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FOREWORD

And just like that, it is a wrap.

The 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition came to a close on 27 June 2026, marking the end of a journey that began many months ago with curiosity, a case file, a blank page, and a series of ambitious questions about international trade law. We would like to begin by extending our warmest congratulations to all participants who took part in this year's competition, from the Regional Rounds to the Final Oral Round in Geneva. In particular, we congratulate the winning team from the University of Nairobi, as well as the runner-up team from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, for their outstanding performances.

Since the case was launched on 15 September last year, it has travelled far more than we did: from Brussels to Oslo, Jodhpur, Lima, Yaoundé, Beijing, and finally Geneva. Along the way, it was argued, questioned, defended, challenged, interpreted, and, we suspect, occasionally kept some teams awake a little longer than planned. For us as Case Authors, it was deeply rewarding and profoundly humbling to see the case come to life through the hard work, creativity, and advocacy of so many talented students around the world.

When we designed this case, our intention was simple: to spark curiosity. We wanted to create a problem that would encourage participants to think carefully about the rules, principles, tensions, and policy choices that shape the multilateral trading system. More than that, we hoped the case would inspire some of you to develop a lasting interest in trade law.

A moot court problem is never just a set of facts and legal issues. In the hands of students, coaches, panellists, and organisers, it becomes something much bigger. It becomes an exercise in advocacy, discipline, teamwork, and intellectual courage. Watching participants engage with the case, develop their arguments, and respond to challenging questions reminded us why this competition matters.

We are especially grateful to the panellists and students who shared that they enjoyed the case. For Case Authors, there are few greater rewards than hearing that a problem was not only challenging, but also genuinely engaging. It means a lot to know that the case served its purpose: to test legal reasoning, provoke discussion, and perhaps make trade law feel a little less distant and a little more alive.

Of course, the case did not come together in isolation. We are sincerely grateful for the support and guidance of the Academic Board, whose comments and insights strengthened the problem throughout the drafting process. We also wish to express our appreciation to Inês Ribeiro, ELSA Vice President in charge of Competitions, who facilitated the process with care, patience, and professionalism. Preparing a case of this scale requires coordination, dedication, and many moving

parts, some visible, many invisible, and we are grateful to everyone who helped bring it to completion.

The oral rounds, too, would not have been possible without the dedication of the regional hosts, whose commitment and hard work enabled the competition to reach students across different parts of the world. We also extend our gratitude to the WTO Secretariat for supporting the final stage of the competition in Geneva.

To us, this competition is more than an academic exercise. It is a symbol of community-building. It brings together students, academics, practitioners, institutions, and organisers around a shared belief: that young advocates should be given the space to learn, question, argue, and grow. Together, we help shape young minds. And perhaps, years from now, some of this year's participants will return to this competition in a different role — not answering questions, but asking them; not receiving the case, but shaping it for the next generation.

As Case Authors, we are truly grateful to have been part of this remarkable journey. Thank you to everyone who argued the case, judged it, organised it, supported it, and ultimately brought it to life far beyond the written page.

With the 24th Edition now concluded, we are delighted to pass the baton to the next Case Author(s). We look forward, with great excitement, to the 25th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition.

With gratitude from the worlds of Engeli and Astha,

*Written by the Case Authors of the 24th Edition of the JHJMCC,
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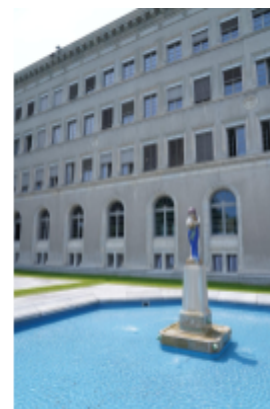
ABOUT THE JOHN H. JACKSON MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition (“JHJMCC”, “Competition”), previously known as “ELSA Moot Court Competition” (“EMC2”) was founded in 2002 by the European Law Students’ Association (ELSA) with the help of the World Trade Organization. This Competition focuses on the simulated hearing of the World Trade Organization dispute settlement system.

