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FOREWORD

Dear Colleagues,

It has been an absolute pleasure to write the case for the 21st edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition. This moot has always been extra special to me- from participating in the 13th edition in 2015 to writing the case this year, the journey has truly come full circle. As it has been for many of you, this moot was also my first-ever brush with international trade law, and it has since shaped my academic and professional journey in many ways. I firmly believe that this competition plays a pivotal role in nurturing the next generation of trade lawyers, shaping how they think about the law and its impact on the world.

When I started drafting this case a year ago, countries were still struggling to recover from the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. I knew that I wanted to highlight the issue of vaccine accessibility and the impact of trade law on the same. The pandemic exposed the severe disparity in global vaccine access, resulting in millions of individuals suffering due to delayed access to safe and affordable vaccines. The MC12 Decision on the TRIPS Agreement presented fascinating legal questions – about its legal status, its potential use before a WTO Panel, and whether it could be used to justify the supply of booster doses on a commercial basis – and so became the basis for some incredibly creative and novel arguments during the competition (my sincere apologies, once again, to the many participants who complained about sleepless nights due to the third issue!).

Beyond the pandemic, I also drew inspiration from real-life events in the past, specifically a series of incidents in 2008-09, where Dutch authorities seized several shipments of generic medicines in transit from India to countries in South America and Africa. These incidents opened Pandora's box of questions about the territoriality of intellectual property rights, the meaning of importation, and whether a country could impose its own laws on goods merely transiting through its territory. At the heart of all these issues, of course, lies the delicate balance between safeguarding public health and ensuring equitable access to vaccines, while also fostering fair, predictable, and open trade. As countries continue to grapple with diverse public health challenges, I hope that the work you dedicated to this case over the past year leaves you with some food for thought about the role of the WTO and international trade law in protecting public health.

Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making this edition of the moot a resounding success. First and foremost, I want to express my appreciation to the Academic Board. Your insightful comments were instrumental in navigating the nuances of the case. Special thanks are also due to Antony Taubman, Bryan Mercurio, and Geraldo Vidigal for the valuable discussions that helped shape the case. Furthermore, I would like to convey a sincere thank you to Linnéa and her exceptional team at ELSA for flawlessly managing the entire competition. Thank you also to all the panellists at the regional and final rounds for engaging with the participants on the nuances of the case.

And last, but certainly not least, a big thanks to all the participants who truly made this case their own. It was a joy to hear your arguments, and I cherish the discussions I had with many of you about the intricacies of the case after the competition was over. I hope that you derived as much joy from pleading and unravelling the case as I did from crafting it!

Signing off,



Pramiti Parwani

Case Author

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ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition (JHJMCC) was founded in 2002 by European Law Students' Association (ELSA) with the help of the World Trade Organization. Previously called the ELSA Moot Court Competition, this competition focuses on the simulated hearing of the World Trade Organization dispute settlement system.

The John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition consists of three phases. First, the teams must deliver Written Submissions on the issued Case for both parties of the dispute – Complainant and Respondent. Secondly, the teams have to participate in one of six Regional Rounds organised all over the world and plead as a Complainant and Respondent in front of the Panel of experts and professionals of the area. Lastly, the 24 best teams from all the Regional Rounds qualify for the Final Oral Round, held in Geneva, Switzerland.

After having celebrated our 20th anniversary last year, what started as a European students' initiative, had now become a broadly international and critical element in training future trade lawyers. The John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition provides great opportunities for law students to develop their oral pleading skills as well as prepare them for an international career within the field of World Trade Organization Law. The John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition challenges students to strengthen their legal skills and gathers students from all around to learn on an international plane. It continues to contribute to the further education of future lawyers, helping ELSA achieve its vision and purpose.

Every year, the JHJMCC brings together students, young lawyers, academics, and professionals within the Trade Law field to foster an environment in which to raise awareness and learn about the WTO world and the dispute settlement system. Providing invaluable learning and networking experiences, participating in the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition has truly become the first step to pursue a career international trade and within the World Trade Organization.



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OVERVIEW OF THE 21ST EDITION

During the academic year of 2022/2023, ELSA organised the 21st edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition (JHJMCC or Competition). This was the first time since the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic that the JHJMCC was fully organised in person. The Competition was launched on the 3rd of October 2022 with the publication of this year's case, written by Pramiti Parwani, entitled [*Versania – Seizure of Vaccines in Transit from Arion*](#).

Teams consisting of 2 to 4 members representing a university or faculty could register until the 12th of December. In total, we had 102 registrations. This was really happy news, as it meant that we were again welcoming teams in the numbers we had seen before the pandemic. After registering, each team has the opportunity to send in clarification questions to the Case Author about the Case. With all the information at hand, the first stage that the teams have to complete is to submit their Written Submissions (WS). Each team has to submit two: one on behalf of the Complainant and one on behalf of the Respondent. The submissions are then scored by experts within the field and the WS scores are then used during the following stages of the Competition.

For the second stage of the Competition, the teams competed in one of six Regional Rounds all over the world. We had the honour of welcoming the teams in Singapore, India, Ghana, Mexico, Austria, and Czech Republic between the months of March and April. During these Regional Rounds, the teams had the chance to represent the Complainant and Respondent respectively, to present their case orally. The best 4 teams then continued in the Semi-Finals and, subsequently, the two best teams from the Semi-Finals competed in the Final. Each Regional Round then declared a Winner for their region.

The 24 best teams from the Regional Rounds then went head-to-head against each other in Geneva for the Final Oral Round, hosted by the Geneva Graduate Institute and the World Trade Organization. The Grand Final of the Final Oral Round took place in Room W at the World Trade Organization which was followed by an aperitif and the Awards Ceremony. In the evening, the teams, coaches, partners, and organisers gathered at Hotel Beau Rivage for a Closing Dinner, to celebrate how far they had all come.



WRITTEN ROUND

Submitting Written Submissions is the first out of three stage of the Competition. In order to be eligible to compete in the further stages – Regional Rounds and the Final Oral Round – registered teams need to draft two Written Submissions each, one on behalf of the Complainant and one on behalf of the Respondent. For the 21st edition, 79 out of 102 registered teams submitted their Written Submissions.

The Written Submissions were scored on the following criteria:

Analysis of Legal Issues (30 points)

- On the application of Article 41.1 TRIPS (5 points)
- On the application of Article 51 and 52 TRIPS (6 points)
- On the application of Article V GATT (6 points)
- On the application of Article XX GATT (4 points)
- Preliminary Arguments (6 points)
- Violation of paragraph 3(c) of the MC12 Decision (3 points)

Argumentation & Writing Style (20 points)

- Structure, organisation, and weighing of arguments (5 points)
- Creativity of argumentation (5 points)
- Clarity and tone of written expression (5 points)
- Correct use of legal terminology, grammar, spelling, and citation (5 points)

Each team could receive a maximum of 50 points for each Written Submission. After receiving the scores of both Written Submissions, these were averaged and used in the Preliminary Rounds of each Regional Round.

Two independent trade law experts assessed the quality of submissions. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the people who dedicated their time and expertise to read and grade this year's submissions: Miguel Willamizar, Mateo Diego, Ozlem Canbeldek, Mariya-Khrystyna Koziy, Luciani Sheldon, Shreyansh Singh, Sergei Tymma, Rishabha Meena, Mariela de Amstalden, Harsh Gursahani, Neda Mullalli, Geraldo Vidigal, Leonila Guglya, Jerry Shalmont, Slava Opeida, Urvi Tembey, Resian Nashipai, Daniela Gomez Altamirano, Emilio Arteaga, Tatia Nikvashvili, Thomas WK Wong, Erik Kvarchiya, Iveta Alexovicova, Mattijs Kempynck, Dmytro Galagan, Marco Fernandes Garcia, Rambod Behboodi, Mariia Shulha, Srikant Parthasarathy, Ridhish Rajvanshi, Adrian Vazquez, Audrey Husni, Bianca Ortiz, Markus Wagner, Claudia Castillo Comabella, James Lockett, David Gantz, Tetiana Tanchyn, Wan Mohd Asnur bin Wan Jantan, Yuka Fukunaga, Akhil Raina, Deena Bajrai, Vladimir Talanov, Nataliia Kozachuk, Ying-Jun Lin, Chen Yu, Jere Kahaki, Anna Gladshtein, Sandeep Ravikumar, Mary Elizabeth Chelliah, Yannick Trudel, Alejandro

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Thank you to each and every one of you for taking some time out of your busy schedules to help by reading and scoring the submissions of the teams. I hope that the reading was both interesting and entertaining.

You can find the scores of the Written Submissions on the next page.

Below you will find the scores for the Written Submissions:

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Final Total Score
	Panelist 1	Penalties	Total	Panelist 2	Penalties	Total	
1	36.20	0.5	35.700	46.00	0.500	45.500	81.200
2	31.50	0	31.500	26.00	0.000	26.000	57.500
3	31.00	1.5	29.500	32.00	1.500	30.500	60.000
4							
5	14.00	2	12.000	18.50	2.000	16.500	28.500
6	18.50	0.5	18.000	20.00	0.500	19.500	37.500
7	26.00	0	26.000	20.00	0.500	19.500	45.500
8	29.00	1	28.000	37.00	0.500	36.500	64.500
9	34.00	0.5	33.500	29.00	1.000	28.000	61.500
10	30.00	0.5	29.500	16.20	0.500	15.700	45.200
11	41.00	1.5	39.500	37.80	1.000	36.800	76.300
12							
13	38.00	0.5	37.500	46.00	0.500	45.500	83.000
14	9.50	7.5	2.000	11.00	0.500	10.500	12.500
15	44.00	1	43.000	47.00	0.500	46.500	89.500
16	38.00	1	37.000	45.00	1.500	43.500	80.500
17	38.00	1	37.000	42.00	1.000	41.000	78.000
18	28.00	2	26.000	31.00	2.500	28.500	54.500
19	23.75	0	23.750	37.00	0.500	36.500	60.250
20	7.25	5.5	1.750	21.00	5.500	15.500	17.250
21	41.50	1	40.500	41.00	1.000	40.000	80.500
22	44.00	1	43.000	40.50	0.000	40.500	83.500
23	36.00	0.5	35.500	22.00	0.500	21.500	57.000
24	42.00	0	42.000	38.00	0.000	38.000	80.000
25	26.00	0	26.000	30.00	0.000	30.000	56.000
26	41.00	0	41.000	44.00	0.000	44.000	85.000
27							
28	30.00	1	29.000	36.00	1.000	35.000	64.000
29	40.50	0	40.500	41.00	0.500	40.500	81.000
30	39.00	3	36.000	32.00	4.000	28.000	64.000

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31	33.00	0.5	32.500	41.00	0.500	40.500	73.000
32	30.00	0.5	29.500	40.50	0.500	40.000	69.500
33	35.00	1	34.000	47.00	0.500	46.500	80.500
34	38.00	2.5	35.500	26.00	2.000	24.000	59.500
35	28.00	0.5	27.500	46.00	0.500	45.500	73.000
36	21.00	0.5	20.500	32.00	0.500	31.500	52.000
37	26.20	1.5	24.700	25.00	1.500	23.500	48.200
38	42.00	0	42.000	35.00	0.500	34.500	76.500
39	31.00	0.5	30.500	24.00	0.000	24.000	54.500
40	33.00	2.5	30.500	28.00	2.500	25.500	56.000
41	21.00	2.5	18.500	20.50	2.500	18.000	36.500
42	41.00	1.5	39.500	31.50	1.000	30.500	70.000
43	13.00	2	11.000	20.00	2.000	18.000	29.000
44	28.50	2	26.500	35.00	2.500	32.500	59.000
45	30.00	0.5	29.500	42.00	1.000	41.000	70.500
46	32.00	2.5	29.500	28.00	1.000	27.000	56.500
47	10.00	0.5	9.500	24.00	0.500	23.500	33.000
48							
49	15.00	0.5	14.500	28.00	0.500	27.500	42.000
50	29.00	0	29.000	24.00	0.500	23.500	52.500
51	27.00	3	24.000	18.00	2.500	15.500	39.500
52							
53	40.50	0.5	40.000	32.00	0.500	31.500	71.500
54	40.00	0.5	39.500	26.50	0.500	26.000	65.500
55	16.50	1.5	15.000	38.00	2.000	36.000	51.000
56	36.00	0.5	35.500	41.00	0.500	40.500	76.000
57							
58							
59	30.00	2	28.000	31.50	2.000	29.500	57.500
60	34.00	0	34.000	35.00	0.000	35.000	69.000
61							
62	22.00	3.5	18.500	29.00	2.500	26.500	45.000
63	44.00	1	43.000	35.00	0.500	34.500	77.500
64	41.00	1.5	39.500	26.00	1.500	24.500	64.000
65							
66							
67							
68	35.00	0.5	34.500	35.00	0.5	34.500	69.000
69	22.00	2	20.000	36.50	2	34.500	54.500
70	15.50	3.5	12.000	27.00	3	24.000	36.000

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71	17.00	0.5	16.500	21.00	1	20.000	36.500
72	39.00	6.5	32.500	41.00	5.5	35.500	68.000
73							
74	33.00	2	31.000	30.00	2	28.000	59.000
75	21.00	0	21.000	26.00	0.5	25.500	46.500
76	38.00	0.5	37.500	34.50	0.5	34.000	71.500
77	36.00	0	36.000	37.00	0.5	36.500	72.500
78	31.90	1	30.900	38.00	1	37.000	67.900
79	32.85	0	32.850	12.50	0.5	12.000	44.850
80							
81	30.00	0.5	29.500	29.00	0.5	28.500	58.000
82							
83	38.00	0	38.000	30.50	0	30.500	68.500
84							
85	34.00	1	33.000	41.00	1	40.000	73.000
86							
87	28.50	4.5	24.000	23.00	0.5	22.500	46.500
88							
89	33.00	1	32.000	38.00	1.5	36.500	68.500
90	28.50	0	28.500	31.00	0	31.000	59.500
91	35.00	4.5	30.500	45.00	3	42.000	72.500
92	37.00	2.5	34.500	14.00	2	12.000	46.500
93							
94	10.50	4	6.500	16.00	1.5	14.500	21.000
95							
96							
97							
98							
99	23.00	4	19.000	42.00	4	38.000	57.000
100	26.00	1	25.000	13.00	2	11.000	36.000
101							
102	14.50	4	10.500	39.00	5	34.000	44.500

Awards were presented at each Regional Round for the Best Written Submissions of that individual Regional Round, as well as during the Final Oral Round (see scores on p.73). Find out more about who was awarded these prizes under each Regional Round section, and under the section for the Final Oral Round.

REGIONAL ROUNDS

Participation in the Regional Rounds is the second stage of the Competition following the Written Submissions. This year, we had the privilege of welcoming the participants to Regional Rounds in a physical format again after the pandemic.

Out of the 79 teams that submitted their Written Submissions, 70 teams participated in one of six Regional Rounds. The Regional Rounds were hosted by the following hosts at the mentioned locations:

- **East Asia and Oceania Regional Round:** Singapore, hosted by Singapore Management University and ALSA Singapore.
- **West and South Asia Regional Round:** Kolkata, India, hosted by West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences Moot Court Society.
- **African Regional Round:** Accra, Ghana, hosted by the University of Professional Studies, Accra, Law School.
- **All-American Regional Round:** Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, hosted by Centro Universitario de la Costa, Universidad de Guadalajara Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.
- **First European Regional Round:** Salzburg, Austria, hosted by ELSA Salzburg.
- **Second European Regional Round:** Brno, Czech Republic, hosted by ELSA Brno.

The Regional Rounds consisted of Preliminary Rounds, Semi-Finals, the Grand Final, and of course social elements such as Sponsors' events and ceremonies. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Regional Round Organisers and hosts for taking on the challenge of hosting a Regional Round and for doing so successfully.



During the Regional Rounds, the Team's Oral Pleadings (OP) are scored on the following criteria.:

Legal Analysis

- Poor (0-6)
- Fair (7-12)
- Good (13-19)
- Very Good (20-24)
- Excellent (25-30)

Argumentation and Style

- Poor (0-4)
- Fair (5-8)
- Good (9-12)
- Very Good (13-16)
- Excellent (17-20)

The teams' scores are the average scoring of the panellists present during that round. The score is then combined with their WS score to determine their overall score (OP 60 % and WS 40 %) for the Preliminary Rounds and the Semi-Final. The Grand Final score was based only on the OP score. You may find the scores from each Regional Round under the "Results" section for the Regional Rounds.

EAST ASIA AND OCEANIA REGIONAL ROUND

ABOUT THE REGIONAL ROUND

The first Regional Round of the 21st John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was organised by Singapore Management University and ALSA Singapore from the 25th of February to the 1st of March 2023, in Singapore. A special thanks goes to Nicole Chan, Maria Santhosh, Felicia Leong Lee Jiayi, Reube Ang, Quek Lin Yuan, Clarice Lee Lee Kern, Goh Xian Ming Law Ming Yuan, Danielle Annissa, and Faye-Anne Ho for the organisation of the Regional Round.

From 6 countries, a total of 11 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round:

- **Team 1:** Singapore Management University (Singapore)
- **Team 7:** National Taiwan University (Chinese Taipei (Taiwan))
- **Team 13:** National University of Singapore (Singapore)
- **Team 19:** Tsinghua University (China)
- **Team 38:** University of International Business and Economics (China)
- **Team 53:** Ateneo de Manila University (Philippines)
- **Team 54:** Huazhong University of Science and Technology Law School (China)
- **Team 56:** Peking University School of Transnational Law (China)
- **Team 70:** University of the South Pacific (Vanuatu)
- **Team 85:** University of the Philippines (Philippines)
- **Team 89:** Foreign Trade University (Vietnam).

The East Asia and Oceania Regional Round was supported by 24 Panellists and we wish to take the opportunity to thank them for their time and contributions to the Regional Rounds. They are: Yueming Yan, Daniel Ari Baker, Ian Mah, Nathaniel Lai, Chen Yu, Heng Wang, Charalampos Giannakopoulos, Shloka Vidyasagar, Mary Elizabeth Cheliah, Isabelle van Damme, Ben Czapnik, Ying-Jun Lin, Helen Huang, Jaemin Lee, Bryan Mercurio, Nicolas Jansen Calamita, Irvin Ho Jia Xian, Hyo-young Lee, Deepak Raju, Pem Tshering, Andrew Mitchell, Pasha Hsieh, Sungjin Kang, and Chia Huai Yan.



