Team performances were then evaluated by the Benches consisting of 7 esteemed Judges. After the Semi-Finals, all Teams gathered in Room 1. For the announcement of the Grand Finalists on Friday.



*On the left: One of the Semi-Final Benches of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition, on the right: representatives of the Teams advancing to the Grand Final - Team 29 and Team 10*

For the evening, all teams gathered for dinner at Restaurant "La Vie", where Participants as well as Judges were invited to meet and network.

Finally, on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, after lunch at the Conseil de l'Europe, Judges, Permanent Representations representatives, and eliminated Teams gathered in the European Court of Human Rights in the Grand Chamber Hearing room to cheer on the two finalist Teams who plead in front of a Bench consisting of 9 members: Mr Erik Wennerström acting Swedish Judge of the of the European Court of Human Rights, President of the Grand Final Bench, Mr Davor Derenčinović acting Croatian Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Mr Armen Harutyunyan acting Armenian Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Ms Kateřina Šimáčková acting Czech Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Ms Zuzana Kovalova, Case Author of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition, Ms Natalia Vorobyeva, Ms Ekaterina Sokur, Mr Dmytro Tretyakov, Ms Anna Austin.



*The Grand Final Bench in the Grand Hearing Room of the European Court of Human Rights, from the left: Ms Ekaterina Sokur, Mr Dmytro Tretyakov, Ms Anna Austin, Judge Kateřina Šimáčková, Judge Erik Wennerström, Judge Armen Harutyunyan, Judge Davor Derenčinović, Ms Zuzana Kovalova, Ms Natalia Vorobyeva*

After the deliberation and calculations of the outstanding scores, the Closing and Award Ceremony were held in the Grand Hearing Room of the Court. The Ceremony was opened by Ms Sophie Lobey, from the Directorate for Communications of the Council of Europe, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe. Thereafter, welcoming addresses by Ambassador Andrius Krivas from Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Ministers' Deputies and Judge Erik Wennerström, President of the Grand Final Bench were delivered.



*Welcoming addresses during the Awards Ceremony, by, from the left: Ms Sophie Lobey, Mr Andrius Kriva, Judge Erik Wennerström*

The Awards for Best Written Submissions were presented by the Ambassador of the Permanent Representation of Belgium, Mr Janssens de Bisthoven. Moving on with the Best Orator Awards, Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland, Mr Alain-Denis Henchoz, presented the Award for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds; Mr Loek ten Hagen, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Netherlands, presented the Award for the Best Orator of the Quarter-Finals; Mr Abel Campos, Deputy Registrar of the European Court of Human Rights, presented the Awards for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals and the Best Orator of the Grand Final. Finally, the Winner and Runner-up of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition were announced by Judge Erik Wennerström, President of the Grand Final Bench.

Afterwards, all the attendees of the Grand Final were hosted for an aperitif and some celebratory drinks by the Permanent Representation of Lithuania in the cafeteria of the Court.

In its 12<sup>th</sup> Edition, **48 Judges** contributed to the Final Oral Round with their time, energy, and knowledge. We would like to thank all of them: Here is the list of individual names from the provided list, along with the total count of unique individuals: Simon Palmer, Rafał Sikora, Felicia Nica, Emilia Ramazanova, Alena Rundova, Grégory Thuan Dit Dieudonné, Nika Bruskina, Emilia Klebanowski, Dilbadi Gasimov, Revşan Deniz Yıldırım Çobanoğlu, Konrad Vossen, Bjorka Duka, Zuzana Kovalova, Ruslan Sharipov, Ali Bozkaya, Daria Pistriak, Deniz Yildiz, Marek Sosnowski, Pamela McCormick, Oleksandr Melnyk, Günter Schirmer, Adam Máčaj, Huseyin Hezer, Marten Breuer, Piotr Wymysłowski, Janos Nagy, Dmytro Tretyakov, Afroditi Gkagkatsi, Natalia Vorobyeva, Alice Margaria, Onur Can Ucarer, Petr Vystřcil,



Julia Emtseva, Petra Lehotska, Šárka Dušková, Agata Bzdyń, Ekaterina Sokur, Michail Christodoulou, Bohdana Ostrovska, Rachel Kondak, Zvonimir Mataga, Agnieszka Szklanna, Stella Afxentiou, Judge Erik Wennerström, Judge Davor Derenčinović, Judge Armen Harutyunyan, Judge Kateřina Šimáčková and Anna Austin.



*Head of the Organising Committee thanking the Judges sitting on the Grand Final Bench for their support of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition, from the left: Judge Erik Wennerström, Judge Armen Harutyunyan, Judge Davor Derenčinović, Ms Anna Austin, Judge Kateřina Šimáčková*

Thank you to every single one of you. Some of you have contributed for multiple years and for others this was your first HPMCC. Either way, we are incredibly grateful for your support and hope to see you again next year.