The Competition consists of three phases. In the first stage - Written Submissions - Teams draft legal documents on behalf of both sides of the dispute (Complainant and Respondent) based on the issued case. Secondly, the Teams participate in one of six Regional Rounds organised all over the world and plead as the Complainant and Respondent in front of the Panel of international trade law practitioners and academics. Lastly, the 24 best teams from all the Regional Rounds qualify for the Final Oral Round, held in Geneva, Switzerland.

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 International Trade Law. The Competition challenges students to strengthen their skills, including legal analysis and oral presentations. In line with ELSA's vision and purpose, the JHJMCC continues to contribute to further education of aspiring lawyers and to creating the network of the next generation of trade law experts.

Each year, the JHJMCC unites students, young lawyers, academics, and professionals in the field of International Trade Law, creating an environment to raise awareness and educate participants about the WTO and its dispute settlement system. Offering invaluable learning and networking opportunities, participation in the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition has become a crucial first step toward a career in international trade and within the World Trade Organization.



ABOUT THE 24TH EDITION

Case & the Authors

During the academic year 2025/2026, ELSA organised the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition. It was a remarkable and inspiring journey that brought together students, young lawyers, academics, and professionals from around the world.

This year's Competition was launched on the 17th of September 2025; in total, we received **106 registrations** for the 24th Edition. On the same day, the Case "[*Engeli - Measures relating to Critical Minerals*](#)" (written by Case Authors Michelle Limenta and Alya Mahira) was published.

CASE

Engeli – Measures Relating to Critical Minerals

by Michelle Limenta and Alya Mahira

Clarification Questions

After registering, each team can submit Clarification Questions (CQs) to the Case Authors about the Case. The first task for the teams is to submit their Written Submissions (WSs), once they have all the necessary information, including the [Answers to the Clarification Questions](#).

Stages of the Competition

Written Round

Having acquired all outstanding clarifications and answers, the Teams participated in the first stage of the Competition - the Written Round - during which they had to prepare their Written Submissions (WS) until the 11th of January 2026. Each team had to prepare two submissions: one on behalf of the Complainant and one on behalf of the Respondent. *(more on the Written Round in the latter part of this Report)*

Regional Rounds

In the second stage of the Competition, Teams participated in one of six Regional Rounds held across the globe. Together with the Hosts of the Regional Rounds, we welcomed the Teams in Brussels/Leuven, Oslo, Jodhpur (India), Lima (Peru), Yaoundé (Cameroon) and Beijing (China). During the Regional Rounds, the Teams participated in the Oral Pleadings representing both the Complainant and Respondent. The top four Teams advanced to the Semi-Finals, and the two best teams from the Semi-Finals competed in the Final. Each Regional Round concluded with the announcement of a regional Winner and Runner-up, and both Teams automatically qualified for the Final Oral Round. *(more on the Regional Rounds in the latter part of this Report)*



Final Oral Round

The Regional Rounds culminated in a highly competitive Final Oral Round held in Geneva, Switzerland, bringing together the best 24 Teams from all around the globe. During the Final Oral Round the participants were hosted by the Geneva Graduate Institute and the World Trade Organization. The Grand Final Round was held in Room W at the World Trade Organization, followed by an aperitif and the Awards Ceremony. In the evening, Teams, Coaches, Partners, and Organisers convened for a Closing Dinner to celebrate their achievements and recognise the outstanding Team and individual performances of the week.

The 24th Edition once again demonstrated the Competition's role in shaping the next generation of international trade law practitioners. Beyond providing participants with a unique educational experience, the Competition fostered meaningful international connections among students, coaches and legal professionals from across the globe. Throughout the Competition, Teams showcased exceptional legal analysis, advocacy and oral pleading skills, further reinforcing the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition's standing as one of the leading international moot court competitions in the field of WTO law. *(More information on the Final Oral Round is provided in the latter part of this Report).*

Timeline of the 24th Edition



SUPPORTERS OF THE 24TH EDITION

We would like to begin by expressing our deepest gratitude to all the Sponsors and Supporters of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition. Their unwavering support throughout all stages of the Competition was instrumental in successfully organising the 24th Edition and especially, the Final Oral Round.