AN ORGANISER'S PERSPECTIVE

ALSA Singapore, in collaboration with the SMU Yong Pung How School of Law, had the honour of organising and hosting the East Asia and Oceania Regional Round of the 21st John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition. To kick off the event, we held an opening ceremony and dinner to welcome all regional round participants. We had welcome speeches from our sponsors, the Director of Moots at SMU, as well as the ELSA Vice-President in charge of Competitions. Participants received welcome bags, containing gifts from ALSA Singapore and our regional round sponsor, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP. Overall, we welcomed 11 teams - 4 from China, 2 from Singapore, 2 from the Philippines, 1 from Taiwan, 1 from Vietnam, and 1 from Vanuatu.



On the 26th and 27th of February, each team competed in two preliminary rounds each, with panels of three judges. The top four teams then advanced to the Semi-Finals on 28th of February, and completed their oral pleadings before panels of four judges.

In between rounds, the SMU YPHSL also organised a networking lunch where participants were given the opportunity to interact with panellists, sponsors, and fellow competitors.



To end off the oral pleadings, the Grand Final Round was held at the SMU David Marshall Moot Court, with a panel of 5 judges - Ms Isabelle van Damme, Mr Deepak Raju, Mr Chia Huai Yuan, Ms Helen Huang, and Mr Daniel Baker. The Grand Final was open to the public for viewing.



At the closing ceremony, we had multiple prominent speakers, including the Dean of SMU YPHSL Professor Lee Pey Woan, the incoming Dean of University British Columbia Law School Professor Ngai Pindell, and Director of the WTO IP division Mr Antony Taubman. Professor Pasha Hsieh also chaired a career panel, where participants had the chance to learn and ask about career opportunities in trade and international law.

Finally, at the award ceremony, prizes were awarded to Team 1 (Champion, Best Written Submission – Respondent, Best Speaker for the Semi-Final and Grand Final – Neela Alagusundaram), **Team 13** (First Runner-Up, Best Written Submission - Respondent and Overall, and Best Speaker for the Preliminary Rounds - Nicole Teo), **Team 85** (Second Runner-Up) and **Team 38** (Best Written Submission - Complainant).



After three days straight of tough competition, we ended the Regional Round with an afternoon of rest and relaxation at the National Museum of Singapore. Entry fees to the museum were sponsored by ALSA Singapore.

We hope that all participants and panellists enjoyed their time at the East Asia & Oceania Regional Round. ALSA Singapore and the SMU Yong Pung How School of Law are grateful for this opportunity, and we would also like to thank the team at ELSA for their guidance and support.



Written by Nicole Chan, Head of Organising Committee, Vice President of the Asian Law Students' Association Singapore

RESULTS – WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Final Total Score
	Panelist 1	Penalties	Total	Panelist 2	Penalties	Total	
1	36.20	0.5	35.700	46.00	0.500	45.500	81.200
7	26.00	0	26.000	20.00	0.500	19.500	45.500
13	38.00	0.5	37.500	46.00	0.500	45.500	83.000
19	23.75	0	23.750	37.00	0.500	36.500	60.250
38	42.00	0	42.000	35.00	0.500	34.500	76.500
53	40.50	0.5	40.000	32.00	0.500	31.500	71.500
54	40.00	0.5	39.500	26.50	0.500	26.000	65.500
56	36.00	0.5	35.500	41.00	0.500	40.500	76.000
70	15.50	3.5	12.000	27.00	3	24.000	36.000
85	34.00	1	33.000	41.00	1	40.000	73.000
89	33.00	1	32.000	38.00	1.5	36.500	68.500

Based on their scores, **Team 38 from University of International Business and Economics (China)** was awarded the prize for **Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)**, **Team 13 from the National University of Singapore (Singapore)** and **Team 1 from Singapore Management University** were awarded the prize for **Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)**, and the prize for **Best Overall Written Submission**.

RESULTS – TEAM SCORES

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

The teams got to plead twice, once on behalf of the Complainant and once for the Respondent. Their score from the Oral Pleadings (60 %) are then combined with their Written Submission score (40 %) to give them an overall average score. The teams qualifying for the Semi-Finals are marked in green in the table below.

Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				OP	OP 0.6	WS average	WS 0.4	Total
	P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total					
1	44.00	44.00	35.00	41.00	42.00	41.00	42.00	41.67	41.33	24.80	40.60	16.24	41.04
7	39.00	44.00	32.00	38.33	34.00	30.00	33.00	32.33	35.33	21.20	22.75	9.10	30.30
13	40.00	44.00	45.00	43.00	35.00	30.00	32.00	32.33	37.67	22.60	41.50	16.60	39.20
19	40.00	38.00	44.00	40.67	38.00	37.00	24.00	33.00	36.83	22.10	30.13	12.05	34.15
38	36.00	39.00	43.00	39.33	30.00	29.00	30.00	29.67	34.50	20.70	38.25	15.30	36.00
53	35.00	35.00	37.00	35.67	38.00	42.00	43.00	41.00	38.33	23.00	35.75	14.30	37.30
54	37.00	32.00	35.00	34.67	40.00	38.00	30.00	36.00	35.33	21.20	32.75	13.10	34.30
56	26.00	29.00	28.00	27.67	40.00	33.00	37.00	36.67	32.17	19.30	38.50	15.40	34.70
70	30.00	27.00	25.00	27.33	10.00	9.00	23.00	14.00	20.67	12.40	18.00	7.20	19.60
85	46.00	45.00	41.00	44.00	41.00	39.00	39.00	39.67	41.83	25.10	36.50	14.60	39.70
89	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	35.00	44.00	39.00	39.33	29.67	17.80	36.50	14.60	32.40

SEMI-FINALS

Teams qualifying for the Grand Final of the Regional Round are marked in green in the table below.

	Complainant						Respondent							
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Total	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Tota	WS	Total
Semi Final Round 1														
53	32.00	31.00	36.00	35.00		33.50							35.75	34.40
1							42.00	42.00	44.00	43.00		42.75	40.60	41.89
Semi Final Round 2														
13	43.00	42.00	42.00	42.00		42.25							41.50	41.95
85							41.00	40.00	40.00	40.00		32.20	35.75	33.62

Due to a last minute cancellation, the Semi-Finals were judged by a Panel of 4.

GRAND FINAL

Applicant						
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Total
1	32.00	38.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	33.20

Respondent						
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Total
13	30.00	31.00	33.00	30.00	30.00	30.80

Based on the scores, **Team 1 from the Singapore Management University (Singapore)** was declared the **Winner of the East Asia and Oceania Regional Round**, and **Team 13 from the National University of Singapore (Singapore)** was declared the **Runner-Up**.

RESULTS – INDIVIDUAL SCORES

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Only team members who pleaded as both Complainant and Respondent had the chance to compete for the Best Orator of the Regional Rounds. Individual scores in the table below:

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total	
1	Slevian Chua	44.00	40.00	34.00	39.33	42.00	40.00	40.00	40.67	40.00
1	Neela Alagushnadaram	46.00	45.00	31.00	40.67	44.00	43.00	39.00	42.00	41.33
1	Justin Lai	44.00	43.00	28.00	38.33	40.00	39.00	39.00	39.33	38.83
7	Wang Yu-Hsin	41.00	46.00	37.00	41.33	36.00	29.00	24.00	29.67	35.50
7	Huang Chih-Chi					30.00	28.00	21.00	26.33	
7	Liu Hong-Chih	37.00	47.00	32.00	38.67	34.00	34.00	22.00	30.00	34.33
7	Jasper Chen	36.00	43.00	32.00	37.00					
13	Nicole Teo	43.00	42.00	44.00	43.00	46.00	34.00	41.00	40.33	41.67
13	Sean Gregory Xuan Wei Rappa	38.00	40.00	45.00	41.00	33.00	19.00	28.00	26.67	33.83
19	Songline Liu	43.00	42.00	40.00	41.67	38.00	40.00	31.00	36.33	39.00
19	Kun Wang	37.00	37.00	32.00	35.33	37.00	36.00	27.00	33.33	34.33
19	Yuyang Zhao	42.00	40.00	40.00	40.67	40.00	41.00	31.00	37.33	39.00
38	Zeyi Lin	35.00	39.00	43.00	39.00	31.00	29.00	32.00	30.67	34.83
38	Huiwen Nie	33.00	40.00	43.00	38.67	29.00	28.00	27.00	28.00	33.33
38	Pinyi Lin	35.00	37.00	38.00	36.67	30.00	28.00	30.00	29.33	33.00
53	JulianAlozo Marques					38.00	40.00	45.00	41.00	
53	Aleana Cecilia P. Bantolo	36.00	34.00	39.00	36.33	36.00	40.00	41.00	39.00	37.67
53	Anthony Garcia Capuyan jr.	34.00	34.00	32.00	33.33					
53	Juan Carlo C. Cabero	36.00	35.00	39.00	36.67	40.00	40.00	43.00	41.00	38.83
54	Siyi Wu	30.00	34.00	32.00	32.00	35.00	37.00	30.00	34.00	33.00
54	Linyi Chen	33.00	35.00	37.00	35.00	40.00	39.00	31.00	36.67	35.83
56	Anhua Li	26.00	23.00	27.00	25.33	42.00	36.00	40.00	39.33	32.33
56	Yiyu Wang	28.00	30.00	27.00	28.33	38.00	34.00	30.00	34.00	31.17
56	Yilan Dai	26.00	22.00	24.00	24.00	38.00	35.00	35.00	36.00	30.00
70	Hesreen Raed	36.00	28.00	26.00	30.00	11.00	9.00	24.00	14.67	22.33
70	Jonathan Boe	30.00	26.00	25.00	27.00					
70	Paul Tarikwisi	32.00	27.00	25.00	28.00	8.00	9.00	23.00	13.33	20.67
70	Margaret Tuivaitupu					10.00	9.00	23.00	14.00	
85	Maxine Mikaela Capili	46.00	48.00	45.00	46.33					
85	Caleb Catalan	42.00	44.00	35.00	40.33	40.00	37.00	36.00	37.67	39.00
85	Jet Ryan Nicolas	45.00	41.00	34.00	40.00	40.00	39.00	38.00	39.00	39.50
85	Samantha Pauline Villanueva					42.00	40.00	40.00	40.67	
89	Dinh Quynh Trang	21.00	18.00	21.00	20.00	36.00	44.00	42.00	40.67	30.33
89	Vu Bao Anh	19.00	16.00	19.00	18.00	33.00	42.00	40.00	38.33	28.17
89	Hoang Nguyen Hieu Nhi	21.00	16.00	21.00	19.33	34.00	38.00	40.00	37.33	28.33

Based on their scores, **Nicole Teo from Team 13 from the National University of Singapore (Singapore)** was awarded the prize for **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds**.

SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all the team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 1				
		P1	P2	P3	P4	Score
53	Aleana Cecilia P. Bantolo	35.00	35.00	42.00	36.00	37.00
53	Juan Carlo C. Cabero	33.00	31.00	38.00	37.00	34.75
53	Anthony Garcia Capuyan jr.	31.00	31.00	41.00	38.00	35.25

1	Neela Alagusundaram	43.00	43.00	48.00	44.00	44.50
1	Slevin Chua	37.00	38.00	42.00	42.00	39.75
1	Justin Lai	40.00	37.00	43.00	42.00	40.50

Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 2				
		P1	P2	P3	P4	Score
85	Maxine Mikaela Capili	46.00	39.00	36.00	42.00	40.75
85	Caleb Catalan	31.00	39.00	39.00	45.00	38.50
85	Jet Ryan Nicolas	31.00	36.00	36.00	38.00	35.25

13	Nicole Teo	41.00	42.00	39.00	45.00	41.75
13	Sean Rappa	42.00	39.00	38.00	46.00	41.25

Based on the Scores, **Neela Alagusundaram from Team 1 from Singapore Management University (Singapore)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Semi-Finals**.

GRAND FINAL

Similar to the Semi-Finals, all the team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

Team	Team Members	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Total
1	Neela Alagusundaram	33.00	40.00	33.00	33.00	32.00	34.20
1	Selvin Chua	32.00	34.00	30.00	29.00	28.00	30.60
1	Justin Lai	32.00	33.00	30.00	31.00	28.00	30.80

13	Nicole Teo	31.00	42.00	34.00	31.00	30.00	33.60
13	Sean Rappa	30.00	40.00	30.00	29.00	28.00	31.40

Based on the scores, **Neela Alagusundaram from Team 1 from Singapore Management University (Singapore)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Grand Final of the East Asia and Oceania Regional Round**.

WEST AND SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL ROUND

ABOUT THE REGIONAL ROUND

The second Regional Round of the 21st John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was organised by the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences and its Moot Court Society, between the 3rd and 7th of March 2023, in Kolkata, India. From 3 countries, a total of 21 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round:

- **Team 6:** Government Law College, Mumbai (India)
- **Team 10:** Ramaiah College of Law (India)
- **Team 11:** Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar (Faculty - Dr. Girish R.) (India)
- **Team 15:** West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (India)
- **Team 31:** National Law School of India University, Bangalore; Faculty - Prof. Govindraj G. Hegde, Chair of Ministry of Commerce Chair on International Trade Law (India)
- **Team 32:** Institute of Law, Nirma University (India)
- **Team 33:** National Law University Delhi (India)
- **Team 35:** Lloyd Law College (CCS University) - Prof. (Dr.) Mohd. Salim (India)
- **Team 39:** Sri Lanka Law College (Sri Lanka)
- **Team 40:** University of Colombo (Sri Lanka)
- **Team 41:** Royal Institute of Colombo (Sri Lanka)
- **Team 42:** Tamil Nadu National Law University (India)
- **Team 49:** Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai (India)
- **Team 51:** Tashkent State University of Law, International Law and Comparative Legislation (Uzbekistan)
- **Team 59:** Symbiosis Law School, Pune- Prof. Virendra Singh Thakur (India)
- **Team 63:** National Law University Jodhpur and Rohan Cherian Thomas (India)
- **Team 68:** Jindal Global University (India)
- **Team 75:** CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Bangalore (India)
- **Team 76:** Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law | Dr. Geetika Walia (India)
- **Team 83:** National Law Institute University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (India)
- **Team 90:** Hidayatullah National Law University (India).

The round was supported by 34 Panellists, and we would like to thank them for their support of the organisation of this Regional Round: Aarushi Mittal, Aishwariya Vaidyanathan, Amit Randev, Arnav Bose, Arnav Sharma, Ashita Jain, Dr. Sandeepa Bhat, Dr. Santanu Mujherjee, Dr. Srikant Parthasarathy, Dr. James J. Nedumpara, Kanchan Yadav, Lakshmi Swathi, Achyuth, Arnav Sharma, Jamshed Ahmad Siddiqui, Ridhish Rajvanshi, Rishabha Meena, Amandeep Kaur Bajwa, Imjot Kaur, Krishna Bhattacharya, Ronjini Ray, Shana Sharma, Smriti Bhaskar, Natalie Carlson, Prabash Ranjan, Pranav Narang, Rishi Raj Mukherjee, Shreya Dahiya, Suhail Nathani, Swetketu Das, Tamal Mandal, Vaidehi Balvally, Vani Kaushik, and VG Hegde.



AN ORGANISER'S PERSPECTIVE

Namaskar. My name is Varun Garg and I was the Head and Director of the Organizing Committee for the West and South Asia Regional Rounds.

On March 3, 2023 ELSA and NUJS Moot Court Society were delighted to welcome students from all across South and West Asia for the Regional Round of the 21st John H Jackson Moot Court Competition. Representing their nations, twenty-one teams hailing from India, Sri Lanka, and Uzbekistan converged on the campus of the University to display their legal skills and prowess over the course of three intense days. This historic event marked the first time that the competition has taken place in India, and NUJS was honoured to be entrusted with its organization.

The first day of the event started with a magnificent opening ceremony and a grandeur-filled Kolkata tour. In collaboration with the West Bengal Transport Corporation, we organized a special city tour that included a ferry ride to view the historic Howrah Bridge over the Ganges River and a visit to the tram museum. Our sincere appreciation goes to Mr. Rajanvir Singh Kapur for facilitating the tour.



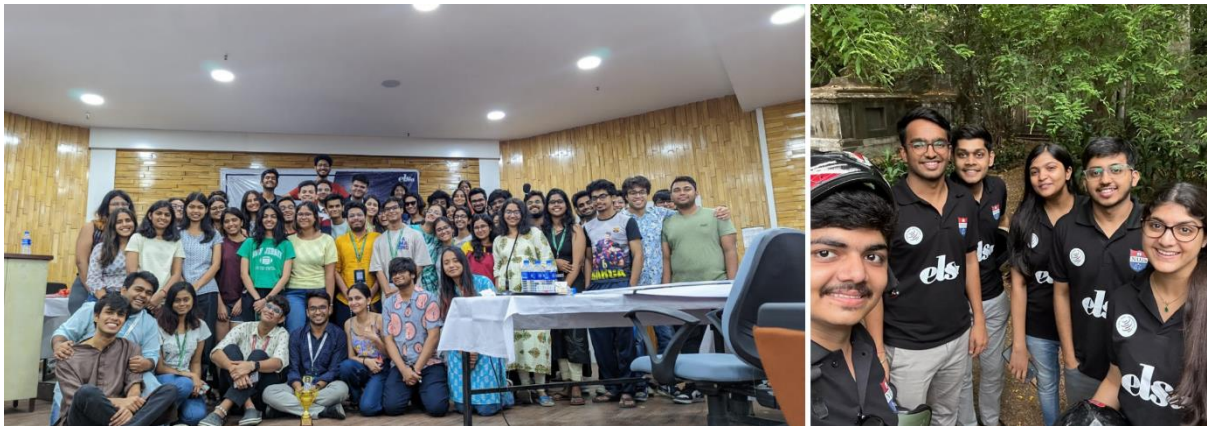
Following an engaging opening ceremony and city tour, the preliminary rounds of the competition commenced on the second day and continued through to the third day, during which each team presented their arguments with the aim of advancing to the emerging semi-finals. Each team ensured to put forward their best legal front as they vied for a chance to advance through the progressive stages of the competition. The exceptional brilliance and the undefeatable legal acumen of the various teams participating was testamentary to the fact that the judges faced difficulty as they made the choices of the teams going forward.