## RESULTS

### WRITTEN SUBMISSION SCORES

Based on the Written Submission scores, **Team 55** from the **Trnava University, Faculty of Law in Trnava (Slovakia)** was awarded the prize for the **Best Applicant Written Submission**, while **Team 44** from **Leiden University and Law faculty (the Netherlands)** was awarded the prize for the **Best Respondent Written Submission**.



*Team 55 from the Trnava University, Faculty of Law in Trnava (Slovakia) winners of the Best Applicant Written Submission Award*

## TEAM SCORES

### PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Below you can find the Team scores from Preliminary Rounds of the Final Oral Round of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, each judged by 3 human rights practitioners and academics\*:

Rank	Team No.	Applicant				Respondent				Average
		Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Applicant	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Respondent	
1	40	38.00	38.00	37.25	37.75	35.00	36.50	N/A	35.75	36.75
2	44	35.75	35.75	34.75	35.42	30.00	30.00	39.00	33.00	34.21
3	62	28.50	31.25	27.75	29.17	35.75	37.50	34.75	36.00	32.58
4	16	30.50	27.50	30.00	29.33	34.75	35.50	35.75	35.33	32.33
5	65	35.25	30.75	32.00	32.67	32.00	32.25	31.50	31.92	32.29
6	22	33.50	31.25	34.00	32.92	28.50	30.50	31.75	30.25	31.58
7	29	34.25	29.50	28.25	30.67	31.50	30.75	34.75	32.33	31.50
8	10	33.00	31.00	30.00	31.33	30.00	30.00	33.75	31.25	31.29
9	7	33.25	31.00	N/A	32.13	28.50	24.75	29.50	27.58	29.85
10	11	34.00	35.00	30.00	33.00	28.00	26.75	24.25	26.33	29.67
11	12	23.25	30.00	23.00	25.42	29.25	33.00	29.25	30.50	27.96
12	13	21.25	29.25	31.00	27.17	29.00	24.75	31.75	28.50	27.83
13	24	30.00	28.75	28.75	29.17	29.00	29.75	31.75	30.17	29.67
14	27	18.75	21.00	24.25	21.33	24.75	28.75	26.75	26.75	24.04
15	36	28.00	23.00	28.75	26.58	27.50	30.75	25.50	27.92	27.25
16	50	27.50	27.25	27.50	27.42	32.25	28.75	29.00	30.00	28.71
17	52	25.75	22.00	24.00	23.92	23.50	25.00	22.75	23.75	23.83
18	55	25.25	28.75	32.50	28.83	27.50	24.50	26.00	26.00	27.42

\*Due to a last-minute cancellation, one of the Preliminary Rounds, between Team 7 and Team 40, was judged by 2 Judges instead of 3.

The 8 Teams qualifying for the Quarter-Finals are marked in green in the table above. Additionally, below, you can find information on the Quarter-Final match-ups and the sides on which the Teams pleaded the next day.

Quarter-Final Match-ups		
Rank	Team No.	QF No.
1	40	QF 1.
2	44	QF 2.
3	62	QF 3.
4	16	QF 4.
5	65	QF 4.
6	22	QF 3.
7	29	QF 2.
8	10	QF 1.

The best 4 Teams of the Preliminary Rounds get to state their preference regarding the side on which they would like to plead in the Quarter-Final Rounds, for the coin toss.

Results of the coin toss		
QF No.	Applicant	Respondent
QF 1.	10	40
QF 2.	29	44
QF 3.	62	22
QF 4.	16	65

## QUARTER-FINALS

Below you can find the Team scores from Quarter-Finals of the Final Oral Round of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, each judged by 4 human rights practitioners and academics:

Team No.	Applicant				Respondent				TOTAL
	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Judge 4.	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Judge 4.	
Quarter Final Round 1									
10	37.50	33.75	38.00	38.00					36.81
40					33.00	30.75	30.00	31.75	31.38
Quarter Final Round 2									
29	35.25	37.25	36.00	38.00					36.63
44					38.00	35.50	37.50	35.00	36.50
Quarter Final Round 3									
62	33.75	33.75	33.75	35.50					34.19
22					26.25	27.25	30.75	28.25	28.13
Quarter Final Round 4									
16	35.00	36.00	38.00	36.75					36.44
65					24.75	26.00	27.00	30.00	26.94

The 4 Teams qualifying for the Semi-Finals are marked in green in the table above. Additionally, below, you can find information on the Semi-Final match-ups and the sides on which the Teams pleaded the next day.

Semi-Final Match-ups		
Rank	Team No.	SF No.
1	10	SF 1.
2	29	SF 2.
3	16	SF 2.
4	62	SF 1.

The best 2 Teams of the Quarter-Final Rounds get to state their preference regarding the side on which they would like to plead in the Semi-Final Rounds, for the coin toss.