Technical Supporter

World Trade Organization (WTO)

WTO is the only international organization dealing with the global rules of trade between nations. The goal of the WTO is to improve the welfare of the people of the Member Countries by ensuring that trade flows as smoothly, predictably and freely as possible. The WTO currently consists of 161 Member Nations. As the WTO was born out of negotiations amongst the former GATT Contracting Parties, everything the WTO Members do is a result of negotiations. Therefore, the WTO, as an intergovernmental institution, is a place where Member governments seek to negotiate trade problems. The John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, therefore, supports the WTO's enforcement of the international trade rules via the Dispute Settlement Understanding system.



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[Van Bael & Bellis \(VBB\)](#) is proud to be a longstanding supporter of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition and to play a part in helping the international trade lawyers of the future hone their skills. As the Competition concludes its 24th Edition, we are delighted to have renewed our commitment as Platinum Sponsor and to have once again stood alongside ELSA in what has become one of the most prestigious academic initiatives in the field of international trade law.

The Competition provides unique opportunities for law students to develop their oral pleading skills and prepares them for an international career within the field of international trade law. Each year, it unites students, young lawyers, academics, and professionals, creating an environment that raises awareness and educates participants about the WTO and its dispute settlement system. These are values that resonate deeply with our firm – and not just in theory. Many of the lawyers who make up VBB's trade team today participated in the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition in the past. For them, supporting the Competition is a way of giving back to an experience that helped shape their careers.

VBB is one of Europe's leading independent international law firms. Our multinational team of 90+ lawyers from 20+ countries, operating from Brussels, London and Geneva, serves leading corporates and governments from all over the world. Our team specialises in EU and international trade law with a particular focus on WTO-related matters and dispute settlement. We are a committed advocate of the multilateral trading system and its ability to contribute to increased prosperity and welfare across the world, and have acted on WTO matters, including dispute settlement resolution, for over 30 years.

Our trade team – the largest specialist team in the Brussels market – advises on all aspects of EU and international trade law: trade defence, customs, sanctions and export controls, trade policy and regulation, trade agreements, and WTO-related matters, including international dispute prevention and resolution. In the area of dispute settlement, we have represented governments, as complainant, respondent, or third party, in disputes in relation to virtually all WTO agreements and at all stages of proceedings. Our experience spans a vast range of issues, including accession protocols, trade-related investment measures, intellectual property rights, subsidies, technical barriers to trade, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, and customs valuation and classification. We have been involved in many of the seminal WTO disputes including the first WTO dispute relating to the national security exception in the GATT 1994 (acting for Ukraine), the first challenge of the WTO compatibility of the EU's climate policy measures (representing Indonesia) and the first appeal arbitration under Article 25 DSU (representing Turkey).

The 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition has once again demonstrated the extraordinary dedication and talent of the next generation of international trade lawyers. The quality of arguments, the commitment, and the passion that participants brought to this Competition are a testament to the enduring importance of a rules-based multilateral trading system. We are honoured to have been part of this Edition and look forward to continuing our support of this remarkable initiative in the years to come.



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My story with the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition dates back to 2011/2012 when I was part of the team from the University of Geneva. In the years that followed, I went on to serve as a coach and then as a panelist in regional rounds as well as at the final oral round at the WTO, including at this year's edition.

This competition has been truly transformative in my academic and professional journey. It sparked a keen interest in WTO law and opened doors to a career in that field. The competition offers a unique opportunity for curious students around the world to explore the intricacies of WTO rules, develop their advocacy skills, and make connections that can last well beyond this competition.

I am grateful that I can continue to contribute to the success of this fantastic event and proud that VBB remains its platinum sponsor.



Emily Greenaway
Associate

Serving as a panellist at the Regional Rounds of this year's John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition on WTO Law was a truly rewarding experience. The case presented thought-provoking contemporary legal issues at the intersection of international trade, sustainability, industrial policy, and responsible business conduct. It was a pleasure to see the students engage with these issues through well-researched and persuasive advocacy.