From the twenty-one teams facing each other in the prelims, the teams representing the Lloyd Law College, Jindal Global Law School, National Law Institute University and our NUJS University team made the cut to the semis. To cool-off from the intense rounds of the past two days, a social event was organized at Kolkata's renowned Five Mad Man Club, for the participants where they got a chance to interact with each other.

The next day marked the Semi Finals and the Grand Final round. Following rigorous rounds of questioning from the esteemed panel of judges, two teams, namely NLIU, Bhopal and NUJS, Kolkata emerged victorious and progressed to the finals. The teams engaged in a closely contested battle, vying for the ultimate prize, in front of a distinguished panel of judges comprising Ms. Natalie Carlson (Legal Analyst, World Trade Organization), Dr. Srikant Parthasarathy (Trade Law Practitioner), Mr. James J. Nedumpara (Head of Centre for Trade and Investment Law), Mr. Amit Randev (Practitioner SBA Consultant), Dr. VG Hegde (Professor Trade Law, Jawaharlal National University), and Dr. Santanu Mukherjee (World Trade Institute alumnus and Practitioner), who posed challenging inquiries testing the application of law and facts. The competition ended with a cultural event showcasing Indian dance and music after the sponsors' fair.

In the organization of the event, we would firstly like to thank the European Law Students' Association and our sponsors Centre for Trade and Investment Law (Gold and Knowledge Partner), India Pharmaceutical Alliance (Silver Partner), and LiveLaw (Media Partner). It was because of the immense cooperation and resources they provided that the smooth flow of the event was ensured.

We also express our appreciation to the members of the Moot Court Society and the Organizing Committee for their hard work and dedication throughout the competition. While this was the first collaboration between NUJS and ELSA for the organization of regional rounds, we look forward to continuing this relationship for many more years to come.



Written by Varun Garg, Convenor of NUJS Moot Court Society 2022-23, Head of Organising Committee of South and West Asia Regional Rounds

RESULTS – WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Final Total Score
	Panelist 1	Penalties	Total	Panelist 2	Penalties	Total	
6	18.50	0.5	18.000	20.00	0.500	19.500	37.500
10	30.00	0.5	29.500	16.20	0.500	15.700	45.200
11	41.00	1.5	39.500	37.80	1.000	36.800	76.300
15	44.00	1	43.000	47.00	0.500	46.500	89.500
31	33.00	0.5	32.500	41.00	0.500	40.500	73.000
32	30.00	0.5	29.500	40.50	0.500	40.000	69.500
33	35.00	1	34.000	47.00	0.500	46.500	80.500
35	28.00	0.5	27.500	46.00	0.500	45.500	73.000
39	31.00	0.5	30.500	24.00	0.000	24.000	54.500
40	33.00	2.5	30.500	28.00	2.500	25.500	56.000
41	21.00	2.5	18.500	20.50	2.500	18.000	36.500
42	41.00	1.5	39.500	31.50	1.000	30.500	70.000
49	15.00	0.5	14.500	28.00	0.500	27.500	42.000
50	29.00	0	29.000	24.00	0.500	23.500	52.500
51	27.00	3	24.000	18.00	2.500	15.500	39.500
63	44.00	1	43.000	35.00	0.500	34.500	77.500
68	35.00	0.5	34.500	35.00	0.5	34.500	69.000
75	21.00	0	21.000	26.00	0.5	25.500	46.500
76	38.00	0.5	37.500	34.50	0.5	34.000	71.500
83	38.00	0	38.000	30.50	0	30.500	68.500
90	28.50	0	28.500	31.00	0	31.000	59.500

Based on their scores, **Team 63 from National Law University Jodhpur and Rohan Cherian Thomas (India)** was awarded the prize for **Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)**, **Team 15 from West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (India)** was awarded the prize for **Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)** and the prize for **Best Overall Written Submission**.

* Team 15 and Team 33 had the same score for the Respondent Written Submission. Therefore, we looked at the penalties to look for a winner. As they had the same amount of Penalties, the award was given to Team 15 as they had the highest score out of the Legal Analysis part of the WS.

RESULTS – TEAM SCORES

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

The teams got to plead twice, once on behalf of the Complainant and once for the Respondent. Their score from the Oral Pleadings (60%) are then combined with their Written Submission score (40%) to give them an overall average score. The teams qualifying for the Semi-Finals are marked in green in the table below.

Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				OP	OP 0.6	WS average	WS 0.4	Total
	P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total					
6	28.67	26.00	23.33	26.00	21.00	29.67	30.33	27.00	26.50	15.90	18.75	7.50	23.40
10	29.30	32.00	39.00	33.43	30.67	20.00	29.67	26.78	30.11	18.06	22.60	9.04	27.10
11	38.50	30.00	34.00	34.17	35.50	38.50	37.00	37.00	35.58	21.35	38.15	15.26	36.61
15	35.00	37.00	37.50	36.50	41.50	42.50	39.00	41.00	38.75	23.25	44.75	17.90	41.15
31	46.30	45.50	41.00	44.27	29.33	24.33	32.33	28.67	36.47	21.88	36.50	14.60	36.48
32	23.00	25.00	24.25	24.08	28.00	23.50	23.00	24.83	24.46	14.68	34.75	13.90	28.58
33	37.00	36.00	36.00	36.33	37.50	33.50	38.50	36.50	36.42	21.85	40.25	16.10	37.95
35	40.33	41.33	39.67	40.44	33.00	34.33	39.33	35.55	38.00	22.80	36.45	14.58	37.38
39	42.50	43.00	40.50	42.00	29.00	26.00	24.50	26.50	34.25	20.55	27.25	10.90	31.45
40	28.33	31.00	32.33	30.56	20.67	32.00	28.00	26.89	28.72	17.23	28.00	11.20	28.43
41	28.50	28.00	28.00	28.17	28.00	26.50	27.50	27.33	27.75	16.65	18.25	7.30	23.95
42	29.00	16.33	31.33	25.56	37.33	38.33	36.33	37.33	31.44	18.87	35.00	14.00	32.87
49	19.00	17.00	15.00	17.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	26.00	15.60	21.00	8.40	24.00
51	21.33	21.33	21.67	21.44	39.67	43.67	42.00	41.78	31.61	18.97	20.75	8.30	27.27
59	29.00	23.50	31.00	27.83	30.00	38.00	29.50	32.50	30.17	18.10	28.75	11.50	29.60
63	34.67	39.33	39.00	37.67	29.00	26.68	37.33	31.00	34.34	20.60	38.75	15.50	36.10
68	40.50	41.00	35.50	39.00	45.50	46.00	40.50	44.00	41.50	24.90	34.50	13.80	38.70
75	31.33	37.33	28.00	32.22	19.50	18.50	19.50	19.17	25.69	15.42	23.25	9.30	24.72
76	27.33	25.67	26.67	26.56	18.00	15.00	13.67	15.56	21.06	12.63	35.75	14.30	26.93
83	47.50	47.00	46.00	46.83	41.00	38.00	39.50	39.50	43.17	25.90	34.25	13.70	39.60
90	23.00	32.50	28.50	28.00	43.00	38.00	37.00	39.33	33.67	20.20	29.75	11.90	32.10

SEMI-FINALS

Teams qualifying for the Grand Final of the Regional Round are marked in green in the table below.

	Complainant						Respondent							
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Total	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Tota	WS	Total
Semi Final Round 1														
33	31.00	29.50	29.00	37.50	32.00	31.80							40.25	35.18
15							37.00	43.00	41.50	40.00	40.00	40.30	44.75	42.08
Semi Final Round 2														
68	35.00	31.00	41.00	37.00	34.50	35.70							34.50	35.22
83							35.50	34.50	37.00	43.00	33.00	36.60	34.25	35.66

GRAND FINAL

Applicant								
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
83	31.00	43.50	38.00	33.50	30.50	38.50	41.50	36.64

Respondent								
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
15	38.00	45.00	40.00	35.50	35.50	46.50	44.00	40.64

Based on the scores, **Team 15** from the **West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (India)** was declared the **Winner of the West and South Asia Regional Round**, and **Team 83** from **National Law Institute University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (India)** was declared the **Runner-Up**.

RESULTS – INDIVIDUAL SCORES

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Only team members who pleaded as both Complainant and Respondent had the chance to compete for the Best Orator of the Regional Rounds. Individual scores in the table below:

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total	
6	Niharika Gupta	23.00	19.00	22.00	21.33	38.00	38.00	25.00	33.67	27.50
6	Himangi Raswant	33.00	31.00	24.50	29.50	28.00	23.00	20.00	23.67	26.58
6	Manann Bhoota	30.00	28.00	25.00	27.67	25.00	28.00	18.00	23.67	25.67
10	R Deeksha	38.00	42.00	48.00	42.67	33.00	25.00	35.00	31.00	36.83
10	Shiladitya Mishra	15.00	22.00	22.00	19.67	28.00	16.00	27.00	23.67	21.67
10	Sneha Verma	35.00	32.00	41.00	36.00	31.00	19.00	27.00	25.67	30.83
11	Saikishan Rathore	38.50	27.00	34.00	33.17	43.00	49.00	49.00	47.00	40.08
11	Zoya Zahed	38.50	33.00	34.00	35.17	28.00	30.00	25.00	27.67	31.42
15	Akash Nath	36.00	38.00	40.00	38.00	42.00	43.00	44.00	43.00	40.50
15	Nimesh Singh	34.00	36.00	35.00	35.00	36.00	42.00	39.00	39.00	37.00
31	Siddhant Pengoriya	48.00	47.50	40.00	45.17	32.00	29.00	35.00	32.00	38.58
31	Abhiram Nitin	46.00	47.00	42.00	45.00	32.00	24.00	31.00	29.00	37.00
31	Vedant Gupta	45.00	42.00	43.00	43.33	33.00	20.00	22.00	25.00	34.17
32	Tashi Saraf	26.00	25.00	28.00	26.33	31.00	33.00	36.00	33.33	29.83
32	Utkarsh Dewan	20.00	25.00	20.50	21.83	15.00	14.00	20.00	16.33	19.08
33	Abhishek Tripathi	41.00	41.00	40.00	40.67	41.00	41.00	42.00	41.33	41.00
33	Shereya Singh	33.00	31.00	32.00	32.00	34.00	26.00	35.00	31.67	31.83
35	Manya Gupta	47.00	47.00	43.00	45.67	39.00	34.00	34.00	35.67	40.67
35	Suyansh Singh	41.00	42.00	42.00	41.67	42.00	35.00	33.00	36.67	39.17
35	Dhaval Sheth	33.00	35.00	36.00	34.67	37.00	34.00	32.00	34.33	34.50
39	Ramith Siriwardana	46.00	46.00	44.00	45.33	27.00	34.00	38.00	33.00	39.17
39	Pramitha Thejaka Perera	39.00	40.00	37.00	38.67	22.00	18.00	20.00	20.00	29.33
40	Sabeeha Mariyam	28.00	31.00	31.00	30.00	14.00	30.00	26.00	23.33	26.67
40	Kawya Mallawaarachchi	28.00	32.00	32.00	30.67	11.00	27.00	25.00	21.00	25.83
40	Janindu Balalle					37.00	39.00	33.00	36.33	
40	Nimuthu Siriwardana	29.00	30.00	34.00	31.00					
41	Subeektha Sivakumar	27.00	27.00	26.00	26.67	32.00	31.00	34.00	26.67	26.67
41	Sapumal Dissanayake	30.00	29.00	30.00	29.67	33.00	22.00	22.00	29.67	29.67
42	Meghaa G.	32.00	17.00	31.00	26.67	42.00	42.00	41.00	41.67	34.17
42	Srinidhi R.	28.00	15.00	30.00	24.33	34.00	36.00	34.00	34.67	
42	Rajeta Shuklaa					36.00	37.00	34.00	35.67	17.83
42	JS Kaushalya	27.00	17.00	33.00	25.67					

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total	
49	Akshat Juyal	21.00	20.00	21.00	20.67	36.00	36.00	37.00	36.33	28.50
49	Kunal Chaudhary	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.33	34.00	34.00	33.00	33.67	25.00
51	Miraliev Javokhir	12.00	22.00	13.00	15.67	46.00	49.50	48.00	47.83	31.75
51	Abdullaev Oybeik	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.67	36.00	43.50	40.00	39.83	
51	Omonov Shavkat					37.00	38.00	38.00	37.67	18.83
51	Rakhmonova Charos	24.00	24.00	25.00	24.33					
59	Shreyans Parakh	34.00	27.00	37.00	32.67	42.00	34.00	19.00	31.67	32.17
59	Aradhya Bindal	24.00	20.00	25.00	23.00	18.00	42.00	40.00	33.33	28.17
63	Vidushu Singh	35.00	44.00	42.00	40.33	36.00	45.00	31.00	37.33	38.83
63	Dhruv Singh Garcha	34.00	36.00	36.00	35.33	36.50	38.00	27.00	33.83	34.58
63	Krishna Ravishankar	35.00	38.00	39.00	37.33	19.50	29.00	22.00	23.50	30.42
68	Nehaol Sri LV	44.00	44.00	38.00	42.00	38.00	45.00	45.00	42.67	42.33
68	Vidush Sinha					43.00	47.00	46.00	45.33	
68	Varun Maheshwari	37.00	38.00	33.00	36.00					
75	Tinashree Chowdary	35.00	40.00	32.00	35.67	15.00	13.00	13.00	13.67	24.67
75	Harita Nair	32.00	37.00	27.00	32.00	14.00	13.00	15.00	14.00	23.00
75	Mohini Radha	27.00	35.00	25.00	29.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	10.67	19.83
76	Madhvi Wadhawan	38.00	39.00	36.00	37.67	15.00	17.00	19.00	17.00	27.33
76	Aarushi Srivastava	22.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	14.00	16.00	17.00	15.67	18.33
76	Sneha Singh	22.00	20.00	23.00	21.67	12.00	12.00	18.00	14.00	17.83
83	Gungun Anand	48.00	47.00	46.00	47.00	42.00	43.00	42.00	42.33	44.67
83	Kumkum Suneja	47.00	47.00	46.00	46.67	40.00	35.00	37.00	37.33	42.00
90	L Anisha	30.00	39.00	35.00	34.67	44.00	38.00	40.00	40.67	37.67
90	Dhruvi Agarwal	16.00	26.00	22.00	21.33	42.00	38.00	34.00	38.00	29.67

Based on the scores, **Gungun Anand from Team 83 from National Law Institute University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (India)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Preliminary Rounds**.

SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all the team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 1					
		P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Score
33	Abhishek Tripathi	30.00	28.00	28.00	35.00	30.00	30.20
33	Shreya Singh	32.00	31.00	30.00	40.00	32.00	33.00

15	Nimesh Singh	34.00	42.00	39.00	39.00	34.00	37.60
15	Akasjh Nath	40.00	44.00	44.00	41.00	40.00	41.80

Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 2					
		P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Score
68	Nehaol Sri IV	33.00	30.00	40.00	26.00	30.00	31.80
68	Vidush Sinha	36.00	44.00	42.00	36.00	40.00	39.60

83	Gungung Anand	36.00	45.00	42.00	39.00	39.00	40.20
83	Kumkum Suneja	30.00	41.00	32.00	30.00	32.00	33.00

Based on the scores, **Akasjh Nath from Team 15 from West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (India)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Semi-Finals**.

GRAND FINAL

Similar to the Semi-Finals, all the team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

Team	Team Members	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
15	Nimesh Singh	32.00	34.00	39.00	44.00	33.00	46.00	43.00	38.71
15	Akasjh Nath	39.00	37.00	41.00	46.00	43.00	47.00	45.00	42.57

83	Gungung Anand	31.00	35.00	41.00	46.00	35.00	40.00	43.00	38.71
83	Kumkum Suneja	30.00	32.00	35.00	41.00	27.00	37.00	40.00	34.57

Based on the scores, **Ankasjh Nath from Team 15 from West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (India)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Grand Final of the West and South Asia Regional Round**.

AFRICAN REGIONAL ROUND

ABOUT THE REGIONAL ROUND

The third Regional Round of the 21st John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was organised by the University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA), between the 8th and 12th of March 2023, in Accra, Ghana. From 7 countries, a total of 15 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round:

- **Team 2:** Rhodes University (South Africa)
- **Team 14:** Makerere University (Uganda)
- **Team 18:** University of Calabar (Nigeria)
- **Team 34:** University of Carthage (Tunisia)
- **Team 47:** Uganda Christian University (Uganda)
- **Team 62:** Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (Kenya)
- **Team 69:** University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa)
- **Team 72:** University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA), (Ghana)
- **Team 79:** Kabarak University (Kenya), Kenyatta University (Kenya)
- **Team 91:** Strathmore University (South Africa)
- **Team 92:** National University of Lesotho (Lesotho)
- **Team 94:** The University of Ibadan (Nigeria)
- **Team 99:** Renaissance University (Nigeria)
- **Team 100:** Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Nigeria).

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THE ORGANISATION

The African Regional Round of the 21st edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was organised by the University of Professional Studies Law School (UPSA) and ELSA with the technical support of the WTO. This 21st edition also marked the 10th anniversary of the African Regional Round, marking 10 years of contributing to capacity building on the African continent.

During the days of the African Regional Round, teams were hosted in the buildings of UPSA Law School and at the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). On the first day, the 8th of March, teams arrived throughout the day and were picked up at the airport by staff from UPSA Law School to take them to their hotels. Later in the afternoon, the teams were taken to the venues at UPSA Accra for the Opening Ceremony of the 10th African Regional Round. During this Opening Ceremony, we had welcoming speeches from the faculty and the draw was conducted to determine the schedule for their pleadings for the coming days.

On Thursday the 9th and Friday the 10th of March, the teams participated in the Preliminary Rounds at UPSA Law School. On both days, lunch was provided to all the participants. Teams also got local support to help finance their dinners. On the 9th of March, the African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat invited the participants and organisers to their office in the centre of Accra for the Sponsor's Fair. Here, the participants got to experience presentations by the partners of ELSA, the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, and the African Regional Round. Afterwards, the participants and the guests were welcomed for dinner on the terrace of the building. Here, the participants got a chance to network with the panellists and representatives of partners while enjoying some good food and drinks.