Results of the coin toss		
SF No.	Applicant	Respondent
SF 1.	10	62
SF 2.	29	16

## SEMI-FINALS

Below you can find the Team scores from Semi-Finals of the Final Oral Round of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, each judged by 7 human rights practitioners and academics:

Team No.	Applicant							Respondent							Total
	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Judge 4.	Judge 5.	Judge 6.	Judge 7.	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Judge 4.	Judge 5.	Judge 6.	Judge 7.	
Semi Final Round 1															
62	31.25	36.00	36.75	33.75	36.00	31.25	33.25								34.04
10								34.00	33.25	35.75	31.50	38.00	38.00	35.25	35.11
Semi Final Round 2															
29	31.50	35.00	31.25	29.75	32.00	31.00	28.50								31.29
16								31.00	32.00	32.75	30.00	32.50	34.00	25.75	31.14

The 2 Teams qualifying for the Semi-Finals are marked in green in the table above. Additionally, below, you can find information on the Grand Final match-up and the sides on which the Teams pleaded the next day.

Quarter-Final Match-ups		
Rank	Team No.	SF No.
1	10	SF 1.
2	29	SF 2.

The best Team of the Semi-Final Rounds get to state their preference regarding the side on which they would like to plead in the Grand Final, for the coin toss.

Results of the coin toss		
SF No.	Applicant	Respondent
The Grand Final	10	62

## THE GRAND FINAL

Below you can find the Team scores from the Grand Final of the Final Oral Round of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, judged by 9 human rights practitioners and academics as well as the acting Judges of the European Court of Human Rights:

Team No.	Applicant									
	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Judge 4.	Judge 5.	Judge 6.	Judge 7.	Judge 8.	Judge 9.	Total
29	39.00	38.00	39.50	37.75	37.00	38.00	38.50	36.50	39.25	38.17

Team No.	Respondent									
	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Judge 4.	Judge 5.	Judge 6.	Judge 7.	Judge 8.	Judge 9.	Total
10	33.00	34.50	34.50	33.50	32.75	33.50	35.75	34.50	36.25	34.25

Upon deliberation and calculation of scores, Team 29 from University of Birmingham (United Kingdom) was declared **Winner**, while Team 10 from Maastricht University (the Netherlands) was declared the **Runner-up** of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition.

*Congratulations to the Grand Finalists and all the Teams participating in the Competition!*



## INDIVIDUAL SCORES

### PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Each orator received individual scores based on the same scoring criteria as used for the Team Score.

In order to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds award, the orator had to plead for both Applicant and Respondent and the following table gives an overview of the individual scores awarded to each of the orators of the Preliminary Rounds. Fulfilling the aforementioned criteria, 17 orators were eligible to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds Award.

Team No.	Team Members	Applicant				Respondent				Best Orator*
		Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Applicant	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Total Respondent	
7	Moritz Duewel	30.00	30.00	N/A	30.00	31.00	29.50	28.25	29.58	59.58
	Anna Golubeva	36.00	32.00	N/A	34.00	21.25	24.50	29.00	24.92	58.92
	Adrian Loeprick	34.00	31.00	N/A	32.50	25.50	24.50	28.75	26.25	58.75
	Leon Bromand	30.00	31.00	N/A	30.50	23.00	26.50	27.50	25.67	56.17
10	Maximilian Strobel	33.00	30.50	28.50	30.67					N/A
	Alysia Cloake	31.50	30.75	31.00	31.08					N/A
	Ségolène Bridoge					23.75	23.75	23.75	23.75	N/A
	Nathalie Minc					33.75	32.50	31.25	32.50	N/A
11	Ana-Maria Petou	34.00	30.00	30.50	31.50					N/A
	Dara Nestoronic	34.00	30.00	31.25	31.75					N/A
	Andrea-Bianca Iaici					28.00	27.50	26.00	27.17	N/A
	Marim Ugemco					28.00	25.50	23.75	25.75	N/A
12	Julian Klute	23.50	31.50	23.25	26.08					N/A
	Sarah Gouverneur	22.75	29.00	24.50	25.42					N/A
	Lucie Cherpín					29.50	32.00	29.25	30.25	N/A
	Nicole Ahn					29.00	34.00	29.00	30.67	N/A
13	Francesca Colacioppo	30.00	27.75	32.25	30.00					N/A
	Giulia Maio	31.00	31.50	29.25	30.58					N/A
	Chiara Gisinti					31.00	28.75	32.50	30.75	N/A
	Antonella Losavio					27.75	22.00	31.25	27.00	N/A
16	Luka Držić	30.00	24.75	25.75	26.83					N/A
	Maja Kalin	31.50	30.75	31.25	31.17					N/A
	Mark Savinsek					35.50	35.25	34.25	35.00	N/A
	Flora Hawlina					36.50	35.25	35.25	35.67	N/A
22	Theresa Molitor	31.50	27.50	33.75	30.92					N/A
	Matthias Hermes	33.75	32.50	33.75	33.33					N/A
	Gergana Stoyanova					22.75	20.00	25.75	22.83	N/A
	Jannik Hasler					31.50	33.75	32.75	32.67	N/A
24	Albena Dzhambazova	26.25	26.25	25.75	26.08					N/A
	Zhanin Al-Shargabi	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	27.50	28.50	30.75	28.92	58.92
	Eduard Kain					31.25	30.25	31.00	30.83	N/A
27	Olympia Chatzigianni	18.00	22.50	23.50	21.33					N/A
	Dimitris Kapai	19.25	20.00	25.75	21.67	24.25	25.50	26.25	25.33	47.00
	Georgia Asimakou					27.50	28.25	28.75	28.17	N/A
29	Rachel Lok	33.00	27.25	23.25	27.83	29.00	30.50	32.75	30.75	58.58
	Kosta Lovato	33.75	31.25	31.00	32.00					N/A
	Ranvir Raj					32.25	31.00	35.00	32.75	N/A
36	Sophie Finegan	29.75	27.50	28.25	28.50					N/A
	Gaia Zobou	26.25	21.00	25.00	24.08					N/A
	Andrea Di Maio					26.00	34.25	21.00	27.08	N/A
	Paula Rodriguez Padilla					28.25	30.00	30.00	29.42	N/A
40	Louiza Apostoldi	37.00	37.75	36.00	36.92	35.00	38.75	N/A	36.88	73.79
	Alexia Collot d'Escury	38.75	38.00	37.00	37.92	35.00	38.25	N/A	36.63	74.54
	Jasmin Kaur Klein									N/A
	Cecilia Nakao									N/A
44	Anna Puigderajols	36.00	35.75	35.25	35.67					N/A
	Mohammad Mishal	35.75	35.75	34.00	35.17					N/A
	Irmak Akcebe					39.00	30.50	23.75	31.08	N/A
	Ilka Rodriguez					39.00	31.00	25.00	31.67	N/A