It was also a particularly meaningful experience for me personally, as I had the opportunity to participate in the competition as a member of the KU Leuven team six years ago. Returning as a panellist was a real full-circle moment. I was impressed by the high calibre of the participants and encouraged to see such enthusiasm and talent among the next generation of international trade lawyers.



Jason Houston-McMillan
Associate

I have served regularly as a panellist since 2017 when I worked at the WTO, and am always impressed by the quality and preparation of the students. This year, I judged at both excellently managed European Regional Rounds and was privileged to participate in the Academic Conference opening the Final Oral Round in Geneva. Beyond the competition itself, the Moot provides a welcome opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and meet students and fellow practitioners from around the world.

I often tell participants, only partly in jest, that the Moot can be more demanding than an actual WTO hearing. Competitors must master complex issues, prepare both sides and respond to intense questioning. The expertly written problems closely reflect those we encounter in practice, making the Moot excellent preparation for a career in trade law and beyond and I have been pleased to support it over the years, both as a panellist and through Van Bael & Bellis's role as Platinum Sponsor.

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Government actions increasingly affect companies involved in the global trade of goods and services. Whether governments are negotiating multilateral, regional or bilateral trade agreements, or revising national laws and regulations, the immediate result is likely to be a thicket of rules, procedures, and exceptions. This can mean an even more difficult business environment.

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We consider the competition to be an important opportunity for future international trade lawyers to hone their skills and develop connections into the wider trade law community.

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Advisory Centre on WTO Law (ACWL)

Based in Geneva, near the headquarters of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Advisory Centre on WTO Law (ACWL) advises its developing country Members and least-developed countries (LDCs) on all issues relating to WTO law.

The ACWL gives free legal advice and training on WTO law and provides support in WTO dispute settlement proceedings at discounted rates. These services are available to the developing country Members of the ACWL (47 at present) and to LDCs that are Members of the WTO or are in the process of acceding to the WTO (43 at present).

The ACWL enables these countries to obtain a full understanding of their rights and obligations under WTO law and to have an equal opportunity to defend their interests in WTO dispute settlement proceedings.



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SCORING SYSTEM OF CALCULATION SCORES

The **Written Submission Score for Regional Rounds** shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$(WSC - PC) + (WSR - PR) = WSS (RR)$$

The **Oral Pleading Score** during all stages of the JHJMCC shall be the average of the Complainant's and Respondent's Team Scores calculated by adding the scores assigned by all Panellists present during the Panel and dividing them by the number of Panellists scoring the pleading (3/5/7/9 depending on the stage of the Competition).

The **Team Score for Regional Rounds** shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$WSS \times 0,4 + OPS \times 0,6 = TS (RR)$$

The **Qualification Score of the Semi-Finalists in the Regional Rounds** shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$WSS \times 0,4 + \frac{(PRS (RR) + SFS (RR))}{2} \times 0,6 = QS (SF RR)$$

The **Qualification Score of Teams (non-Semi-Finalists) in the Regional Rounds** shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$WSS \times 0,4 + PRS (RR) \times 0,6 = QS (PR RR)$$

The **Written Submission Score for the Final Oral Round** shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{(WSC1+WSC2-PC)}{2} + \frac{(WSR1+WSR2-PR)}{2} = WSS(FOR)^*$$

*The Written Submission Score for the Final Oral Round is the average of points assigned during the first and second rounds of WS scoring. The second round of WS scoring is conducted before the Final Oral Round.

The **Team Score for the Preliminary Rounds of the Final Oral Round** shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$WSS (FOR) \times 0,4 + OPS \times 0,6 = PRS (FOR)$$

In the **further stages** of the **Team Score for the Final Oral Round** (Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and the Grand Final) the Team score shall be the following:

$$OPS = TS (FOR)$$

Explanation of the abbreviations:

- WSC - Written Submission Score - Complainant
- WSR - Written Submission Score - Respondent
- WSS (RR) - Written Submission Score (average of both sides) for the Written Stage and Regional Rounds
- PC - Penalty Score - Complainant
- PR - Penalty Score - Respondent
- TS (RR) - Team Score for Regional Rounds
- PRS (RR) - Preliminary Rounds Score for Regional Rounds
- SFS (RR) - Semi-Final Score for Regional Rounds
- QS (SF RR) - Qualification Score of Semi-Finalists from Regional Rounds to the Final Oral Round
- QS (PR RR) - Qualification Score of Preliminary Rounds from the Regional Rounds to the Final Oral Round
- WSS (FOR) - Written Submission Score (average of both scoring periods and of both sides) for the Final Oral Round
- PRS (FOR) - Preliminary Round Score (during the Final Oral Round)
- OPS (FOR) - Oral Pleading Score (during the Final Oral Round)
- OPS (RR) - Oral Pleading Score (calculated the same way for the entire duration of the Regional Round)
- TS (FOR) - Team Score for the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and the Grand Final of the Final Oral Round

WRITTEN SUBMISSION SCORING

Submitting Written Submissions is the first out of three stages 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 24th Edition, 90 Teams submitted their Written Submissions and therefore were eligible to participate in the Regional Rounds.

The Written Submissions were scored on the following criteria:

Analysis of Legal Issues (30 points):

- **Article III:4 of the GATT 1994 (6 points)**
 - Identification of the relevant jurisprudence (0.5)
 - Factual assessment (1 point)
 - Whether the measures at issue constitute "law, regulation or requirement" (1.5 points)
 - "Affecting" their internal sale, offering for sale, purchase (1 point)
 - Whether cooling paint and conventional paint are "like" products (1 point)
 - Whether imported conventional paint is accorded less favorable treatment (1 point)
- **Article III:8(a) of the GATT 1994 (6 points)**
 - Identification of the relevant jurisprudence (0.5 points)
 - Factual assessment (1 point)
 - Whether Raya Developer's paint procurement measures constitute laws, regulations or requirements governing procurement (2 points)
 - Whether Raya Developer qualifies as a "governmental agency" acting on behalf of the government in procuring paint (1.5 points)
 - Whether Raya Developer's paint procurement is undertaken for governmental purposes and not for commercial (re)sale (1 point)
- **Article I:1 of the GATT 1994 (3 points)**
 - Identification of the relevant jurisprudence (0.5 points)
 - Factual assessment (0.5 points)

- Whether the measures at issue fall within the scope of Article I:1 (0.5 points)
- Whether critical minerals from Rubina and Astha are “like products” (0.5 points)
- Whether the measures at issue grant an “advantage” (0.5 points)
- Whether the measures at issue are granted “immediately” and “unconditionally” (0.5 points)
- **Article XXIV of the GATT 1994 (6 points)**
 - Identify of the relevant jurisprudence (0.5 point)
 - Factual assessment (1 point)
 - Whether the measures at issue are introduced upon the formation of a “Free-Trade Area” (4.5 points)
- **Article XI:1 of the GATT 1994 (total 3 points)**
 - Identification of the relevant jurisprudence (0.5 points)
 - Factual assessment (0.5 points)
 - Whether the measures at issue fall within the scope of Article XI (0.5 points)
 - Whether the measures at issue constitute a restriction on important (1.5 points)
- **Article XX of the GATT 1994 (total 6 points)**
 - Identification of the relevant jurisprudence (0.5 points)
 - Factual assessment (1 point)
 - Provisional justification under Article XX(a) or XX(d) (2 points)
 - Requirements of the chapeau of Article XX (2.5 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 all stages of the Regional Rounds and in the Preliminary Rounds of the Final Oral Round.

ORAL PLEADING SCORING

The Oral Submissions are scored based on the following criteria:

1. **Legal Analysis (Command of Issues)** - testing Team's understanding of legal and factual issues raised by the case; knowledge of applicable law, including relevant WTO agreements; command of relevant WTO jurisprudence; and logic and strength of legal reasoning.

Weighing 60% of the overall score - **30 points**

The range of scores is:

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

2. **Argumentation and Style:** testing Team's organisation and weighing of arguments; clarity and tone of oral presentation; responsiveness to questioning and adaptability in rebuttal/surrebuttal, and teamwork and time management.