The Semi-Finals and the Grand Final were also hosted at UPSA Law School, on the 11th of March. Lunch was also provided on this day. In the evening, the Closing Ceremony of the African Regional Round was hosted in one of the rooms at UPSA and was combined with a Closing Dinner, where the participants and guests were served a lovely dinner and dessert with accompanying drinks. The participants also had the honour of meeting the Second Lady of the Republic of Ghana, Samira Bawumia, who came as a guest for the dinner.

ELSA thanks the University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA) and the African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat for hosting the African Regional Round and the teams for making this Regional Round and the 10th anniversary so special.

Written by Linnéa Regnell

RESULTS – WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Final Total Score
	Panelist 1	Penalties	Total	Panelist 2	Penalties	Total	
2	31.50	0	31.500	26.00	0.000	26.000	57.500
14	9.50	7.5	2.000	11.00	0.500	10.500	12.500
18	28.00	2	26.000	31.00	2.500	28.500	54.500
34	38.00	2.5	35.500	26.00	2.000	24.000	59.500
47	10.00	0.5	9.500	24.00	0.500	23.500	33.000
62	22.00	3.5	18.500	29.00	2.500	26.500	45.000
69	22.00	2	20.000	36.50	2	34.500	54.500
72	39.00	6.5	32.500	41.00	5.5	35.500	68.000
77	36.00	0	36.000	37.00	0.5	36.500	72.500
79	32.85	0	32.850	12.50	0.5	12.000	44.850
91	35.00	4.5	30.500	45.00	3	42.000	72.500
92	37.00	2.5	34.500	14.00	2	12.000	46.500
94	10.50	4	6.500	16.00	1.5	14.500	21.000
99	23.00	4	19.000	42.00	4	38.000	57.000
100	26.00	1	25.000	13.00	2	11.000	36.000

Based on their scores, **Team 77** from **Kabarak University (Kenya)** was awarded the prize for **Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)**, **Team 91** from **Strathmore Univeristy (Kenya)** was awarded the prize for **Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)**, and **Team 77** from **Kabarak University (Kenya)** was awarded the prize for **Best Overall Written Submission**.

* Team 77 and Team 91 had the same overall score. The award for Best Overall Written Submission was granted to Team 77 as they had less penalties.

RESULTS – TEAM SCORES

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

The teams got to plead twice, once on behalf of the Complainant and once for the Respondent. Their score from the Oral Pleadings (60 %) are then combined with their Written Submission score (40 %) to give them an overall average score. The teams qualifying for the Semi-Finals are marked in green in the table below.

Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				OP	OP 0.6	WS average	WS 0.4	Total
	P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total					
2	41.00	39.00	43.00	41.00	45.00	45.00	43.00	44.33	42.67	25.60	28.75	11.50	37.10
14	30.00	25.00	29.00	28.00	24.00	35.00	35.00	31.33	29.67	17.80	6.25	2.50	20.30
18	43.00	44.00	39.00	42.00	38.00	35.00	43.00	38.67	40.33	24.20	27.25	10.90	35.10
34	17.00	28.00	25.00	23.33	35.00	41.00	30.00	35.33	29.33	17.60	29.75	11.90	29.50
47	43.00	43.00	48.00	44.67	42.00	48.00	45.00	45.00	44.83	26.90	16.50	6.60	33.50
62	35.00	33.00	37.00	35.00	45.00	48.00	47.00	46.67	40.83	24.50	22.50	9.00	33.50
69	40.00	42.00	30.00	37.33	48.00	46.00	40.00	44.67	41.00	24.60	27.25	10.90	35.50
72	28.00	36.00	40.00	34.67	37.00	45.00	39.00	40.33	37.50	22.50	34.00	13.60	36.10
77	43.00	40.00	39.00	40.67	43.00	36.00	41.00	40.00	40.33	24.20	36.25	14.50	38.70
79	44.00	43.00	40.00	42.33	40.00	45.00	38.00	41.00	41.67	25.00	22.43	8.97	33.97
91	46.00	40.00	43.00	43.00	48.00	46.00	44.00	46.00	44.50	26.70	36.25	14.50	41.20
92	17.00	30.00	26.00	24.33	10.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	19.67	11.80	23.25	9.30	21.10
94	37.00	31.00	40.00	36.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	28.33	32.17	19.30	10.50	4.20	23.50
99	27.00	39.00	22.00	29.33	35.00	35.00	40.00	36.67	33.00	19.80	28.50	11.40	31.20
100	17.00	20.00	20.00	19.00	35.00	39.00	37.00	37.00	28.00	16.80	18.00	7.20	24.00

SEMI-FINALS

Teams qualifying for the Grand Final of the Regional Round are marked in green in the table below.

	Complainant						Respondent							
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Total	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Tota	WS	Total
Semi Final Round 1														
72	20.00	25.00	32.00	14.00	29.00	24.00							34.00	28.00
91							48.00	44.00	48.00	47.00	45.00	46.40	36.25	42.34
Semi Final Round 2														
77	43.00	45.00	47.00	45.00	45.00	45.00							36.25	41.50
2							30.00	44.00	42.00	43.00	35.00	38.80	36.25	37.78

GRAND FINAL

Applicant								
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
77	39.00	40.00	40.00	46.00	42.00	43.00	38.00	41.14

Respondent								
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
91	47.00	47.00	47.00	46.00	47.00	48.00	48.00	47.14

Based on the scores, **Team 91 from University of Strathmore (Kenya)** was declared the **Winner** of the **African Regional Round** and **Team 77 from Kabarak University (Kenya)** was declared the **Runner-Up**.

RESULTS – INDIVIDUAL SCORES

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Only team members who pleaded as both Complainant and Respondent had the chance to compete for the Best Orator of the Regional Rounds. Individual scores in the table below:

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total	
2	Franciscus Crouse	37.00	34.00	34.00	35.00	45.00	43.00	36.00	41.33	38.17
2	Sovash Chetty	43.00	44.00	44.00	43.67	44.00	43.00	43.00	43.33	43.50
2	Tapiwa Madzima	40.00	37.00	35.00	37.33	37.00	41.00	43.00	40.33	38.83
14	Mugabi Jordan	25.00	27.00	23.00	25.00					12.50
14	Joshua Kingdom					30.00	25.00	25.00	26.67	
14	Choice Mclean					30.00	25.00	36.00	30.33	
14	Namata Nicter Kaweesi	27.00	23.00	22.00	24.00					12.00
18	John Kaunda	43.00	39.00	33.00	38.33	36.00	36.00	43.00	38.33	38.33
18	Ignatius Okplewu	45.00	41.00	47.00	44.33	40.00	33.00	45.00	39.33	41.83
18	Joy Azu	39.00	35.00	38.00	37.33	36.00	27.00	40.00	34.33	35.83
34	Synda Somai	21.00	29.00	25.00	25.00	35.00	41.00	30.00	35.33	30.17
34	Nada Djebbi	27.00	34.00	30.00	30.33	40.00	44.00	34.00	39.33	34.83
34	Abir Khelif	23.00	25.00	25.00	24.33	35.00	38.00	31.00	34.67	29.50
47	Babirye Rehema Namuli					40.00	40.00	48.00	42.67	
47	Melissa Mary Ninsiima	44.00	43.00	40.00	42.33	37.00	38.00	47.00	40.67	41.50
47	Remmy Wahanze	40.00	43.00	36.00	39.67					
62	Mokua Pius Paul	46.00	40.00	43.00	43.00					
62	Masila Faith Muthina	25.00	26.00	25.00	25.33					
62	Mogesi Joel					47.00	48.00	46.00	47.00	
62	Marion Nyaruai Irungu					41.00	43.00	42.00	42.00	
69	Robyn Helling	43.00	46.00	37.00	42.00	36.00	47.00	40.00	41.00	41.50
69	Luvuyo Richard Motshabi	35.00	35.00	29.00	33.00					16.50
69	Khanyisile Ndaba	35.00	45.00	28.00	36.00	42.00	49.00	43.00	44.67	40.33
72	Comfort Kodi	28.00	43.00	40.00	37.00	40.00	46.00	37.00	41.00	39.00
72	Emmanuel Kofi Nyarko					34.00	41.00	34.00	36.33	
72	Denise Lomokie Dame	27.00	41.00	35.00	34.33	34.00	44.00	38.00	38.67	36.50
72	Christabel Agyekumwaa Kwarteng	32.00	41.00	40.00	37.67					
77	Faith Kananu Kendi	43.00	34.00	35.00	37.33	40.00	43.00	38.00	40.33	38.83
77	Barrack Onyango	43.00	39.00	42.00	41.33	43.00	41.00	39.00	41.00	41.17
77	Fidel Tekin Saeko	38.00	36.00	36.00	36.67	38.00	39.00	35.00	37.33	37.00
79	Ndirangu Wangari	40.00	42.00	35.00	39.00	41.00	39.00	35.00	38.33	38.67
79	Joseph Barasa	45.00	43.00	39.00	42.33	36.00	32.00	37.00	35.00	38.67
79	Mary Awino Osuka	46.00	44.00	41.00	43.67	34.00	33.00	37.00	34.67	39.17
91	Amelia Midwa	47.00	42.00	44.00	44.33	46.00	44.00	41.00	43.67	44.00
91	Glory K'Obonyo	41.00	40.00	42.00	41.00	48.00	46.00	46.00	46.67	43.83
91	Vicky Miriti	42.00	38.00	41.00	40.33	47.00	45.00	43.00	45.00	42.67

92	Mokhali Shale	24.00	20.00	16.00	20.00	15.00	24.00	25.00	21.33	20.67
92	Makara Kheteng	13.00	15.00	15.00	14.33	20.00	24.00	20.00	21.33	17.83
94	Israeli	23.00	23.00	25.00	23.67	37.00	29.00	22.00	29.33	26.50
94	Esther Osore	43.00	44.00	43.00	43.33	43.00	30.00	20.00	31.00	37.17
94	Mercy Olatayo	30.00	34.00	25.00	29.67	39.00	31.00	25.00	31.67	30.67
99	Emmanuel Uko-Akpapan	28.00	30.00	28.00	28.67	34.00	32.00	38.00	34.67	31.67
99	Ruth Linus	29.00	23.00	28.00	26.67	44.00	40.00	44.00	42.67	34.67
99	Peace Harry Imoh	12.00	22.00	21.00	18.33	35.00	32.00	39.00	35.33	26.83
100	Chidimma Precious Nworie	16.00	17.00	17.00	16.67	35.00	47.00	42.00	41.33	29.00
100	Onyinye Helen Fidel-Anekwe					25.00	37.00	38.00	33.33	
100	Valerian Netochukwu Udeh	21.00	20.00	20.00	20.33	25.00	38.00	35.00	32.67	26.50
100	Richard Kenechukwu Mba	17.00	16.00	17.00	16.67					

Based on the scores, **Amelia Midwa** from **Team 91** from **Strathmore University (Kenya)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Preliminary Rounds**.

SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all the team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 1					
		P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Score
72	Comfort Kodi	30.00	26.00	16.00	27.00	21.00	24.00
72	Denise Dame	30.00	29.00	16.00	25.00	19.00	23.80
72	Christabel Kwarteng	35.00	34.00	25.00	30.00	22.00	29.20

91	Amelia Midwa	45.00	42.00	45.00	44.00	46.00	44.40
91	Glory K'Obonyo	47.00	46.00	46.00	47.00	48.00	46.80
91	Vicki Miriti	44.00	42.00	46.00	45.00	46.00	31.86

Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 2					
		P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Score
77	Faith Kendi	43.00	42.00	42.00	46.00	45.00	43.60
77	Barrack Onyango	44.00	40.00	44.00	48.00	45.00	44.20
77	Fidel Sacko	44.00	43.00	43.00	45.00	40.00	43.00

2	Franciscus Crouse	43.00	48.00	40.00	41.00	40.00	42.40
2	Sovash Chetty	43.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	41.00	43.80
2	Tapiwa Madzima	35.00	44.00	43.00	41.00	36.00	39.80

Based on the scores, **Glory K'Obonyo** from **Team 91** from **Strathmore University (Kenya)** was declared the **Best Oralist of the Semi-Finals**.

GRAND FINAL

Similar to the Semi-Finals, all the team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

Team	Team Members	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
77	Faith Kendi	44.00	44.00	48.00	46.00	43.00	44.00	36.00	43.57
77	Barrack Onyango	38.00	37.00	44.00	46.00	43.00	43.00	32.00	40.43
77	Fidel Saeko	35.00	38.00	46.00	46.00	42.00	41.00	28.00	39.43

91	Amelia Midwa	44.00	45.00	46.00	45.00	46.00	46.00	48.00	45.71
91	Glory K'Obonyo	45.00	46.00	48.00	45.00	46.00	48.00	48.00	46.57
91	Vicky Miriti	49.00	48.00	50.00	47.00	48.00	49.00	50.00	48.71

Based on the scores, **Vicki Miriti from Team 91 from Strathmore University (Kenya)** was declared the **Best Oralist of the Grand Final of the African Regional Round**.

ALL-AMERICAN REGIONAL ROUND

ABOUT THE REGIONAL ROUND

The fourth Regional Round of the 21st John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was organised by the Centro Universitario de la Costa, Universidad de Guadalajara Puerto Vallarta, between the 15th and 19th of March 2023, in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. From 5 countries, a total of 8 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round:

- **Team 3:** FGV Direito SP - Escola de Direito de São Paulo (Brazil)
- **Team 16:** Queen's University (Canada)
- **Team 22:** Georgetown University (USA)
- **Team 26:** University of Ottawa (Canada)
- **Team 43:** Pontificia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (Brazil)
- **Team 45:** Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Colombia)
- **Team 50:** National Autonomous University of México (UNAM) (Mexico)
- **Team 81:** American University Washington (USA).

This All-American Regional Round was supported by 18 Panellists: Jennifer Hillman, Fernanda Garza, Alejandro Martinez, Carlos Arboleda, Fernando Beltran, Maria Pereyra, Ricardo Ramirez, Joanna Redelbach, Emilio Arteaga, Simón Hernandez, Samantha Atayde, Yannick Trudel, Hugo Romero, Edmundo Elias, Martin Michaus, Orlando Perez, Sergio Barajas, and Sarah Kirwin. We thank them for dedicating their time and expertise towards ensuring the academic quality of this Regional Round.



AN ORGANISER'S PERSPECTIVE

The All-American Regional Round of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was held in the Centro Universitario de la Costa, Universidad de Guadalajara Puerto Vallarta, Mexico from March 15 to 19, 2023.

On Wednesday March 15, 2023 everything started with the opening ceremony at the Centro Universitario de la Costa (CUC) where teams registered and were given their welcome package. In the welcome ceremony itself, Dr. Jorge Telllez (CUC's Rector), Ms. Maria Pereyra (Senior Counsellor, Legal Affairs Division, World Trade Organization), Linnéa Regnell (Vice President in charge of Competitions), and Dr. Edna Ramirez Robles (Head of the Organizing Committee of the Round) gave a warm welcome speech to all the participants, coaches and panellists. Thereafter, the competition draw took place. As a social program a welcome reception with canapes and a guided tour of the University were held.



On the second day, Thursday, March 16, 2023, the first preliminary rounds took place at the Centro Universitario de la Costa, in three different pleading rooms. After the preliminary rounds, lunch was waiting for all the participants and coaches, and that's how the first preliminary round ended.

On Friday, March 17, 2023, second Preliminary Rounds took place in the Centro Universitario de la Costa. After the preliminary was done, lunch was served and as part of the social program some teams and panellists took a tour at the university's reptilium while waiting for the Semi-Final's announcement. Past 3 o'clock all teams and panellists gather at Armando Soltero Auditorium to hear the announcement of the teams qualifying for the semifinals and with an atmosphere of uncertainty, Professor Edna Ramirez and Linnéa Regnell announce the 4 semi-finalist teams of the regional round. After the announcement, as part of the academic program, Professor and panellist Simon Hernandez gave a conference entitled "International treaty interpretation" and that's how happiness and sadness ended the third day of activities.



The fourth day, Saturday, March 18th, 2023, the semi-finals took place at the Centro Universitario de la costa, again after lunch, the announcement of the finalists was made and then as part of the program the sponsors faire was held, some of the sponsors such as VAN BAEL & BELLIS, VAZQUEZ TERCERO & ZEPEDA ABOGADOS, GOBIZGLOBAL y RRH CONSULTORES presented to the teams their opportunities for them at the mentioned law firms.

Lastly but the most exciting day for the participants, on Sunday, March 19th, 2023 the final took place at the Fiesta Inn hotel. The panel was composed by the Chairman Ricardo Ramirez, Ms. Maria Pereyra, Prof. Jennifer Hillman, Ms. Johana Rebelbach and Mr. Yannick Trudel.



After the final round took place, the second part of the sponsors fair was held with the participation of Ms Maria Pereyra, who enlightened students on job opportunities at WTO, and Ms Fernanda Garza who represented SMPS Legal. Then the winners of the Regional Round were announced and the closing ceremony ended with the sound of the Mariachis.

A special thanks goes to all panellists for all the effort and support which contributed to the academic growth of participants. Thank you for generously giving your time and wisdom.

We thank the supporters of this competition that were present: the WTO, Georgetown University and all the international sponsors: VAN BAEL & BELLIS, AKIN, STEPTOE and BAKER

MCKENZIE also VAZQUEZ TERCERO & ZEPEDA ABOGADOS, GOBIZGLOBAL, CL ABOGADOS, RAMOS RIPOLL & SCHUSTER, BASHAM, RRH CONSULTORES S.C., SM/PS – the regional round sponsors who made this competition possible.

Izmit Martinez: For me this was a very challenging project since we first tried to host a regional round in 2020 but due the pandemic we had to do it online, and then having the opportunity to achieve this competition in person was very satisfactory. Also it was very nice to have met all the students, coaches, panellists and part of the ELSA TEAM (Linnéa and Aliena).

Luis Corona: Hosting the John H Jackson Moot Court Competition in the university was an enriching experience, not only due to the academic aspects but also due to the networking possibilities and relationships that I was able to acquire with participants, coaches and panellists.