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50	Adèla Archalousova	28.75	27.25	28.75	28.25					N/A
	Camila Carrion	26.25	27.50	26.25	26.67					N/A
	Sara Rapi					29.00	28.50	27.00	28.17	N/A
	Aruna-Carla Bot					29.00	29.00	30.50	29.50	N/A
52	Fatihhan Balaban	24.00	21.75	25.00	23.58	26.00	31.25	23.00	26.75	50.33
	Elif Gürcüoglu	23.25	21.75	20.00	21.67	20.00	20.00	21.50	20.50	42.17
55	Ema Dudáková	26.00	28.75	26.50	27.08	25.50	24.00	26.75	25.42	52.50
	Klára Bicáková	27.50	31.25	28.50	29.08	25.00	25.00	26.00	25.33	54.42
	Enara Könözyová	23.75	26.25	20.50	23.50	24.50	22.50	25.25	24.08	47.58
62	Carl Victor Waldenström	27.50	30.00	27.75	28.42	35.75	38.00	35.25	36.33	64.75
	Eline Andner Foose	25.50	30.00	26.50	27.33	34.00	37.00	37.00	36.00	63.33
	Louise Bardsen	29.75	35.00	28.75	31.17	34.25	34.75	34.75	34.58	65.75
65	Séamus Small	34.00	30.00	33.00	32.33					N/A
	Leigh Brosnan	33.50	33.75	30.75	32.67					N/A
	Oisín Mag Fhógartaigh					33.75	38.00	32.75	34.83	N/A
	Ctara McLoughlin					31.50	28.50	29.25	29.75	N/A

\*Due to a last-minute cancellation, one of the Preliminary Rounds, between Team 7 and Team 40, was judged by 2 Judges instead of 3.

Based on the scores from Preliminary Rounds, **Alexia Collot d'Escury** (Team 40) from **IE University Law School (Spain)** was awarded the prize of **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds**.



*Alexia Collot d'Escury (Team 40) from IE University Law School, Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds*

## QUARTER-FINALS

Each orator received individual scores based on the same scoring criteria as used for the Team Score.

The following table gives an overview of the individual scores awarded to each of the orators of the Quarter-Finals. In the Quarter-Finals, 17 orators competed for the Best Orator of the Quarter-Finals Award.

Team No.	Team Members	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Judge 4.	Best Orator*
10	Maximilian Strobel	37.75	31.50	37.25	37.00	35.88
	Alysia Cloake	37.50	37.00	39.50	38.00	38.00
	Ségolène Bridoge					N/A
	Nathalie Minc					N/A
16	Luka Drzić	32.25	33.00	33.00	31.75	32.50
	Maja Kalin	37.25	38.50	38.75	38.00	38.13
	Mark Savinšek					N/A
	Flora Hawlina					N/A
22	Gergana Stoyanova	25.00	26.25	25.00	25.00	25.31
	Jannik Hasler	32.25	27.75	36.25	32.50	32.19
	Matthias Hermes					N/A
	Theresa Molitor					N/A
29	Rachel Lok	32.00	34.25	34.50	36.00	34.19
	Kosta Lovato	35.50	36.25	37.25	40.00	37.25
	Ranvir Raj					N/A
40	Alexia Collot d'Escury	32.00	30.00	28.75	31.25	30.50
	Louiza Apostolidi	35.00	30.75	28.75	32.00	31.63
	Jasmin Kaur Klein					N/A
	Cecilia Nakao					N/A
44	Irmak Akcebe	40.00	34.50	38.00	35.25	36.94
	Ilka Rodriguez Delgado	37.00	34.25	36.75	36.25	36.06
	Mohammad Mishal					N/A
	Anna Maria Puigderrajols Triadó					N/A
62	Carl Waldenstrøm	34.00	33.75	33.75	33.75	33.81
	Eline Sandes Fosse	33.50	33.75	33.00	38.00	34.56
	Louise Bardsen	27.00	32.50	31.50	34.25	31.31
65	Oisín Mag Fhogartaigh	29.00	26.25	25.00	24.50	26.19
	Ciara McLoughlin	31.00	27.50	27.00	25.50	27.75
	Leigh Brosnan					N/A
	Séamus Small					N/A