Weighing 40% of the overall score - **20 points**

See the range of scores below:

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

The Written Submission scores comprise 40% of the overall Team score and the Oral Pleading score comprises 60% of the overall Team score.

For each criterion, the possible scores ranged between 0 (the lowest) and 30 or 20, respectively (the highest). The Complainant/Respondent score of each Judge was calculated by adding up the points for each criterion and dividing them by 2.

The scores have been calculated in accordance with the scoring system outlined in the Calculation of Scores section of this report.

WRITTEN ROUND

Each Written Submission was assessed by an independent trade law practitioner or academic. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the 58 Panellists that took part in the 1st Round of the Written Submissions scoring - people who dedicated their time and expertise to read and grade this year's submissions: Abhishek Tripathi; Adrian Vazquez; Agnieszka Nosowicz; Akawat Laowonsiri; Aldo González; Amy YiJu Chen; Angelique Saw; Ayushi Singh; Beichen Ding; Chibole Wakoli; Daniela Gomez Altamirano; Deena Bajrai; Dmytro Galagan; Dylan Geraets; Emilio Arteaga; Evangelia Anevlavi; Gerard Penalosa; Harsh (Hiroo) Gursahani; Ivan Baranenko; Izabella Vergara Arenas; Jenya Grigorova; Juan Pablo Gomez Moreno; Kahaki Jere; Leonardo Gioachini de Paula; Marc-Antoine Couet; Maria Pereyra; Mariia Shulha; Mariela de Amstalden; Marisa Goldstein; Marisela Vázquez Estrada; Mariya-Khrystyna Koziy; Marios Tokas; Mary Elizabeth Chelliah; Miguel Villamizar; Minn Naing Oo; Muhammad Ahsan Ali; Nataliia Kozachuk; Oleksandra Sandul; Oleksii Voloshyn; Olga Falgueras; Ozlem Canbeldek; Pallavi Bajaj; Panagiotis Kyriakou; Prajwal Vasuki Rao; Qiu Xu Liao; Rishabha Meena; Sarthak Raj; Sergio Alonso Patiño Reyes; Shashank Kumar; Simon Hernandez; Slava Opeida; Tatia Nikvashvili; Thomas WK Wong; Urvi Tembey; Vineet Hegde; Wafaa Saadeh; Wan Mohd Asnur bin Wan Jantan and Yannick Trudel.

As per the 2nd Round of the Written Submissions scoring, dedicated to the 24 Teams that have qualified to the Final Oral Round, we would like to thank the 12 individuals that were instrumental to it: Daniel Baker; Gerard Penalosa; Jan Yves Remy; Juan Pablo Moya Hoyos; Marisa Goldstein; Michail Skouzes; Peri Mikayelyan; Sagnik Sinha; Shashank Kumar; Sybilla Fries; Wase Musonge and Xiaolu Zhu.

Thank you to each and every one of you for contributing with your expertise to this first phase of the Competition!