Written by Izmit Martinez and Dr. Edna Ramirez Robles

RESULTS – WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Final Total Score
	Panelist 1	Penalties	Total	Panelist 2	Penalties	Total	
3	31.00	1.5	29.500	32.00	1.500	30.500	60.000
16	38.00	1	37.000	45.00	1.500	43.500	80.500
22	44.00	1	43.000	40.50	0.000	40.500	83.500
26	41.00	0	41.000	44.00	0.000	44.000	85.000
43	13.00	2	11.000	20.00	2.000	18.000	29.000
45	30.00	0.5	29.500	42.00	1.000	41.000	70.500
50	29.00	0	29.000	24.00	0.500	23.500	52.500
81	30.00	0.5	29.500	29.00	0.5	28.500	58.000

Based on their scores, **Team 22 from Georgetown University (USA)** was awarded the prize for **Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)**, **Team 26 from University of Ottawa (Canada)** was awarded the prize for **Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)** and the prize for **Best Overall Written Submission**.

RESULTS – TEAM SCORES

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

The teams got to plead twice, once on behalf of the Complainant and once for the Respondent. Their score from the Oral Pleadings (60 %) are then combined with their Written Submission score (40 %) to give them an overall average score. The teams qualifying for the Semi-Finals are marked in green in the table below.

Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				OP	OP 0.6	WS average	WS 0.4	Total
	P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total					
3	35.00	25.00	25.00	28.33	41.00	45.00	45.00	43.67	36.00	21.60	30.00	12.00	33.60
16	37.00	37.00	39.00	37.67	43.00	41.00	42.00	42.00	39.83	23.90	40.25	16.10	40.00
22	39.00	38.00	33.00	36.67	26.00	34.00	24.00	28.00	32.33	19.40	41.75	16.70	36.10
26	45.00	46.00	45.00	45.33	35.00	38.00	38.00	37.00	41.17	24.70	42.50	17.00	41.70
43	31.00	26.00	26.00	27.67	35.00	27.00	19.00	27.00	27.33	16.40	14.50	5.80	22.20
45	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	29.00	33.00	34.00	32.00	32.00	19.20	35.25	14.10	33.30
50	31.00	25.00	38.00	31.33	45.00	42.00	46.00	44.33	37.83	22.70	26.25	10.50	33.20
81	36.00	39.00	42.00	39.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	29.50	17.70	29.00	11.60	29.30

SEMI-FINALS

Teams qualifying for the Grand Final of the Regional Round are marked in green in the table below.

	Complainant						Respondent							
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Total	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Tota	WS	Total
Semi Final Round 1														
26	48.00	48.00	44.00	48.00	44.00	46.40							42.50	44.84
3							42.00	43.00	42.00	44.00	44.00	43.00	30.00	37.80
Semi Final Round 2														
16	33.00	38.00	40.00	36.00	39.00	37.20							40.25	38.42
22							27.00	26.00	27.00	27.00	31.00	27.60	40.25	32.66

GRAND FINAL

Team	Applicant					
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Total
26	46.00	44.00	48.00	50.00	46.00	46.80

Team	Respondent					
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Total
16	42.00	38.00	40.00	41.00	39.00	40.00

Based on the scores, **Team 26 from University of Ottawa (Canada)** was declared the **Winner** of the **All-American Regional Round** and **Team 16 from Queen's University (Canada)** was declared the **Runner-Up**.

RESULTS – INDIVIDUAL SCORES

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Only team members who pleaded as both Complainant and Respondent had the chance to compete for the Best Orator of the Regional Rounds. Individual scores in the table below:

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total	
3	Isabela Vecchi	35.00	45.00	24.00	34.67	44.00	43.00	45.00	44.00	39.33
3	Manuela Camargo	40.00	31.00	29.00	33.33	44.00	45.00	45.00	44.67	39.00
3	Fabio Grieco	33.00	28.00	21.00	27.33					
3	Mirela Marino Margoni					45.00	41.00	45.00	43.67	21.83
16	Hugh Jones					43.00	44.00	40.00	42.33	
16	Mallory Felix	33.00	35.00	38.00	35.33	43.00	37.00	38.00	39.33	37.33
16	Jacob Brozyna	31.00	33.00	36.00	33.33	43.00	44.00	44.00	43.67	38.50
16	Jason Thacker	37.00	37.00	38.00	37.33					
22	Christopher Abbott					32.00	25.00	27.00	28.00	
22	Sae Kobayashi					34.00	25.00	25.00	28.00	
22	Michelle Rosario	42.00	43.00	38.00	41.00					
22	Xuetao (Richard) Wang	35.00	34.00	33.00	34.00					
26	Charlotte Wong-Labow	45.00	43.00	43.00	43.67	35.00	38.00	36.00	36.33	40.00
26	Ian Chesney	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	37.00	37.00	31.00	35.00	39.00
26	Jaena Kim	38.00	38.00	37.00	37.67	38.00	33.00	31.00	34.00	35.83
43	Vitória De Labetta	26.00	30.00	26.00	27.33	42.00	32.00	49.00	41.00	34.17
43	João Diwali Coelho de Lima	26.00	29.00	25.00	26.67	22.00	16.00	24.00	20.67	23.67
45	Valentina Romero	35.00	33.00	26.00	31.33	30.00	35.00	34.00	33.00	32.17
45	María Paula Serpa Castrillon	39.00	30.00	26.00	31.67	22.00	26.00	25.00	24.33	28.00
45	Sebastian Lievano	21.00	20.00	21.00	20.67	34.00	37.00	37.00	36.00	28.33
50	María Daniela Parra Hernández	31.00	25.00	39.00	31.67	47.00	47.00	47.00	47.00	39.33
50	Patricia de Guadalupe García M	31.00	25.00	38.00	31.33	45.00	47.00	44.00	45.33	38.33
81	Julianna Goodman	45.00	37.00	40.00	40.67	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	29.33
81	Elliot Wiley	45.00	35.00	48.00	42.67	23.00	24.00	23.00	23.33	33.00
81	Rachel Hage	36.00	30.00	28.00	31.33	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	27.67

Based on the scores, **Charlotte Wong-Labow from Team 26 from University of Ottawa (Canada)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Preliminary Rounds**.

SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all the team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 1					
		P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Score
26	Charlotte Wong-Labow	44.00	47.00	48.00	43.00	46.00	45.60
26	Ian Chesney	44.00	46.00	46.00	46.00	49.00	46.20
26	Jaena Kim	40.00	43.00	44.00	46.00	44.00	43.40

3	Manuela von Schmädel	45.00	48.00	44.00	46.00	45.00	45.60
3	Mirela Marino Margoni	38.00	38.00	34.00	32.00	40.00	36.40
3	Isabela Ramos Vecchi	43.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	45.00	44.20

Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 2					
		P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Score
22	Michelle Rosario	33.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	32.00	31.00
22	Xuetao Wang	23.00	25.00	22.00	23.00	22.00	23.00
22	Christopher Abbott	23.00	25.00	22.00	25.00	23.00	23.60

16	Hugh Jines	40.00	39.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	41.00
16	Mallory Felix	32.00	31.00	33.00	25.00	36.00	31.40
16	Jacob Brozyna	32.00	30.00	27.00	23.00	33.00	29.00

Based on the scores, **Ian Chesney from Team 26 from University of Ottawa (Canada)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Semi-Finals**.

GRAND FINAL

Similar to the Semi-Finals, all the team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

Team	Team Members	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Total
26	Charlotte Wong-Labow	47.00	47.00	46.00	48.00	50.00	47.60
26	Ian Chensey	42.00	45.00	43.00	45.00	43.00	43.60
26	Jaena Kim	43.00	43.00	44.00	46.00	47.00	44.60

16	Hugh Jones	45.00	40.00	47.00	45.00	47.00	44.80
16	Mallory Felix	41.00	35.00	40.00	40.00	36.00	38.40
16	Jacob Brozyna	34.00	32.00	38.00	33.00	31.00	33.60

Based on the scores, **Charlotte Wong-Labow from Team 26 from University of Ottawa (Canada)** was awarded the prize of **Best Oralist of the Grand Final** of the **All-American Regional Round**.

FIRST EUROPEAN REGIONAL ROUND: SALZBURG

ABOUT THE REGIONAL ROUND

The fifth Regional Round of the 21st John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was organised by ELSA Salzburg, between the 12th and 16th of April 2023, in Salzburg, Austria. From 5 countries, a total of 7 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round:

- **Team 9:** Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg - Institute for Economic Law (Germany)
- **Team 17:** Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (Germany)
- **Team 24:** Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Switzerland)
- **Team 28:** Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine)
- **Team 29:** National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" (Ukraine)
- **Team 46:** University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands)
- **Team 78:** National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece).

The First European Regional Round in Salzburg had the pleasure of welcoming the following panellists: Victor Crochet, Marcus Gustafsson, Christian Lau, Gertrude Nimako-Boateng, Hannes Sigurgeirsson, Tania Parceró Herrera, and Gudrun Zagel. Thank you for helping to ensure the academic quality of this Regional Round.



AN ORGANISER'S PERSPECTIVE

On the first day, 12 April 2023, the team of the local group ELSA Salzburg welcomed the participants of the Regional Round of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition in Salzburg.

The big welcome took place in the evening in one of the most beautiful rooms, the Edmundsburg, of the University of Salzburg. At the welcome ceremony, the teams competing against each other were drawn by lot, a few opening words were spoken by the President of ELSA Austria, the Vice President for Competitions of ELSA International, the President of ELSA Salzburg and the Head of OC, and then everyone stood together and exchanged pleasantries.

The first day of the competition started early in the morning with the first pleadings. Initially there were a few organisational difficulties, but they were all solved immediately. There was also a room available for the participants to rehearse their pleadings during the whole week.

As we had the surprise of welcoming another team to Salzburg on the first day, the day was packed with pleadings. Unfortunately, due to the current situation in Ukraine, a few participants were unable to travel to the event, so they were connected online to support their team. On the third day, the last Preliminary Rounds took place and the teams advancing to the Semi-Finals were announced.

On Friday, the final rounds of the semi-finals took place. In the evening of that day, we had the pleasure of welcoming everyone back to the Edmundsburg for the joint sponsor gala. We had dinner, exchanged ideas and laughed a lot.

On Saturday, the long-awaited final round finally took place. The nerves were already a bit on ice at this point. Since such an event cannot happen without an incident, the fire brigade suddenly appeared in front of the university. One of the lifts in the building had sent out an emergency call. So while the participants were standing in the pleading room holding their pleadings, the organisers ran through the building together with the fire brigade to find the faulty lift. Thankfully, it turned out that no one was in the lift and the participants did not notice anything about the operation.

On Saturday evening, everyone gathered at the Stiegel Brauwelt to celebrate this successful Moot Court and the winners. A lot of Salzburg beer was drunk and good Austrian food was eaten. Afterwards, we went out together, even with our panel members, to a club in the city.

On Sunday the event ended with a visit to a museum and a last lunch together.

ELSA Salzburg would like to thank you very much for the opportunity to co-organise such an event.

Written by Franziska Federspieler

RESULTS – WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Final Total Score
	Panelist 1	Penalties	Total	Panelist 2	Penalties	Total	
9	34.00	0.5	33.500	29.00	1.000	28.000	61.500
17	38.00	1	37.000	42.00	1.000	41.000	78.000
24	42.00	0	42.000	38.00	0.000	38.000	80.000
28	30.00	1	29.000	36.00	1.000	35.000	64.000
29	40.50	0	40.500	41.00	0.500	40.500	81.000
46	32.00	2.5	29.500	28.00	1.000	27.000	56.500
78	31.90	1	30.900	38.00	1	37.000	67.900

Based on their scores, **Team 24 from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Switzerland)** was awarded the prize for **Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)**, **Team 17 from Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (Germany)** was awarded the prize for **Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)**, and **Team 29 from National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"** was awarded the prize for **Best Overall Written Submission**.

RESULTS – TEAM SCORES

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

The teams got to plead twice, once on behalf of the Complainant and once for the Respondent. Their score from the Oral Pleadings (60 %) are then combined with their Written Submission score (40 %) to give them an overall average score. The teams qualifying for the Semi-Finals are marked in green in the table below.

Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				OP	OP 0.6	WS average	WS 0.4	Total
	P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total					
9	32.00	33.00	30.00	31.67	44.00	42.00	45.00	43.67	25.11	15.07	30.75	12.30	27.37
17	37.00	28.00	38.00	34.33	23.00	37.00	26.00	28.67	21.00	12.60	39.00	15.60	28.20
24	30.00	33.00	27.00	30.00	27.00	25.00	26.00	26.00	18.67	11.20	40.00	16.00	27.20
28	41.00	44.00	42.00	42.33	34.00	35.00	32.00	33.67	25.33	15.20	32.00	12.80	28.00
29	43.00	39.00	45.00	42.33	42.00	41.00	45.00	42.67	28.33	17.00	40.50	16.20	33.20
46	24.00	16.00	24.00	21.33	25.00	24.00	21.00	23.33	14.89	8.93	28.25	11.30	20.23
78	30.00	26.00	29.00	28.33	27.00	29.00	20.00	25.33	17.89	10.73	33.95	13.58	24.31

SEMI-FINALS

Teams qualifying for the Grand Final of the Regional Round are marked in green in the table below.

	Complainant				Respondent					
Team No.	P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total	WS	Total
Semi Final Round 1										
29	46.00	46.00	46.00	46.00					40.50	43.80
17					34.00	32.00	40.00	35.33	39.00	36.80
Semi Final Round 2										
28	43.00	42.00	45.00	43.33					32.00	38.80
9					44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	30.75	38.70

GRAND FINAL

Team	Applicant							
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
28	40.00	42.00	41.00	41.00	45.00	37.00	43.00	41.29

Team	Respondent							
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
29	47.00	48.00	44.00	46.00	47.00	44.00	45.00	45.86

Based on the scores, **Team 29 from the National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" (Ukraine)** was declared the **Winner** of the **First European Regional Round in Salzburg** and **Team 28 from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine)** was declared the **Runner-Up**.

RESULTS – INDIVIDUAL SCORES

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Only team members who pleaded as both Complainant and Respondent had the chance to compete for the Best Orator of the Regional Rounds. Individual scores in the table below:

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total	
9	Lukas Joop	40.00	40.00	39.00	39.67					
9	Caroline Lange	30.00	29.00	28.00	29.00					
9	Tim Schwarzbach	30.00	25.00	25.00	26.67	43.00	40.00	41.00	41.33	34.00
9	Ann Christin Reckel					47.00	44.00	42.00	44.33	
17	Katrin Reineke	36.00	28.00	30.00	31.33	24.00	20.00	38.00	27.33	29.33
17	Aurelie Bliesener	35.00	24.00	21.00	26.67	29.00	22.00	37.00	29.33	28.00
17	David Altmann	41.00	38.00	33.00	37.33	28.00	24.00	33.00	28.33	32.83
24	Suhana Sehwat	28.00	27.00	37.00	30.67	27.00	26.00	23.00	25.33	28.00
24	Yash Arya	24.00	27.00	27.00	26.00	24.00	29.00	26.00	26.33	26.17
28	Solomiia Strenchak	41.00	43.00	40.00	41.33	28.00	33.00	32.00	31.00	36.17
28	Anna Yakovenko	41.00	42.00	42.00	41.67	40.00	40.00	42.00	40.67	41.17
29	Alisa Zelenko	39.00	44.00	44.00	42.33	38.00	42.00	45.00	41.67	42.00
29	Yana Hordenko	45.00	48.00	46.00	46.33	43.00	43.00	45.00	43.67	45.00
46	Cristian Neacsu	28.00	20.00	28.00	25.33	28.00	25.00	21.00	24.67	25.00
46	Thyneesha Geysendorpher	23.00	16.00	26.00	21.67					
46	Georgiana Claudia Petcu	22.00	12.00	21.00	18.33	28.00	22.00	20.00	23.33	10.50
46	Caitlin (Katinka) Verhoeven					21.00	24.00	18.00	21.00	
78	Eirini Maniati	28.00	26.00	31.00	28.33	32.00	30.00	21.00	27.67	28.00
78	Eugenia Auraam	25.00	33.00	30.00	29.33	26.00	28.00	20.00	24.67	27.00
78	Fotios Ntinos	25.00	23.00	30.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	16.00	22.67	24.33

Based on the scores, **Yana Hordenko from Team 29 from National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" (Ukraine)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Preliminary Rounds**.

SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all the team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 1			
		P1	P2	P3	Score
29	Alisa Zelenko	45.00	46.00	42.00	44.33
29	Yana Hordenko	47.00	47.00	46.00	46.67

17	Aurelie Bliesener	24.00	21.00	26.00	23.67
17	David Altmann	39.00	38.00	42.00	39.67
17	Katrin Reineke	36.00	31.00	34.00	33.67

Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 2			
		P1	P2	P3	Score
28	Solomiia Strenchak	45.00	43.00	40.00	42.67
28	Anna Yakovenko	45.00	42.00	42.00	43.00

9	Ann Christin Reckel	44.00	45.00	42.00	43.67
9	Tim Schwarzbach	45.00	43.00	42.00	43.33

Based on the scores, **Yana Hordenko from Team 29 from National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" (Ukraine)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Semi-Finals**.

GRAND FINAL

Similar to the Semi-Finals, all the team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

Team	Team Members	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
28	Solomiia Strenchak	41.00	42.00	42.00	41.00	44.00	37.00	43.00	41.43
28	Anna Yakovenko	40.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	44.00	37.00	43.00	41.43
29	Alisa Zelenko	47.00	49.00	46.00	46.00	47.00	45.00	45.00	46.43
29	Yana Hordenko	45.00	48.00	44.00	45.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	45.00

Based on the scores, **Alisa Zelenko from Team 29 from National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" (Ukraine)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Grand Final of the First European Regional Round in Salzburg**.

SECOND EUROPEAN REGIONAL ROUND: BRNO

ABOUT THE REGIONAL ROUND

The sixth and final Regional Round of the 21st John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was organised by ELSA Brno, between the 19th and 23rd of April 2023, in Brno, Czech Republic. From 8 countries, a total of 11 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round:

- **Team 8:** University of Zurich (Switzerland)
- **Team 21:** Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)
- **Team 23:** University of Southern Denmark (Denmark)
- **Team 25:** University of Antwerp (Belgium)
- **Team 30:** University of Passau (Germany)
- **Team 44:** University of Geneva (Switzerland)
- **Team 55:** Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)
- **Team 60:** University of Cambridge (the United Kingdom)
- **Team 71:** Université Toulouse 1 Capitole (France)
- **Team 74:** Moldova State University (Moldova)
- **Team 87:** Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (France).