Based on the scores from the Quarter-Finals, **Maja Kalin** (Team 16) from **University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)** was awarded the prize of **Best Orator of the Quarter-Finals**.



*Maja Kalin (Team 16) from University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), Best Orator of the Quarter-Finals*



## SEMI-FINALS

Each orator received individual scores based on the same scoring criteria as used for the Team Score.

The following table gives an overview of the individual scores awarded to each of the orators of the Semi-Finals. In the Semi-Finals, 9 orators competed for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals Award.

Team No.	Team Members	Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Judge 4.	Judge 5.	Judge 6.	Judge 7.	Best Orator*
10	Alysia Cloake	32.25	34.25	34.25	31.50	37.75	38.00	35.25	34.75
	Nathalie Mink	35.25	32.50	35.75	32.00	37.50	36.00	35.25	34.89
	Ségolène Brigode								N/A
	Maximilian Strobel								N/A
16	Mark Savinsek	27.00	32.25	28.00	30.00	30.25	32.50	26.75	29.54
	Flora Hawline	31.50	33.50	33.75	30.00	30.75	34.00	23.00	30.89
	Luka Držić								N/A
	Maja Kalin								N/A
29	Rachel Lok	25.00	33.75	31.25	25.75	31.25	34.25	28.25	29.93
	Kosta Lovato	31.25	34.25	30.50	29.75	32.75	33.50	30.50	31.79
	Ranvir Raj								N/A
62	Carl Victor Waldenstrom	33.75	31.75	36.00	37.25	34.75	32.00	31.25	33.82
	Eline Sandnes Fosse	34.25	31.00	36.00	36.50	31.50	35.75	31.00	33.71
	Louise Bardsen	32.50	31.50	35.00	31.25	33.75	33.25	31.25	32.64

Based on the scores from Semi-Finals, **Nathalie Mink** (Team 10) from **Maastricht University, (the Netherlands)** was awarded the prize of **Best Orator of the Semi-Finals**.



*Nathalie Mink (Team 10) from Maastricht University, (the Netherlands), Best Orator of the Semi-Finals*



## THE GRAND FINAL

Each orator received individual scores based on the same scoring criteria as used for the Team Score.

The following table gives an overview of the individual scores awarded to each of the orators of the Grand Final. In the Grand Final, 5 orators competed for the - Best Orator of the Grand Final Award - “The Liaison Office of the Council of Europe Award”.

Team No.	Team Members	Applicant									
		Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Judge 4.	Judge 5.	Judge 6.	Judge 7.	Judge 8.	Judge 9.	Total
29	Rachel Lok	36.00	37.75	33.75	36.25	35.00	35.75	31.00	31.00	31.00	34.17
	Kosta Lovato	39.50	38.50	39.50	37.50	37.75	38.25	38.00	38.25	39.25	38.50
	Ranvir Raj	40.00	38.00	39.35	38.25	37.75	37.75	37.75	36.75	38.00	38.08
Team No.	Team Members	Respondent									
		Judge 1.	Judge 2.	Judge 3.	Judge 4.	Judge 5.	Judge 6.	Judge 7.	Judge 8.	Judge 9.	Total
10	Alysia Cloake	32.00	35.00	35.75	33.50	34.00	35.25	37.50	32.25	31.00	34.03
	Nathalie Minc	33.25	35.00	34.25	32.00	33.50	33.00	37.25	36.00	36.75	34.56
	Ségolène Brigode										N/A
	Maximilian Strobel										N/A

Based on the scores from the Grand Final, **Kosta Lovato** (Team 29) from **University of Birmingham (United Kingdom)** was awarded the prize of Best Orator of the Grand Final Award - “The Liaison Office of the Council of Europe Award”.



*Kosta Lovato (Team 29) from University of Birmingham (United Kingdom), Best Orator of the Grand Final Award, winner of the “The Liaison Office of the Council of Europe Award”*

## TESTIMONIALS

### WINNER'S PERSPECTIVE

Winning the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition was the result of a wonderful journey our team undertook in the quest to challenge our legal acumen, general knowledge of ECHR law and mooting abilities. Luckily for us, we were able to do so against a plethora of great teams from around Europe.

With this in mind, following our selection to represent our university in October, our team set out to submit our written submissions. This first step was challenging due to the lack of previous experience we had in writing such lengthy submissions and the sheer volume of case facts, legal arguments and case law we wanted to introduce. Luckily for us, Ranvir Raj and Rachel Lok were exceptional in their ability to write cogent and concise submissions and we were able to fly to Dublin for our regional round knowing that we had submitted strong written submissions and only had to focus on our oral submissions.