1st Round of Written Submissions' Scoring

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Total Score
	Scores	Penalties	Total	Scores	Penalties	Total	
1	40.50	0.00	40.500	43.00	0.00	43.000	83.500
3	47.00	0.00	47.000	44.00	0.50	43.500	90.500
4	41.40	1.00	40.400	42.10	2.00	40.100	80.500
5	43.00	0.50	42.500	41.75	0.00	41.750	84.250
6	46.00	1.00	45.000	39.50	1.00	38.500	83.500
7	26.00	0.00	26.000	40.00	1.50	38.500	64.500
8	31.50	1.50	30.000	29.75	1.50	28.250	58.250
9	30.50	3.00	27.500	34.20	1.00	33.200	60.700
10	44.00	1.00	43.000	40.00	1.00	39.000	82.000
11	49.00	1.00	48.000	44.00	2.00	42.000	90.000
12	46.00	0.00	46.000	43.50	0.50	43.000	89.000
13	44.50	0.50	44.000	45.00	0.00	45.000	89.000
14	31.30	2.00	29.300	36.75	2.00	34.750	64.050
15	43.75	2.00	41.750	22.22	1.00	21.220	62.970
16	39.25	1.50	37.750	29.00	1.50	27.500	65.250
17	29.00	2.50	26.500	35.60	3.00	32.600	59.100
18	30.50	0.50	30.000	37.50	0.50	37.000	67.000
19	42.00	0.00	42.000	41.50	0.00	41.500	83.500
20	31.50	1.50	30.000	42.50	1.00	41.500	71.500
21	40.00	1.50	38.500	37.00	1.50	35.500	74.000
22	27.00	2.00	25.000	28.50	2.00	26.500	51.500
23	39.50	1.00	38.500	42.20	0.00	42.200	80.700
25	33.00	1.50	31.500	40.50	3.00	37.500	69.000
26	35.00	6.50	28.500	37.20	1.50	35.700	64.200
29	37.75	3.00	34.750	33.80	3.00	30.800	65.550
30	39.50	0.50	39.000	39.00	0.00	39.000	78.000
31	41.50	0.50	41.000	36.00	0.50	35.500	76.500
33	40.75	0.00	40.750	37.00	0.00	37.000	77.750
34	37.50	1.00	36.500	48.00	1.00	47.000	83.500
35	36.50	1.50	35.000	43.50	1.50	42.000	77.000
36	38.25	0.50	37.750	33.00	0.50	32.500	70.250
37	33.50	0.50	33.000	32.00	0.50	31.500	64.500

38	43.00	0.63	42.375	34.50	0.63	33.875	76.250
39	27.00	2.50	24.500	25.00	1.75	23.250	47.750
40	33.00	2.75	30.250	29.50	0.00	29.500	59.750
41	32.50	1.50	31.000	31.00	1.00	30.000	61.000
44	31.50	2.25	29.250	36.00	2.00	34.000	63.250
45	42.30	0.50	41.800	39.80	1.00	38.800	80.600
46	25.00	2.25	22.750	27.50	2.25	25.250	48.000
47	41.70	2.00	39.700	35.50	2.00	33.500	73.200
48	40.50	1.00	39.500	38.50	1.00	37.500	77.000
49	40.50	2.00	38.500	19.00	1.50	17.500	56.000
50	43.00	0.00	43.000	36.40	0.00	36.400	79.400
51	37.00	0.00	37.000	40.00	0.00	40.000	77.000
52	37.00	3.00	34.000	25.00	3.00	22.000	56.000
53	33.00	0.00	33.000	34.50	0.00	34.500	67.500
54	25.00	1.50	23.500	22.50	2.00	20.500	44.000
55	37.50	1.50	36.000	40.00	0.25	39.750	75.750
56	43.00	0.00	43.000	43.00	0.00	43.000	86.000
57	38.20	4.50	33.700	22.00	5.00	17.000	50.700
58	37.20	1.00	36.200	36.00	1.00	35.000	71.200
59	43.00	0.00	43.000	46.50	0.00	46.500	89.500
60	41.50	0.00	41.500	37.00	0.00	37.000	78.500
61	42.50	2.50	40.000	35.25	1.50	33.750	73.750
62	31.50	0.25	31.250	41.50	0.75	40.750	72.000
64	20.50	2.00	18.500	29.00	1.75	27.250	45.750
65	43.75	1.00	42.750	29.50	1.00	28.500	71.250
66	28.00	0.50	27.500	25.00	0.50	24.500	52.000
67	45.50	0.70	44.800	39.50	0.20	39.300	84.100
68	42.03	1.20	40.830	33.20	1.20	32.000	72.830
69	27.50	0.00	27.500	17.50	0.00	17.500	45.000
70	28.00	1.00	27.000	32.50	1.00	31.500	58.500
72	44.00	5.00	39.000	11.50	4.50	7.000	46.000
73	33.30	1.00	32.300	27.00	1.00	26.000	58.300
74	16.50	5.10	11.400	26.00	5.35	20.650	32.050
75	33.50	0.85	32.650	37.00	0.50	36.500	69.150
76	48.50	6.00	42.500	29.50	1.50	28.000	70.500
77	34.00	0.50	33.500	31.00	0.50	30.500	64.000