The Second European Regional Round in Brno was supported by 9 Panellists from all over the world, and we express our gratitude for their support and presence at the Regional Round: Robert Matic, Paul Picquado, Antigoni Matthaïou, Leonila Guglya, Mariia Shulha, Valentina Botello Léo, Weiwei Zhang, Gertrude Nimako-Boateng, and Bianca Isabella Ortiz.



AN ORGANISER'S PERSPECTIVE

On Thursday 19 April 2023, participants from different European countries gathered for the Regional Round of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition in Brno, Czech Republic. Following the Covid-19 pandemic, the event took place physically from April 19 to April 23, 2023. Competitors were able to compete in individual rounds both at the UNESCO Heritage Hotel and the semi-final and final rounds at the Supreme Administrative Court building, giving participants the opportunity to experience the environment of a leading judicial institution.

The event was opened with a ceremony in the very centre of Brno. During the opening ceremony, participants were welcomed by the Organising Committee from ELSA Brno and Linnéa Regnell, Vice President for Competitions.

During the competition, teams presented their pleadings on behalf of both the plaintiff and the defendant. The panellists, who also came to Brno from various countries, primarily as representatives of the JHJMCC competition partners, well versed in the subject matter of the case, listened attentively to the pleadings, asked interesting questions of the oral presenters, evaluated their performance and provided valuable feedback. The panellists' evaluations, along with the results from the Written Submissions phase, determined which teams would advance to the Final Oral Round.



The event included a social programme to facilitate networking and relaxation for the participants. Experienced professionals shared their insights on advancing a legal career in an international environment. The event provided a platform for participants to learn about different aspects of legal education and culture, which enriched their overall experience.

The organisers would like to express their gratitude to the individuals and organisations who supported the successful delivery of this event. Their contributions and cooperation contributed to making the regional round of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition a memorable and rewarding experience for all participants.

Written by Pavel Pěčonka, Head of Organising Committee of the Second European Regional Round in Brno



RESULTS – WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Final Total Score
	Panelist 1	Penalties	Total	Panelist 2	Penalties	Total	
8	29.00	1	28.000	37.00	0.500	36.500	64.500
21	41.50	1	40.500	41.00	1.000	40.000	80.500
23	36.00	0.5	35.500	22.00	0.500	21.500	57.000
25	26.00	0	26.000	30.00	0.000	30.000	56.000
30	39.00	3	36.000	32.00	4.000	28.000	64.000
44	28.50	2	26.500	35.00	2.500	32.500	59.000
55	16.50	1.5	15.000	38.00	2.000	36.000	51.000
60	34.00	0	34.000	35.00	0.000	35.000	69.000
71	17.00	0.5	16.500	21.00	1	20.000	36.500
74	33.00	2	31.000	30.00	2	28.000	59.000
87	28.50	4.5	24.000	23.00	0.5	22.500	46.500

Based on their scores, **Team 21 from the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)** took home all awards for the Written Submissions, and was awarded the prize for **Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)**, the prize for **Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)**, the prize for **Best Overall Written Submission**.

RESULTS – TEAM SCORES

PELIMINARY ROUNDS

The teams got to plead twice, once on behalf of the Complainant and once for the Respondent. Their score from the Oral Pleadings (60 %) are then combined with their Written Submission score (40 %) to give them an overall average score. The teams qualifying for the Semi-Finals are marked in green in the table below.

Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				OP	OP 0.6	WS average	WS 0.4	Total
	P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total					
8	31.00	25.00	25.00	27.00	31.00	34.00	34.00	33.00	30.00	18.00	32.25	12.90	30.90
21	36.00	39.00	37.00	37.33	44.00	43.00	42.00	43.00	40.17	24.10	44.75	17.90	42.00
23	32.00	31.00	31.00	31.33	29.00	28.00	23.00	26.67	29.00	17.40	28.50	11.40	28.80
25	29.00	22.00	29.00	26.67	26.00	26.00	29.00	27.00	26.83	16.10	28.00	11.20	27.30
30	32.00	30.00	26.00	29.33	48.00	45.00	44.00	45.67	37.50	22.50	32.00	12.80	35.30
44	28.00	27.00	31.00	28.67	28.00	42.00	41.00	37.00	32.83	19.70	29.50	11.80	31.50
55	16.00	18.00	16.00	16.67	19.00	18.00	18.00	18.33	17.50	10.50	25.50	10.20	20.70
60	34.00	30.00	36.00	33.33	34.00	35.00	22.00	30.33	31.83	19.10	34.50	13.80	32.90
71	10.00	15.00	13.00	12.67	15.00	14.00	15.00	14.67	13.67	8.20	18.25	7.30	15.50
74	23.00	39.00	37.00	33.00	29.00	31.00	27.00	29.00	31.00	18.60	29.50	11.80	30.40
87	16.00	17.00	19.00	17.33	20.00	27.00	18.00	21.67	19.50	11.70	23.25	9.30	21.00

SEMI-FINALS

Teams qualifying for the Grand Final of the Regional Round are marked in green in the table below.

	Complainant				Respondent					
Team No.	P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total	WS	Total
Semi Final Round 1										
21	45.00	42.00	45.00	44.00					44.75	44.30
44					36.00	36.00	38.00	36.67	29.50	33.80
Semi Final Round 2										
30	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00					32.00	29.00
60					41.00	41.00	37.00	39.67	34.50	37.60

GRAND FINAL

Team	Respondent							Total
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	
21	45.00	41.00	41.00	46.00	43.00	44.00	40.00	42.86

Team	Applicant							Total
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	
60	35.00	34.00	33.00	34.00	39.00	35.00	36.00	35.14

Based on the scores, **Team 21 from the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)** was declared **Winner** of the **Second European Regional Round in Brno**.

RESULTS – INDIVIDUAL SCORES

PELIMINARY ROUNDS

Only team members who pleaded as both Complainant and Respondent had the chance to compete for the Best Orator of the Regional Rounds. Individual scores in the table below:

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total	
8	Anita Vassalli	33.00	27.00	20.00	26.67	32.00	34.00	33.00	33.00	29.83
8	Viktoria Guido					27.00	32.00	34.00	31.00	
8	Giulia Hiddink	29.00	21.00	18.00	22.67	32.00	35.00	35.00	34.00	28.33
8	Maria Consuelo Häni	27.00	23.00	27.00	25.67					
21	Kalinka Drewello	33.00	39.00	34.00	35.33	43.00	43.00	40.00	42.00	38.67
21	Liselot Roelandt	28.00	37.00	31.00	32.00	43.00	41.00	36.00	40.00	36.00
21	Christophe Swinnen	35.00	41.00	37.00	37.67	48.00	45.00	44.00	45.67	41.67
23	Hannah Fink Nielsen	30.00	30.00	27.00	29.00	18.00	28.00	31.00	25.67	27.33
23	Andreas Lindegaard Halkjaer	31.00	32.00	36.00	33.00	24.00	25.00	22.00	23.67	28.33
23	Mille Danielsen Langhave	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	29.00	27.00	31.00	29.00	28.50
25	Nour El Alaoui	23.00	24.00	32.00	26.33	25.00	26.00	29.00	26.67	26.50
25	Friedrich Trende	33.00	28.00	34.00	31.67	27.00	27.00	29.00	27.67	29.67
25	Louise Lepercq	25.00	14.00	22.00	20.33	26.00	24.00	29.00	26.33	23.33
30	Sofia Jaworski de Sá Riechi	26.00	24.00	20.00	23.33					
30	Luize Liebsch Kestring	40.00	35.00	26.00	33.67	46.00	46.00	43.00	45.00	39.33
30	Luana Moratelli Orofino	31.00	32.00	27.00	30.00	46.00	46.00	42.00	44.67	37.33
30	Leonardo Matschulat					48.00	48.00	45.00	47.00	
44	Siyi Wang	29.00	25.00	31.00	28.33	41.00	28.00	40.00	36.33	16.33
44	Kira Reitemeier	33.00	33.00	31.00	32.33	42.00	30.00	41.00	37.67	35.00
44	Philipraja Anthonponraj Kumar					35.00	24.00	39.00	32.67	
44	Nomungerel Jamsranjav	26.00	23.00	31.00	26.67					
55	Amfitriti Tasopoulou	13.00	12.00	17.00	14.00	21.00	21.00	20.00	20.67	17.33
55	Maria Mertzimaki	10.00	10.00	17.00	12.33	15.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	12.67
55	Sofiya Safarova	28.00	20.00	19.00	22.33	19.00	25.00	25.00	23.00	22.67
60	David Lee	36.00	32.00	38.00	35.33	31.00	29.00	27.00	29.00	32.17
60	Kushi	32.00	33.00	32.00	32.33	37.00	36.00	22.00	31.67	32.00
60	Eleen Garg	28.00	30.00	30.00	29.33	35.00	36.00	21.00	30.67	30.00
71	Pavel Kvashnin	9.00	15.00	14.00	12.67	14.00	13.00	16.00	14.33	13.50
71	Marie Barrera	8.00	15.00	13.00	12.00	12.00	15.00	12.00	13.00	12.50

Based on the scores, **Christophe Swinnen from Team 21 from the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Preliminary Rounds**.

SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all the team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 1			
		P1	P2	P3	Score
21	Katinka Drewello	43.00	41.00	41.00	41.67
21	Liselot Roelandt	44.00	40.00	43.00	42.33
21	Christophe Swinnen	47.00	46.00	46.00	46.33

44	Siyi Wang	36.00	34.00	38.00	36.00
44	Nomungerel Jamsranjav	31.00	31.00	36.00	32.67
44	Kira Reitemeier	40.00	41.00	41.00	40.67

Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 2			
		P1	P2	P3	Score
30	Leonardo Matschulat	29.00	26.00	29.00	28.00
30	Luize Liebsch Kestring	33.00	26.00	35.00	31.33
30	Luana Moratelli Orofino	25.00	25.00	23.00	24.33

60	David Lee	42.00	40.00	33.00	16.43
60	Kushi	44.00	33.00	43.00	17.14
60	Eleen Garg	38.00	30.00	35.00	14.71

Christophe Swinnen from **Team 21** from the **Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Semi-Finals**.

GRAND FINAL

Similar to the Semi-Finals, all the team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

Team	Team Members	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
60	David Lee	34.00	32.00	33.00	35.00	39.00	34.00	34.00	34.43
60	Kushi	36.00	38.00	32.00	32.00	39.00	34.00	35.00	35.14
60	Eleen Garg	35.00	37.00	33.00	35.00	39.00	36.00	38.00	36.14

21	Katinka Drewello	46.00	40.00	41.00	46.00	41.00	44.00	39.00	42.43
21	Liselot Roelandt	41.00	38.00	37.00	42.00	38.00	42.00	38.00	39.43
21	Christophe Swinnen	50.00	43.00	45.00	48.00	45.00	46.00	43.00	45.71

Based on the scores, **Christophe Swinnen** from **Team 21** from the **Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Grand Final of the Second European Regional Round in Brno**.

FINAL ORAL ROUND

QUALIFICATION

24 teams qualify for the Final Oral Round and according with the Rules of the JHJMCC, the International Board of ELSA shall determine the number of teams qualifying from each round. However, at least the 2 best teams from each Regional Round qualify for the Final Oral Round. The International Board of ELSA took a number of different factors into consideration, for example diversity from the Regional Rounds, as well as the number of teams competing at each Regional Round.

This year, the number of qualifying teams from each Regional Round were as follows:

1. East Asia and Oceania: **4**
2. West and South Asia: **5**
3. Africa: **4**
4. All-American: **4**
5. First European in Salzburg: **3**
6. Second European in Brno: **4**

The participating universities in the Final Oral Round was as follows:

- **Team 1** – Singapore Management University (Singapore)
- **Team 2** – Rhodes University (South Africa)
- **Team 3** – FGV Direito SP - Escola de Direito de São Paulo (Brazil)
- **Team 13** – National University of Singapore (Singapore)
- **Team 15** – West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (India)
- **Team 16** – Queen's University (Canada)
- **Team 17** – Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (Germany)
- **Team 21** – Catholic University (KU) Leuven (Belgium)
- **Team 22** – Georgetown University (USA)
- **Team 26** – University of Ottawa (Canada)
- **Team 28** – Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine)
- **Team 29** – National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" (Ukraine)
- **Team 30** – University of Passau (Germany)
- **Team 33** – Lloyd Law College (CCS University) - Prof. (Dr.) Mohd. Salim (India)
- **Team 35** – National Law University Delhi (India)
- **Team 44** – University of Geneva (Switzerland)
- **Team 53** – Ateneo de Manila University (Philippines)
- **Team 60** – University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)
- **Team 68** – Jindal Global University (India)
- **Team 72** – University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA) (Ghana)

- **Team 77** – Kabarak University (Kenya)
- **Team 83** – National Law Institute University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (India)
- **Team 85** – University of Philippines (Philippines)
- **Team 91** – Strathmore University (Kenya)

THE FINAL ORAL ROUND

The Final Oral Round of the 21st John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition took place in Geneva between 13 and 17 of June 2023. The best 24 teams from the Regional Rounds qualified to compete in this final stage of the Competition.

On the first day, the 13th of June, ELSA welcomed the participants to the World Trade Organization for the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception. The Opening Ceremony was hosted in Room W and was opened by Ambassador Petter Ølberg (Norway), Chair of the Dispute Settlement Body. Following an opening speech, ELSA International proceeded with the drawing of order of the pleadings for the Preliminary Rounds. The day concluded with a Welcome Reception in the Atrium of the WTO with an aperitif and some drinks.



During the second and third day (14th & 15th June) the teams competed in the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition, pleading on behalf of the Complainant and Respondent. The Preliminary Rounds took place at the Geneva Graduate Institute where the teams also enjoyed their lunch and coffee breaks provided by IHEID Events. Thank you to both for hosting us and providing state of the art facilities for the pleadings.

On the third day, as a result of the scores from the Written Submissions and the teams' scores from the Preliminary Rounds, the 8 teams qualifying for the Quarter-Finalists were announced at the Geneva Graduate Institute. The following day – the 16th of June – was filled with pleadings and networking events. In the morning, the first and second Quarter-Final took place at the World Trade Organization. Lunch was served at the Gallery of the WTO and was combined with a Sponsors' Fair. Here, the students got the chance to meet with the sponsors and supporters of the Competition and talk about future academic and professional career paths available to them. We would like to thank our supporters from Van Bael and Bellis, Akin, Steptoe, Baker & McKenzie, Sidley, Singapore Management University, Georgetown University, the World Trade Institute, and the European Public Law Organization for joining us and for providing this opportunity for our participants.



During the Sponsors' Fair, and as a surprise guest, the Her Excellency and Director-General of the World Trade Organization Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, met with the students and provided them with encouraging words. Thank you to Her Excellency and Director-General for joining us.



The afternoon continued with Quarter-Final 3 and 4 and concluded with the announcement of the Semi-Finalists who were to compete the next day.

On the 5th and final day of the Final Oral Round, the Semi-Finals started in the morning at the World Trade Organization. During lunch, which was served in the Atrium, the Grand Finalists were announced. After some time of preparations, we welcomed the two finalist teams, the Panel, and spectators to the Grand Final in Room W. We welcomed a highly esteemed Panel lead by the Chairperson Professor Peter van den Bossche. With him on the Panel were Directorate-General for Trade of the European Commission Lothar Ehring, the Case Author of the 21st edition, Pramiti Parwani, Director of the Intellectual Property Division of the World Trade Organization Anthony Taubman, Deputy Senior State Counsel at Attorney-General's Chambers in Singapore Deena Bajrai, Senior Associate at Van Bael and Bellis Tetyana Payosova, and Associate at Van Bael and Bellis and Academic Board Member of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition Victor Crochet.

During deliberation, the teams and spectators could enjoy a drink and aperitif on the terrace of the WTO. They were then called back to Room W, where certificates of participation were handed out with the help of Professor Gabrielle Marceau. All the awards were then presented with the Winner and Runner-Up being announced by Professor Peter van den Bossche (you can read more about the awards being handed out under the Results section of this report).

In the evening, the Final Oral Round of the 21st John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition concluded with the Closing Dinner where all participants and invitees could enjoy a three course dinner at Hotel Beau Rivage – the place where the Opening of the very first John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition took place – wrapping up another successful edition.



PANELLISTS

For the 21st edition, we made a conscious effort to include Panellists from all over the world. We invited Panellists that had helped with the Written Submissions scoring and Panellists that had attended and supported the Regional Rounds. We are really happy to have welcomed a great number of 60 Panellists to Geneva and we would like to express our sincerest gratitude to each and every one of them. No matter if you travelled far or call Geneva your home, we appreciate you joining the Final Oral Round where your presence helped to further educate and train future WTO lawyers.

The Panellists: Alejandro Jaramillo, Alexandre Genest, Altagracia Cuevas-Arthur, Anastasia Smirnova, Anna Caroline Müller, Antony Taubman, Cherise Valles, Christian Lau, Claude Chase, Clotide du Parc, Deena Bajrai, Deepak Raju, Gracia Marin Duran, Elli Zachari, Erik Kvarchiya, Gerard Penalosa, Gertrude Nimako-Boateng, Hannes Sigurgeirsson, Harrison Mbori, Harsh Gursahani, Hayley Ryerson, Jenya Grigorova, Joel Trahtman, Jorge Castro, Laia Roxane Guardiola, Lothar Ehrling, Maria Alcover, Maria J. Pereyra, Mariela de Amstalden, Mariia Shulha, Marisa Goldstein, Miguel Villamizar, Olesia Kryvetska, Ozlem Canbeldek, Paul Piquado, Peter van den Bossche, Pramiti Parwani, Yuka Fukunaga, Rambod Behbodi, Robert Matic, Sagnik Sinha, Santanu Mukherjee, Serge Pannatier, Sergey Tymma, Slava Opeida, Stella Perantakou, Tania Parcero Herrera, Tatia Nikvashvili, Tetyana Payosova, Thomas WK Wong, Urvi Tembey, Victor Crochet, Victoria Donaldson, Wan Mohd Asnur bin Wan Jantan, Wei Wei Zhang, Yannick Trudel, and Yuka Fukunaga.



RESULTS – WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

For the 21st edition, ELSA decided to introduce a second round of scoring of the Written Submissions for the teams qualifying to the Final Oral Round in Geneva. The idea was to have multiple people score the same submission to create a better balance between scoring and to mitigate the human factor of scoring.