During our regional round in Dublin, we were impressed by the quality of the teams we went up against and would like to highlight how much our initial moots against them along with the judges' feedback shaped our future arguments. The act of attentively listening to the opposing team to see if we could implement their arguments into our future pleadings proved extremely valuable and aided us particularly later on. Luckily for us, we were able to qualify for the finals.

In Strasbourg, we had the privilege to moot in the preliminary rounds against two teams which would also qualify to the quarter finals. Both matches were tight, and we left the rooms feeling excited about the prospect of potentially qualifying further and what we would tweak in our arguments. In this light, over the course of the week as we progressed, we spent each night refining our arguments, tightening the case law used and most importantly, simplifying the arguments. Our team's strength was the simplicity of the arguments which allowed for them to be linear and therefore easy for the judges to understand. An argument which follows a framework can be more easily manipulated when answering interventions and is less likely to receive intense scrutiny as a result.

Having progressed through the rounds to the Grand Final, our only piece of advice to any teams in that situation in the future (and at any point during the competition) is to enjoy the moment. You have prepared and are in a position of privilege. It is best to try and enjoy it as it only happens once!

In conclusion, the HPMCC is an exercise in written and oral advocacy, ECHR knowledge, and a determination to win but it is first and foremost an excellent lesson in teamwork. No individual can excel in all facets, nor can they solely produce the work necessary to advance to the final. Our team's strength was our teamwork and ability to do what was needed, when it was needed, without individualism.

It is ultimately what led us to all plead during the Grand Final, and what made the process relatively stress free. We could count on each other.

This final and most important element just mentioned, along with all of the other skills we learned and improved throughout this exercise was primarily due to our excellent coach Felix Torres. Our greatest thanks go to him and his commitment to making us a fun team!

**Written by Team 29 - Winners of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition  
Kosta Lovato, Rachel Estcourt Romas Lok, Ranvir Raj**



*Members of Team 29 - Kosta Lovato, Rachel Estcourt Romas Lok, Ranvir Raj, Winners of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition*

## RUNNER-UP'S PERSPECTIVE

It was an honor for Team 10 to be able to take part in the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court competition and to participate in both the Ankara Regional Round and the Final Oral Round in Strasbourg. We, first of all, would like to thank ELSA International and ELSA Ankara for the amazing work they put into the final oral round and the regional round, respectively. Furthermore, we are extremely thankful to our coaches, Šejla Imamović and Valentina Golunova, for their constant honest and precise feedback as well as for their guidance, encouragement, and support throughout the competition.

Our preparation started back in October with the formation of our team, representing Maastricht University. We then embarked on the journey of writing two written submissions: one for Mister Borg and one for the State of Zemland. This year's case was focused on the freedom of expression and the right to be free from discrimination, two rights that interested the four members of our team. The four of us worked together with the support of our coaches throughout November and December to research as much as possible on the topic at hand and come up with arguments for both sides. All throughout the competition, but especially during the written submissions phase, teamwork was fundamental as we all still had exams a week after the deadline for the submissions.

During the month of January, the preparation for the Ankara Regional Round started. It was the first real exercise of oral pleading and despite the great challenge that this represented, preparing for the oral round made us learn a variety of different skills that are fundamental for a career in law. Testing and showing these skills in Ankara was both exciting and rewarding. Not only was this preparation personally rewarding, but it also led to us being awarded as the winning team.

After a small break, we started with our preparation for the final round in April. The preparation was characterized by intense work on style, as well as content. With exams and imminent thesis deadlines, this time was certainly challenging. Nevertheless, we worked hard to improve our pleadings each passing week. We are enormously grateful to the guest judges who gave valuable feedback during this stage of the competition. It was often the suggestions of our guest judges, who gave up their time so generously, that we were able to overcome major issues in our argumentation. After two months of additional preparation, we felt confident and excited for the Strasbourg rounds to finally start.

Our experience in Strasbourg is undoubtedly one we will never be able to forget. Over the course of a week, we were challenged by our opponents in various pleadings, from the preliminary rounds to the grand finale, which took place at the European Court of Human Rights. Although there were some challenging moments, and at times emotions ran high, after a fierce competition our team proudly received the runner-up prize.



The Strasbourg experience was educational on multiple fronts. Firstly, the new challenges we faced pushed us to give our best, significantly enhancing our oral skills. Additionally, we had the privilege of interacting with human rights experts and judges from the European Court of Human Rights, providing us with practical insights into our human rights knowledge.

Our journey in Strasbourg was marked by exciting challenges and valuable learning experiences, making it an immensely rewarding experience that enriched us both personally and professionally. We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who made the Final Oral Round possible, from ELSA International to all who challenged us during the pleadings.

Having the opportunity to plead in the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights is a privilege that is not lost on us. To stand in front of some of the most esteemed pioneers of human rights law and plead our case is, without a doubt, an experience that will stay with us throughout our future careers. It is for this reason, alongside the multiple benefits gained from the training and research process that we encourage all students at the Faculty of Law to participate in a moot court, in particular, the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition.

**Written by Team 10 - Runner-ups of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition  
Maximilian Strobel, Nathalie Minc, Alysia Cloake and Ségolène Brigode.**



*Members of Team 10 - Maximilian Strobel, Nathalie Minc, Alysia Cloake and Ségolène Brigode, Runner-ups of the 12th edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition*



## BEST ORATOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Winning the prize for best orator was more of a confirmation of my team's teamworking abilities and overall argument rather than my abilities to speak. The reason? In order to win best orator, you have to score the highest in the combined four metrics which amount to 40 points. Only 10 relate to style, the remaining 30 relate to the identification of legal issues, the knowledge of the ECHR and its case law and the quality of legal analysis. These three elements are all directly impacted by the teamwork which the team exhibits.

In my case, I understood quickly that it was impossible to remember everything which the judges could intervene upon within my submission and therefore chose to rely on my colleagues. The best medium to transmit the knowledge was either cheat sheets or quickly written post-it notes. There is no shame in taking a couple extra seconds to read and fully understand the points made by your colleagues either during the moot! In that regard I thank my teammates Ranvir Raj and Rachel Lok for their extensive knowledge and continuous help.

My second tip is to make sure to rehearse as much as possible and get used to being interrupted during your rehearsals. This will strengthen your argument as you'll be able to understand the key points you want to transmit and will render you accustomed to being challenged and knowing when to concede and when to stick to your argument. Ultimately, during the final, I had 30 minutes to speak but was interrupted enough to find myself needing extra time and only with half of my actual full submission having been presented. Had our arguments not been simple, it would have been extremely difficult to mould my arguments to the amount of time I had.

Ultimately, it is an exercise which is facilitated by a strong, simple and malleable argument and such a presentation is much more easily created by a team and is presented better when the orator can rely on their teammates. In those difficult instances where multiple judges are asking questions and you know they know what they are talking about as numerous (in our case 4) are actual ECtHR judges, knowing that you are able to rely on your teammates alleviates stress.

Don't forget to speak slowly, loudly, articulate and make sure to signpost. Listing your arguments and points can also help, as does providing paragraph numbers for case law so as to demonstrate the depth of knowledge.

Good luck!

Written by Best Orator of the Grand Final of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition  
Kosta Lovato

## PEOPLE BEHIND THE 12<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

ELSA International would like to extend its utmost gratitude to all individuals and parties involved in the planning and execution of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition. Among them, we would like to specifically thank:

### COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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*Representatives of the European Court of Human Rights - Ms Rachel Kondak Ms Martina Dervaux (on the left) and the Council of Europe - Ms Sophie Lobey and Ms Maria Dominguez (on the right) during the Awards Ceremony.*

## PERMANENT REPRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

We thank the Permanent Representations of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Lithuania, Ireland, United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, Hungary, and Switzerland for their financial contributions. Special thanks to the Permanent Representations of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Lithuania for hosting the participants during the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, respectively.



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## CITY OF STRASBOURG

We also extend our gratitude to the City of Strasbourg for their support, including hosting us for the Mid-Ceremony of the Final Oral Round. Thank you for supporting the HPMCC and for helping to provide a platform for students and young lawyers to advocate for human rights. We look forward to continuing our work together in the years to come.



## THE CASE AUTHORS

ELSA extends its utmost gratitude to Ms Zuzana Kovalova and Ms Slavica Cubric for all their support over the years and especially throughout the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition particularly for being the Case Authors for yet another year. Thank you for allowing ELSA to provide opportunities like this Moot Court and contribution to spreading the knowledge on human rights. The Competition would not have been the same without your involvement.



*Zuzana Kovalova, one of the Case Authors on the Grand Final Bench*

## ELSA INTERNATIONAL TEAM

The Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition is not only made possible due to the incredible contributions by the participants, coaches, Judges, Academic Board members, and Regional Round Organisers, but in large because of the International Team Members who dedicate so much time, energy, and knowledge to this Competition. From corresponding with Judges and teams, to checking internal and external documents, to always being there whenever something is needed: we know that this edition would not have been such a success without them. Therefore, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the amazingly dedicated, competent, and lovely ELSA International Team members that have worked so hard to ensure the success of this year's edition:

- Director for the HPMCC: Iris den Hartigh
- Assistant for Teams of the HPMCC: Jacek Korzeniewski
- Assistant for Regional Rounds of the HPMCC: Sarp Andaç Aydın





*ELSA International's "Helga Team" from the left: Jacek Korzeniewski, Sarp Andaç Aydın, Iris den Hartigh*

## ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE FINAL ORAL ROUND

Additionally, for the Final Oral Round, the ELSA International Team and I needed reinforcement to ensure the smooth organisation of the week in Strasbourg. I had the honour of having several members of the International Board of ELSA, my colleagues, come and support the team this week as well as some great ELSA members who also decided to help. We also had the great pleasure of having some ELSA International Board members of the Board 2024/2025 who were present to learn in preparation for next year, including my own successor Aliena. I want to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to all of them.