The scoring was done according to the same criteria as the first round. The score used during the Final Oral Round and to determine the awards for the Final Oral Round was the average score from the two scoring rounds.

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Final Total Score
	Panellist 1	Panellist 2	Average	Panellist 1	Panellist 2	Average	
1	35.70	40.75	38.225	45.50	33.50	39.500	38.863
2	31.50	33.25	32.375	26.00	31.00	28.500	30.438
3	29.50	35.50	32.500	30.50	42.50	36.500	34.500
13	37.50	39.50	38.500	45.50	45.25	45.375	41.938
15	43.00	39.00	41.000	46.50	32.50	39.500	40.250
16	37.00	31.00	34.000	43.50	36.50	40.000	37.000
17	37.00	34.00	35.500	41.00	36.00	38.500	37.000
21	40.50	37.00	38.750	40.00	31.00	35.500	37.125
22	43.00	36.00	39.500	40.50	37.00	38.750	39.125
26	41.00	43.00	42.000	44.00	49.00	46.500	44.250
28	29.00	34.00	31.500	35.00	40.00	37.500	34.500
29	40.50	37.50	39.000	40.50	38.50	39.500	39.250
30	36.00	23.50	29.750	28.00	33.50	30.750	30.250
33	34.00	31.00	32.500	46.50	43.50	45.000	38.750
35	27.50	40.50	34.000	45.50	38.50	42.000	38.000
44	26.50	24.00	25.250	32.50	27.50	30.000	27.625
53	40.00	28.50	34.250	31.50	23.50	27.500	30.875
60	34.00	29.50	31.750	35.00	43.50	39.250	35.500
68	34.50	28.50	31.500	34.50	31.50	33.000	32.250
72	32.50	10.50	21.500	35.50	19.50	27.500	24.500
77	36.00	34.00	35.000	36.50	31.50	34.000	34.500
83	38.00	43.00	40.500	30.50	27.00	28.750	34.625
85	33.00	46.00	39.500	40.00	45.00	42.500	41.000
91	30.50	24.00	27.250	42.00	38.00	40.000	33.625

Based on the scores, **Team 26 from University of Ottawa (Canada)** was awarded all prizes for the Written Submissions, taking home the awards for **Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)**, **Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)**, and **Best Overall Written Submission of the Final Oral Round**.

RESULTS – TEAM SCORES

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

The teams got to plead twice, once on behalf of the Complainant and once for the Respondent. Their score from the Oral Pleadings (60 %) are then combined with their Written Submission score (40 %) to give them an overall average score. The teams qualifying for the Quarter-Finals are marked in green in the second table (ranking) below:

Team	Complainant						Respondent						Total
	P1	P2	P3	Total	WS	Combined	P1	P2	P3	Total	WS	Combined	
1	38.00	40.00	44.00	40.67	38.23	39.69	36.00	41.00	42.00	39.67	39.50	39.60	39.65
2	30.00	30.00	28.00	29.33	32.38	30.55	23.00	31.00	24.00	26.00	28.50	27.00	28.78
3	30.00	29.00	28.00	29.00	32.50	30.40	37.00	36.00	37.00	36.67	36.50	36.60	33.50
13	39.00	39.00	40.00	39.33	38.50	39.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	45.38	43.35	41.18
15	35.00	37.00	34.00	35.33	41.00	37.60	45.00	45.00	49.00	46.33	39.50	43.60	40.60
16	29.00	31.00	26.00	28.67	34.00	30.80	42.00	38.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	35.40
17	28.00	24.00	31.00	27.67	35.50	30.80	28.00	38.00	34.00	33.33	38.50	35.40	33.10
21	38.00	34.00	32.00	34.67	38.75	36.30	45.00	40.00	43.00	42.67	35.50	39.80	38.05
22	23.00	38.00	20.00	27.00	39.50	32.00	44.00	43.00	47.00	44.67	38.75	42.30	37.15
26	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	42.00	42.60	35.50	36.00	32.00	34.50	46.50	39.30	40.95
28	34.00	37.00	29.00	33.33	31.50	32.60	42.00	40.00	34.00	38.67	37.50	38.20	35.40
29	44.00	40.00	38.00	40.67	39.00	40.00	37.00	39.00	45.00	40.33	39.50	40.00	40.00
30	39.00	39.00	37.00	38.33	29.75	34.90	33.00	35.00	41.00	36.33	30.75	34.10	34.50
33	33.00	36.00	34.00	34.33	32.50	33.60	30.00	35.00	27.00	30.67	45.00	36.40	35.00
35	39.00	43.00	38.00	40.00	34.00	37.60	27.00	34.00	30.00	30.33	42.00	35.00	36.30
44	27.00	25.00	35.00	29.00	25.25	27.50	34.00	37.00	35.00	35.33	30.00	33.20	30.35
53	47.00	39.00	42.00	42.67	34.25	39.30	31.00	32.00	30.00	31.00	27.50	29.60	34.45
60	40.00	39.00	42.00	40.33	31.75	36.90	39.00	36.00	34.00	36.33	39.25	37.50	37.20
68	42.00	43.00	45.00	43.33	31.50	38.60	39.00	40.00	34.00	37.67	33.00	35.80	37.20
72	21.50	22.00	21.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	28.00	27.00	30.00	28.33	27.50	28.00	24.75
77	35.00	31.00	38.00	34.67	35.00	34.80	44.00	45.00	47.00	45.33	34.00	40.80	37.80
83	34.00	29.00	29.00	30.67	40.50	34.60	33.00	36.00	33.00	34.00	28.75	31.90	33.25
85	34.00	40.00	35.00	36.33	39.50	37.60	45.00	44.00	42.00	43.67	42.50	43.20	40.40
91	49.00	48.00	48.50	48.50	27.25	40.00	33.00	40.00	37.00	36.67	40.00	38.00	39.00

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Rank	Team No.	Score
1	13	41.18
2	26	40.95
3	15	40.60
4	85	40.40
5	29	40.00
6	1	39.65
7	91	39.00
8	21	38.05
9	77	37.80
10	60	37.20
11	68	37.20
12	22	37.15
13	35	36.30
14	28	35.40
15	16	35.40
16	33	35.00
17	30	34.50
18	53	34.45
19	3	33.50
20	83	33.25
21	17	33.10
22	44	30.35
23	2	28.78
24	72	24.75

Based on their scores the following teams qualified for the Quarter-Finals:

1. **Team 1** from Singapore Management University (Singapore)
2. **Team 13** from the National University of Singapore (Singapore)
3. **Team 15** from West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (India)
4. **Team 21** from Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)
5. **Team 26** from University of Ottawa (Canada)
6. **Team 29** from National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" (Ukraine)
7. **Team 85** from University of Philippines (Philippines)
8. **Team 91** from Strathmore University (Kenya)

QUARTER-FINALS

The 4 teams qualifying for the Semi-Finals are marked in green in the table below:

	Complaint						Respondent							Total
Team No.	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Total	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Total	WS	
Quarter Final Round 1														
13	41.00	39.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00							41.94	40.78
21							46.00	43.00	42.00	43.00	42.00	43.20	37.13	40.77
Quarter Final Round 2														
26	43.00	41.00	42.00	38.00	38.33	40.47							44.25	41.98
91							38.00	36.00	38.00	44.00	35.00	38.20	33.63	36.37
Quarter Final Round 3														
1	43.00	44.00	46.00	42.00	47.00	44.40							38.86	42.19
15							44.00	46.00	42.00	42.00	43.00	43.40	40.25	42.14
Quarter Final Round 4														
85	45.00	42.00	44.00	40.00	44.00	43.00							41.00	42.20
29							42.00	36.00	40.00	31.00	38.00	37.40	39.25	38.14

Based on their scores, **Team 13 from the National University of Singapore (Singapore)**, **Team 26 from University of Ottawa (Canada)**, **Team 1 from Singapore Management University (Singapore)** and **Team 85 from the University of Philippines (Philippines)** qualified for the Semi-Finals.

SEMI-FINALS

The 2 teams qualifying for the Grand Final are marked in green in the table below:

	Complainant								Respondent									
Team	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total	WS	Total
Semi Final Round 1																		
13	45.00	42.00	43.00	45.00	46.00	43.00	40.00	43.43									41.94	42.83
85									41.00	41.00	40.00	42.00	42.00	40.00	38.00	40.57	41.00	40.74
Semi Final Round 2																		
1	46.00	45.00	47.00	45.00	45.00	46.00	44.00	45.43									38.86	42.80
26									44.00	45.00	47.00	43.00	42.00	42.00	44.00	43.86	44.25	44.01

Based on their scores, **Team 13 from the National University of Singapore (Singapore)** and **Team 26 from University of Ottawa (Canada)** qualified for the Grand Final of the Final Oral Round.

GRAND FINAL

Applicant								
Team No.	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
13	34.00	39.00	40.00	38.00	40.00	39.00	33.00	37.57

Respondent								
Team No.	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
26	45.00	44.00	44.00	42.00	43.00	46.00	42.00	43.71

Based on the judging and scores of the 7 Panellists on the Panel of the Grand Final, **Team 26 from the University of Ottawa (Canada)** was declared the **Winner** of the 21st John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition. Subsequently, **Team 13 from the National University of Singapore (Singapore)** was declared the **Runner-Up**.

BEST TEAM'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Readers,

It is with great honour that we greet you through this letter as the Winning Team of the 21st Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition. Preparing for and participating in this experience has been a transformative journey that has enriched our studies and lives in immeasurable ways. And while it has been the biggest challenge we have faced as law students, the John H. Jackson Moot has provided us with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to connect with renowned international trade law scholars, practitioners, and enthusiasts from all over the globe.

Firstly, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our coaches, Kevin Gray and Dean MacDougall, for undertaking the monumental task of mentoring three complete novices in international trade and WTO law. Their unwavering belief in our abilities, coupled with their volunteered time and effort, was an integral part of our team's success. We are grateful to the University of Ottawa for their commitment to providing its law students with a world-class mooting program that allowed us to embark on this journey. We would also like to sincerely thank the Ottawa trade law community for their assistance during our preparation for the oral rounds.

Our international transit began with the All-American Regional Round in Puerto Vallarta. We were warmly welcomed by Edna Ramirez-Robles and her team, whose efforts facilitated an exceptional start to the moot. In the Regional Round Finals, we had the privilege of facing off against another formidable Canadian team, our dear friends from Queen's University. It was beyond our wildest imagination to plead before panels composed of trade law legends and luminaries who have made significant contributions to the field of international trade throughout the competition.

The Final Oral Round in Geneva brought together the extraordinary talent comprising the global top 24 teams. The calibre of our opposing counsels served as a constant source of inspiration, motivating us to elevate our own performances until mere minutes before the Grand Final Round at the World Trade Organization. Amidst the competitive spirit, we formed lifelong friendships with fellow mooters from around the world. While the outcome of this moot undoubtedly transformed our lives, no victory will ever amount to the bonds we have built with the current and upcoming generation of international trade lawyers.

It goes without saying that none of this would have been possible without the incredible efforts of the European Law Students' Association. We extend our deepest gratitude to Linnéa Regnell and Aliena Trefny, who worked tirelessly to support the teams from day one. The dedication of ELSA to organize one of the top international moot court competitions in the world has reminded us that we, as law students, have a voice in shaping the future. We unequivocally recommend the John H. Jackson Moot to any law student – even those with no prior knowledge of international trade law.

Lastly, as we reflect on our transformation, we emerge from this journey more committed than ever to a rules-based multilateral trading system. The World Trade Organization undoubtedly faces challenges, including those we have addressed in this year's exceptional moot case authored by Pramiti Parwani. However, the nine months we have spent immersed in the WTO system and its exceptional history have showed us that international trade is not merely about trade in goods; it is also about the trade of culture, peace, and friendships. Based on the knowledge and relationships we have imported from the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, we are confident that the future of international trade rests in legitimate hands.

We look forward to connecting with you again via our routes most convenient for international transit!

Written by Jaena Kim, Charlotte Wong Labow & Ian Chesney



RUNNER-UP'S PERSPECTIVE



Our moot journey began in September 2022, when the team was selected for the competition. We were a unique team; for the first time, the team included two LLM students — one on the NUS-KCL LLM programme and a PRC student from the NUS-ECUPL LLM programme.

The team consisted of:

Nicole Teo '23

Sean Rappa '23

William Yufei Cheng LLM '23

Zhang Yueying LLM '23

We were also supported by our coaches, Associate Professor Michael Ewing-Chow '95 and Benedict Teow '19.

Throughout 7 months of preparation leading to the final, the team faced challenges at every step of the way. When the case was first released, we were all stumped. The TRIPS Agreement was, at least to us, a rather obscure and relatively undeveloped area of WTO law. Unlike other WTO Agreements such as the GATT which had a plethora of cases, it was a struggle to find applicable precedents under the TRIPS and we often had to turn to our first principles for recourse. This meant a challenging, tiring, yet fulfilling research journey; our efforts were certainly rewarded when our memos received their regional accolades (Best Memo for the Respondent and Best Overall Memo).

In the Asia Pacific Regional Round, we pleaded two preliminary rounds in one day because of the luck of the draw – other teams pleaded on separate days. For the Asia Pacific Regional Round Finals, which were held just a few hours after the semi-final rounds, our team once again had to switch sides

as a result of the coin toss. We faced tough opponents and eventually qualified for the Final Oral Round as first Runners-Up of the Asia Pacific Region.

The hurdles did not stop there. In the lead-up to Final Oral Round in Geneva, we confronted myriad adversities in the forms of illness, personal loss and flight cancellations from London to Geneva which resulted in scattered and delayed arrivals due to routings through other cities in Europe. However, we braved these trials together, emerging stronger and undeterred. We had prepared too long and too hard to let up now; we were determined to give a performance we were proud of.

Through the Final Oral Round, we continued to refine our case theory. 7 months of preparation could only do so much; adaptation to everything we heard in Geneva was crucial to progressing further. Our combined efforts bore fruit on 17 June, when we became the Runners-Up of the Final Oral Round. This was a first for NUS, for Singapore, and for East Asia.

Throughout the competition at both the regional and world rounds, we were constantly challenged by the panels, our opposing counsel, and ourselves. For us, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience to hone our mootting skills before starting legal practice. We thank all panellists for their invaluable questions and feedback, as well as all the wonderful teams we've had the opportunity to face and befriend along the way. We also thank ELSA for organising the competition without which none of this would have happened.



We would like to thank past mooters who helped to train the teams including Tan Pei Wei '17, Zoe Pittas '17, Chan Meiyi '18, Reuben Ong '18, Benedict Teong '18, Kenneth Mak '18, Samuel Lee '19, Colin Wu '18, Suah Boon Choong '18, Sandra Tan '20, Melinna Teo '20, Stephanie Sim '20, Tan Wen Qi '20, Cho Yee Teng '20, Deepansh '20, Audrina Keng '19, Tan Fong Han '20, Jayesh Melvani '22 Jonathan Ng '22, Sherlyn Lim '21, Elizabeth Chin '22, Jack Hu '22, Ang Kai Le '22 and Gerry Zhang '22. The team would also like to thank fellow mooters who practised with the team including Melvinder Singh '23, Ryan Lim '23, Tan Yi Liang '23, Vishnu Menon '23, and Asaph Heng '23. The team would also like to thank Jonathan Lim '11 (and his colleagues in WilmerHale),

Thomas Sebastian, Yusuke Hatakeyama and Elise Khor '24 who also helped to panel the team during their pre-Geneva training trip in London.

The team further extend their heartfelt gratitude to Professor Michael Ewing-Chow. For the eight years that NUS have participated in the John H. Jackson Moot, Professor Ewing-Chow has been the coach. His quick-witted humour, sagacious guidance, and unwavering support assured the team that they would never walk alone. The team would also like to thank Benedict Teow '19 who has been his co-coach for the past five years. Benedict generously dedicated his time despite being a practising lawyer to train each batch of new mooters.

Now that seven months of trials and tribulations have gone by, as the first East Asian team to make the Grand Finals, standing in the Allobrogian city of Geneva like Caesar once proclaimed, we may also perhaps say “veni, vidi, vici... (ish)”.