The International Organising Committee:

- Bjarki F. Guðjónsson, President of the International Board of ELSA 23/24;
- Yordan Kyurkchiyski, Secretary General of the International Board of ELSA 23/24;
- Adéla Chloupková, Treasurer of the International Board of ELSA 23/24, Head of Finances of the 12<sup>th</sup> FOR;
- Fidan Namazova, Vice President in charge of Marketing of the International Board of ELSA 23/24, Head of Marketing of the 12<sup>th</sup> FOR;
- Nadia Dourida, Vice President in charge of Academic Activities of the International Board of ELSA 23/24;
- Maria Vittoria Voi, Vice President in charge of Professional Development of the International Board of ELSA 23/24;

- Xanthi Agoraki, Vice President in charge of Seminars and Conferences of the International Board of ELSA 23/24;
- Iris den Hartigh, Director for the HPMCC, Head of Logistics of the 12<sup>th</sup> FOR;
- Jacek Korzeniewski, Assistant for Teams of the HPMCC, Head of Teams of the 12<sup>th</sup> FOR;
- Sarp Andaç Aydın, Assistant for Regional Rounds of the HPMCC, Head of Judges of the 12<sup>th</sup> FOR;
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- Ama Kuruppuarachchi, Vice President in charge of Seminars and Conferences of ELSA Ireland, Welfare Officer of the 12<sup>th</sup> FOR;
- Niko Anzulović Mirošević, President of ELSA Croatia 23/24;
- Maja Rajić, Vice President in charge of Academic Activities of the International Board of ELSA 20/21.

Thank you all for joining us on this adventure.



*The International Organising Committee of the 12<sup>th</sup> Final Oral Round. Back row, from the left: Jacek Korzeniewski, Bjarki F. Guðjónsson, Niko Anzulović Mirošević, Yordan Kyurkchiyski, Nadia Dourida, Aliena Trefny, Iris den Hartigh, Fidan Namazova. Front row, from the left: Maria Vittoria Voi, Adéla Chloupková, Maciej Łodziński, Ama Kuruppuarachchi, Xanthi Agoraki*

## CONCLUDING REMARKS BY THE HEAD OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

As we bring the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition (HPMCC) to a close, I am filled with both pride and a sense of fulfilment. This Final Report marks not only the successful completion of this year's competition but also highlights the continuous growth and impact of the HPMCC over the years.

The European Law Students' Association (ELSA) remains dedicated to its vision of fostering international professional and student relations in the field of law, preparing our members for professional life in a global environment, and promoting the exchange of scholarly experience. We are committed to stimulating mutual understanding in the spirit of critical dialogue.

As a flagship project of ELSA, the HPMCC perfectly embodies our Association's aims. It brings together past, current, and future legal professionals, providing a platform for aspiring lawyers to delve into the protection of international human rights and hone their oral pleading skills. The competition fosters intellectual and cultural exchange, creating opportunities for professional relationships and personal growth.

This year, we have successfully organised the Regional Rounds and the Final Oral Round fully in person, something that today we take for granted. This achievement allowed the competition to truly reach its full potential. Throughout this journey, I had the honour of travelling across Europe, supporting our exceptional Regional Round Organisers and meeting participants from various countries. Witnessing the dedication, teamwork, and excellence of all involved has been incredibly inspiring.

The impact of the HPMCC on its participants is profound. We see participants return as coaches and judges, demonstrating their commitment to giving back to the competition. It is heartening to see how the HPMCC serves as a gateway to careers in human rights and international law, and how our community continues to grow and thrive.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the Academic Board for their unwavering support and participation in the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the HPMCC. Your guidance and encouragement have been invaluable. To my ELSA International Team - Iris, Sarp, Jacek, your competence and dedication have significantly contributed to our success. I am grateful for the opportunity to be supported and work alongside such a talented group.

On behalf of ELSA and the HPMCC, I wish to offer our sincerest thanks to the Permanent Representations of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Lithuania, Ireland, United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, Hungary, and Switzerland for their contributions.



We also deeply appreciate the support of the City of Strasbourg. Additionally, we extend our gratitude to the Council of Europe, especially Ms Sophie Lobey and Ms Maria Dominguez, for their steadfast assistance and guidance.

The Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition holds a special place in my heart, and I am immensely thankful for the experiences and knowledge it has provided me. As I step back, I am excited to see the HPMCC continue to move forward and evolve under the guidance of my successor, Aliena. The future holds great promise for this Competition, and I am confident it will continue to inspire and educate future generations of legal professionals.

With joy and pride, I officially conclude the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, and I eagerly anticipate the remarkable stories that the next chapter will bring.

With best wishes,

*Maciej Łochiniński*

Head of the Organising Committee of the 12<sup>th</sup> Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition  
Vice President in charge of Competitions  
International Board of ELSA 2023/2024







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