Written by Nicole Teo, Sean Rappa, William Yufei Cheng, and Zhang Yueying

RESULTS – 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 Complainant and Respondent and the following table gives an overview of each of 61 orators eligible to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total	
1	Slevian Chua	40.00	40.00	45.00	41.67	39.00	38.00	42.00	39.67	40.67
1	Neela Alagusundaram	33.00	38.00	43.00	38.00	36.00	38.00	42.00	38.67	38.33
1	Justin Lai	40.00	40.00	45.00	41.67	43.00	44.00	44.00	43.67	42.67
2	Franciscus Crouse	28.00	30.00	29.00	29.00	27.00	32.00	33.00	30.67	29.83
2	Sovash Chetty	32.00	31.00	31.00	31.33	23.00	18.00	24.00	21.67	26.50
2	Tapiwa Madzima	26.00	30.00	30.00	28.67	20.00	18.00	27.00	21.67	25.17
3	Manuela Camargo	29.00	30.00	30.00	29.67	37.00	40.00	38.00	38.33	34.00
3	Mirela Margoni					35.00	36.00	37.00	36.00	18.00
3	Fabio Grieco	23.00	24.00	24.00	23.67					
3	Isabela Vecchi	32.00	31.00	31.00	31.33	33.00	32.00	38.00	34.33	32.83
13	Nicole Teo	41.00	40.00	40.00	40.33	40.00	42.00	42.00	41.33	40.83
13	Sean Rappa	39.00	35.00	36.00	36.67	41.00	44.00	44.00	43.00	39.83
15	Nimesh Singh	34.00	37.00	40.00	37.00	50.00	47.00	47.00	48.00	42.50
15	Akash Nath	34.00	33.00	38.00	35.00	47.00	45.00	42.00	44.67	39.83
16	Hugh Jones					42.00	43.00	42.00	42.33	
16	Mallory Felix	26.00	31.00	32.00	29.67	37.00	41.00	38.00	38.67	34.17
16	Jacob Brozyna	23.00	28.00	26.00	25.67	39.00	45.00	37.00	40.33	33.00
16	Jason Thacker	24.00	22.00	27.00	24.33					
17	Katrin Reineke	29.00	41.00	41.00	37.00	31.00	27.00	25.00	27.67	32.33
17	Aurelie Bliesener	26.00	33.00	29.00	29.33	31.00	27.00	20.00	26.00	27.67
17	David Altmann	27.00	38.00	33.00	32.67	33.00	32.00	29.00	31.33	32.00
21	Katinka Drewello	32.00	31.00	33.00	32.00	40.00	45.00	35.00	40.00	36.00
21	Listelot Roelandt	31.00	31.00	29.00	30.33	42.00	45.00	40.00	42.33	36.33
21	Christophe Swinnen	33.00	41.00	35.00	36.33	43.00	45.00	43.00	43.67	40.00
22	Christopher Abbott	23.00	38.00	19.00	26.67	47.00	45.00	45.00	45.67	36.17
22	Xuetao (Richard) Wang	27.00	39.00	22.00	29.33	47.00	42.00	41.00	43.33	36.33
22	Sae Kobayashi	20.00	35.00	20.00	25.00	46.00	40.00	36.00	40.67	32.83
26	Charlotte Wong-Labow	43.00	45.00	40.00	42.67	34.00	37.00	38.00	36.33	39.50
26	Ian Chesney	42.00	40.00	38.00	40.00	29.00	33.00	31.00	31.00	35.50
26	Jaena Kim	44.00	44.00	40.00	42.67	31.00	36.00	38.00	35.00	38.83
28	Solomiia Strenchak	28.00	43.00	36.00	35.67	32.00	40.00	37.00	36.33	36.00
28	Anna Yakovenko	30.00	33.00	36.00	33.00	36.00	42.00	41.00	39.67	36.33

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		P1	P2	P3	Total	P1	P2	P3	Total	
29	Alisa Zelenko	38.00	44.00	39.00	40.33	37.00	39.00	45.00	40.33	40.33
29	Yana Hordenko	41.00	46.00	43.00	43.33	37.00	38.00	45.00	40.00	41.67
30	Leonardo Matschulat	34.00	32.00	38.00	34.67	43.00	39.00	40.00	40.67	37.67
30	Luize Liebsch Kestring	38.00	41.00	41.00	40.00	41.00	35.00	33.00	36.33	38.17
30	Luana Moratelli Orofino	39.00	41.00	41.00	40.33	41.00	25.00	29.00	31.67	36.00
33	Abhishek Tripathi	37.00	36.00	38.00	37.00	28.00	33.00	35.00	32.00	34.50
33	Shreya Singh	30.00	30.00	34.00	31.33	23.00	26.00	26.00	25.00	28.17
35	Suryansh Singh	38.00	41.00	40.00	39.67	28.00	29.00	40.00	32.33	36.00
35	Manya Gupta	39.00	44.00	35.00	39.33	27.00	26.00	30.00	27.67	33.50
35	Dhaval Sheth	38.00	37.00	33.00	36.00	26.00	27.00	29.00	27.33	31.67
44	Siyi Wang	31.00	22.00	21.00	24.67	36.00	34.00	37.00	35.67	30.17
44	Philipraja Antonponraj Kumar					30.00	30.00	31.00	30.33	
44	Kira Reitemeier	40.00	31.00	32.00	34.33	37.00	36.00	43.00	38.67	36.50
44	Nomungerel Jamsranjav	34.00	25.00	23.00	27.33					
53	Aleana Cecilia Bantolo	47.00	42.00	49.00	46.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	39.50
53	Juan Carlo Cabero	46.00	36.00	42.00	41.33	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	36.17
60	David Lee	44.00	38.00	39.00	40.33	31.00	38.00	32.00	33.67	37.00
60	Kushi Subhash	46.00	40.00	41.00	42.33	35.00	39.00	39.00	37.67	40.00
60	Eleen Garg	35.00	38.00	38.00	37.00	38.00	42.00	39.00	39.67	38.33
68	Vidush Sinha	46.00	45.00	44.00	45.00	35.00	40.00	38.00	37.67	41.33
68	Nehaol Sri LV	45.00	40.00	42.00	42.33	33.00	34.00	40.00	35.67	39.00
72	Comfort Kodi	25.00	24.00	23.00	24.00	32.00	30.00	26.00	29.33	26.67
72	Emmanuel Kofi Nyarko					24.00	26.00	22.00	24.00	
72	Denise Lomokie Dame	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	29.00	26.00	26.00	27.00	23.50
72	Christabel Kwarteng	16.00	16.00	18.00	16.67					
77	Faith Kendi	39.00	30.00	40.00	36.33	45.00	45.00	46.00	45.33	40.83
77	Barrack Onyango	33.00	25.00	36.00	31.33	43.00	45.00	46.00	44.67	38.00
77	Fidel Tekin Saeko	33.00	25.00	36.00	31.33	42.00	45.00	46.00	44.33	37.83
83	Gungun Anand	32.00	31.00	29.00	30.67	40.00	39.00	40.00	39.67	35.17
83	Kumkum Suneja	36.00	27.00	28.00	30.33	28.00	32.00	28.00	29.33	29.83
85	Samantha Villanueva	38.00	41.00	37.00	38.67	47.00	42.00	41.00	43.33	41.00
85	Caleb Catalan	37.00	40.00	35.00	37.33	43.00	45.00	41.00	43.00	40.17
85	Jet Ryan Nicolas	30.00	31.00	36.00	32.33	46.00	45.00	40.00	43.67	38.00
91	Amelia Midwa	49.00	49.00	48.00	48.67	38.00	29.00	39.00	35.33	42.00
91	Glory K'Obonyo	48.00	49.00	48.00	48.33	37.00	38.00	41.00	38.67	43.50
91	Vicky Miriti	48.00	46.00	46.00	46.67	31.00	33.00	40.00	34.67	40.67

Based off of their scores during the Preliminary Rounds, **Glory K'Obonyo** from **Team 91** from **Strathmore University (Kenya)** was awarded the prize for the **Best Oralist of the Preliminary Rounds of the Final Oral Round**.

QUARTER-FINALS

As opposed to the Preliminary Rounds, the Quarter-Final Rounds only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all the team members pleading during the Quarter-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Quarter-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant						Respondent					
		P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Score	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Score
1	Slevin Chua	42.00	38.00	45.00	38.00	48.00	42.20						
1	Neela Alagusundaram	42.00	40.00	43.00	40.00	47.00	42.40						
1	Justin Lai	44.00	43.00	47.00	44.00	48.00	45.20						
13	Nicole Teo	42.00	36.00	40.00	37.00	42.00	39.40						
13	Sean Rappa	41.00	37.00	38.00	42.00	42.00	40.00						
15	Nimesh Singh							46.00	46.00	42.00	44.00	44.00	44.40
15	Akash Nath							47.00	45.00	42.00	43.00	42.00	43.80
21	Katinka Drewello							46.00	42.00	44.00	38.00	37.00	41.40
21	Liselot Roelandt							45.00	37.00	39.00	41.00	33.00	39.00
21	Christophe Swinnen							49.00	44.00	47.00	43.00	44.00	45.40
26	Charlotte Wong Labow	40.00	44.00	46.00	41.00	40.00	42.20						
26	Ian Chesney	38.00	41.00	34.00	42.00	38.00	38.60						
26	Jaena Kim	37.00	41.00	42.00	43.00	35.00	39.60						
29	Alisa Zelenko							31.00	36.00	36.00	41.00	40.00	36.80
29	Yana Hordenko							31.00	36.00	36.00	40.00	37.00	36.00
85	Samantha Villanueva	36.00	40.00	41.00	44.00	44.00	41.00						
85	Caleb Catalan	40.00	42.00	42.00	45.00	44.00	42.60						
85	Jet Ryan Nicolas	44.00	46.00	44.00	47.00	46.00	45.40						
91	Amelia Midwa							37.00	35.00	34.00	40.00	44.00	38.00
91	Glory K'Obonyo							33.00	36.00	40.00	38.00	39.00	37.20
91	Vicky Miriti							35.00	34.00	44.00	36.00	39.00	37.60

Based on their scores during Quarter-Final Rounds, **Jet Ryan Nicolas from Team 85 from the University of Philippines (Philippines)** and **Christophe Swinnen from team 21 from Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)**, were awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Quarter-Finals of the Final Oral Round**.

VAN BAEL AND BELLIS AWARD

Van Bael and Bellis, the Platinum sponsor of the Competition decided for the 21st edition to give out a special award during the Final Oral Round. It was to be given to the Best Oralist from an African Team and aimed to support and provide the opportunity to the student to continue their studies within the field of WTO law by helping finance part of their further education. The award, entitled the **Van Bael and Bellis Award**, was a **cash prize of 2,000 EUR**.

This year, based on the scores from the Preliminary Rounds and from the Quarter-Final, the award was presented to **Glory K'Obonyo from Team 91 from Strathmore University (Kenya)** as she received the highest score out of any orator from an African Team throughout the different stages.

SEMI-FINALS

As with the Quarter-Finals, the Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all the team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 1							
		P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Score
13	Nicole Teo	45.00	42.00	41.00	42.00	42.00	39.00	33.00	40.57
13	Sean Rappa	47.00	44.00	42.00	45.00	44.00	43.00	40.00	43.57
85	Samantha Villanueva	39.00	40.00	40.00	41.00	41.00	37.00	33.00	38.71
85	Caleb Catalan	40.00	41.00	40.00	42.00	43.00	40.00	39.00	40.71
85	Jet Ryan Nicolas	43.00	45.00	43.00	44.00	44.00	43.00	43.00	43.57
Team No.	Team Members	Semi-Final 2							
		P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Score
1	Slevin Chua	44.00	47.00	42.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	44.00	43.71
1	Neela Alagusundaram	47.00	50.00	46.00	47.00	47.00	45.00	46.00	46.86
1	Justin Lai	42.00	45.00	42.00	42.00	45.00	46.00	44.00	43.71
26	Jaena Kim	39.00	44.00	41.00	38.00	38.00	33.00	43.00	39.43
26	Charlotte Wong-Labow	43.00	46.00	47.00	44.00	42.00	42.00	44.00	44.00
26	Ian Chesney	44.00	45.00	47.00	47.00	44.00	48.00	46.00	45.86

Based on their scores during Semi-Finals Rounds, **Neela Alagusundaram from Team 1 from Singapore Management University (Singapore)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Semi-Finals of the Final Oral Round**.

GRAND FINAL

Similar to the Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals, all the team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

Team No.	Team Members	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
13	Nicole Teo	47.00	42.00	42.00	47.00	44.00	44.00	45.00	44.43
13	Sean Rappa	35.00	35.00	40.00	38.00	34.00	38.00	36.00	36.57
26	Jaena Kim	40.00	35.00	41.00	42.00	43.00	43.00	44.00	41.14
26	Charlotte Wong-Labow	36.00	35.00	40.00	43.00	40.00	41.00	42.00	39.57
26	Ian Chesney	36.00	35.00	39.00	42.00	39.00	40.00	43.00	39.14

Based on their scores during the Grand Final, **Nicole Teo from Team 13 from the National University of Singapore (Singapore)** was awarded the prize for **Best Oralist of the Grand Final of the Final Oral Round**.

BEST ORALIST'S PERSPECTIVE



The JHJMCC has been an unforgettable experience for me. It has been a unique experience to hone my advocacy and research skills, and watch my friends grow too.

Just 7 months before the Grand Finals, I spoke so quickly that I sounded more like a rapper than a mooter. Not only did I have to train to stay calm and slow down, my team also had to develop a system of cards and tapping my leg to remind me to slow down during the actual oral submissions. I was also not the best at reading the bench, so I often relied on my teammates to help me pinpoint the important aspects of the opponent's case to rebut. In other words, everything that led me to this award was very much the culmination of the support of my team; it is an individual award that reflects the whole team's effort. So, thank you Sean, Yueying, and Will. This one's for you guys too!

I am also very grateful to have been this opportunity by my coaches, Prof Michael and Ben, who believed in my potential and helped me reach it! I will keep the training for the rest of my career, and the memories for the rest of my life.

Last but not least, I would like to thank ELSA, all the panellists, and all the teams we met along the journey. I am glad to have had this experience to grow as a mooter and person. I am also delighted to have met so many intelligent and kind people along the way.

The JHJMCC has been a blast. Thank you for letting me graduate with a bang! I hope our paths cross again.

Written by Nicole Teo

ELSA INTERNATIONAL AND THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Preparations for the 21st edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition started as soon as the Final Oral Round of the 20th edition was done. Together with our Case Author, Pramiti Parwani, and the Academic Board, we were preparing the Case. We were also looking for hosts of the Regional Rounds and coordinating them with the already appointed hosts.

I knew when I entered office that I would need a great team to help me throughout the year, and I would have to look no further than to Amanda, Aliena, and Maciej. Together, they ensured the quality of this edition. I am truly thankful for having worked with them. Their resilience, dedication, thoroughness, and thoughtfulness shines through in everything they do and I know from having spoken to organisers, partners, participants, coaches, and panellists that their worked paid off and we provided a great experience for everyone involved.



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For the Final Oral Round, our team expanded to account for the extra work and time that went into organising the final stage of the Competition. I was lucky to have my friends from the International Board of ELSA 2022/2023 with me, where they finally got to see what I had been working on the entire year. We were also joined by two of our successors for the International Board 2023/2024, who we were happy to have been able to provide some insight into the organisation – preparing them for their coming term.

For organising the Final Oral Round, ELSA International would like to thank the International Organising Committee:

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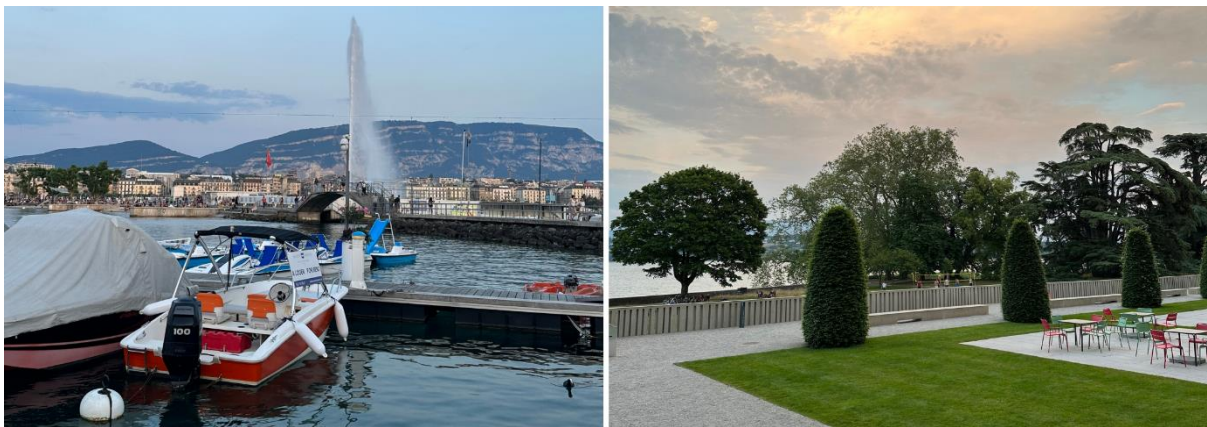
Thank you for joining us in this adventure – the success of the Final Oral Round of the 21st edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition would not have been possible without you.

CONCLUDING REMARKS FROM THE HEAD OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

By writing this report, I conclude my year as Head of the Organisation of the 21st John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, as well as finalise my career within ELSA. What started off 4 years ago for me is coming to an end, and I could not be happier as I cross the finishing line.

I first heard about the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition in the fall of 2019. I had recently started getting engaged in ELSA, and I was being presented with the different projects that we organise on an international level. Having not studied much trade law at that point and being completely new to the association, I put the project away somewhere in the back of my mind and did not pay much attention to it until much later.

Flash forward to 2021 and I am helping the Vice President at the time to timekeep some pleadings for the West and South Asia Regional Round online. I get to see, for the first time, what the JHJMCC really is about and I got to witness the students plead, showcasing the amount of effort they put into the competition and into learning about World Trade Law and the Dispute Settlement System. I did not know at the time that this was only the beginning of my work and a fraction of the insight I would get into the world of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition and World Trade Law.



The real work with the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition started after I was elected for my position in the spring of 2022. From summer, I took over communication with internal and external stakeholders which quickly let me get a deeper understanding of the complex structure of the organisation. We managed to find hosts for all Regional Rounds and I was tasked with supporting their organisation whilst also managing our general association work and as well as the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition. I want to take this opportunity to thank Marisa, Juan Pablo, Saweria, and Miguel at the WTO for their support in the organisation and for all the advice they provided along the way. I want to thank the Academic Board for their knowledge-sharing and input in sometimes difficult logistical questions.

Thank you to my ELSA International Team, Amanda, Aliena, and my successor Maciej for sharing this journey with me. Thank you to our partners for their support and, of course, to all participants who decided that the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was the moot court for you. It has been a pleasure organising it for you.

During this year, I have had the honour of visiting countries I had never dreamed of going to. I had never been outside of Europe and suddenly, within the span of two months, I had been to Singapore, India, Ghana, and Mexico, finalising everything in Austria and Czech Republic. I got to meet students and professionals who taught me a lot about their individual experience and interest in the legal field, whilst enjoying the local culture during the organisation of each event. I am truly grateful for this year and the personal and professional development that I have gone through by organising a project of this size and of such importance to so many people.



Along the way, throughout my years in ELSA and in organising this competition, I have met many people who I admire, and some that I now can consider my friends. I come from a small town in Sweden and never dreamed that I would be a part of such a great community of people that are convinced that it is through joint effort that we can continue to *contribute to legal education, to foster mutual understanding and to promote social responsibility of law students and young lawyers*, and that are willing to put in the effort to make that a reality.

ELSA strives to facilitate spaces in which students are encouraged to *learn about other cultures and legal systems in a spirit of critical dialogue and scientific co-operation*. As we continue to grow and develop our projects, including the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, we increase the knowledge of future professionals and broaden their understanding of other cultures which leads to the strengthening of international relations.

The European Law Students' Association is run *by students and for students*. Having finished my master's degree, I may be leaving ELSA and the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition behind, but I bring with me the knowledge, the memories, and relationships I have built during my time here – and those will stay with me for a long time.

To the JHJMCC Community – past, present – thank you for the warm welcome and for allowing me to be a part of this great experience. To the JHJMCC Community to come – I look forward to seeing what the future has in store.

All the best,



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