78	44.80	1.00	43.800	42.50	0.50	42.000	85.800
79	38.45	1.50	36.950	45.50	1.50	44.000	80.950
80	15.50	5.50	10.000	23.50	5.50	18.000	28.000
81	30.50	3.50	27.000	35.00	3.50	31.500	58.500
82	40.70	0.00	40.700	44.00	0.00	44.000	84.700
84	45.00	2.50	42.500	39.00	1.00	38.000	80.500
85	44.75	1.50	43.250	29.00	3.00	26.000	69.250
86	35.50	2.50	33.000	29.50	2.50	27.000	60.000
87	12.00	0.00	12.000	21.50	0.00	21.500	33.500
88	28.00	0.50	27.500	41.50	1.50	40.000	67.500
89	46.00	7.25	38.750	25.00	7.25	17.750	56.500
90	36.00	0.50	35.500	41.25	1.00	40.250	75.750
91	37.00	0.50	36.500	35.00	1.00	34.000	70.500
98	16.60	0.00	16.600	25.00	0.00	25.000	41.600
101	33.00	1.50	31.500	31.50	1.50	30.000	61.500
103	43.00	0.00	43.000	42.50	0.00	42.500	85.500
104	36.00	1.25	34.750	18.50	0.75	17.750	52.500
105	32.00	0.00	32.000	40.50	0.00	40.500	72.500
106	45.40	2.00	43.400	35.50	1.00	34.500	77.900

2nd Round of Written Submissions' Scoring - Finalist Teams

Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				Total Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Penalties	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Penalties	Total	
1	40.50	40.30	0.00	40.400	43.00	36.00	0.00	39.500	79.900
4	41.40	43.60	1.00	42.000	42.10	44.00	2.00	42.050	84.050
5	43.00	41.50	0.50	42.000	41.75	45.00	0.00	43.375	85.375
6	46.00	41.50	1.00	43.250	39.50	37.20	1.00	37.850	81.100
10	44.00	43.00	1.00	43.000	40.00	41.50	1.00	40.250	83.250
12	46.00	47.00	0.00	46.500	43.50	41.00	0.50	42.000	88.500
13	44.50	36.00	0.50	40.000	45.00	35.25	0.00	40.125	80.125
19	42.00	40.00	0.00	41.000	41.50	35.60	0.00	38.550	79.550
21	40.00	43.50	1.50	41.000	37.00	39.55	1.50	37.525	78.525
23	39.50	44.00	1.00	41.250	42.20	38.30	0.00	40.250	81.500
34	37.50	42.60	1.00	39.550	48.00	42.00	0.00	45.000	84.550
35	36.50	45.60	1.50	40.300	43.50	46.80	1.50	44.400	84.700
37	33.50	38.80	0.50	35.900	32.00	38.50	0.50	35.000	70.900
45	42.30	37.00	0.50	39.400	39.80	31.00	1.00	34.900	74.300
47	41.70	35.00	2.00	37.350	35.50	33.00	2.00	33.250	70.600
48	40.50	30.85	1.00	35.175	38.50	36.60	1.00	37.050	72.225
53	33.00	37.40	0.00	35.200	34.50	38.00	0.00	36.250	71.450
56	43.00	36.00	0.00	39.500	43.00	43.50	0.00	43.250	82.750
62	31.50	41.00	0.25	36.125	41.50	40.00	0.75	40.375	76.500
67	45.50	39.00	0.70	41.900	39.50	34.50	0.20	36.900	78.800
78	44.80	37.50	1.00	40.650	42.50	32.20	0.50	37.100	77.750
82	40.70	36.25	0.00	38.475	44.00	41.00	0.00	42.500	80.975
103	43.00	36.00	0.00	39.500	42.50	36.00	0.00	39.250	78.750
106	45.40	40.00	2.00	41.700	35.50	46.50	1.00	40.500	82.200

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.

Out of the 90 teams that submitted their Written Submissions, **77 Teams participated in one of six Regional Rounds**. The Regional Rounds were hosted by the following hosts at the mentioned locations:

- **1st European Regional Round:** Brussels/Leuven, Belgium, hosted by ELSA Saint Louis and ELSA Leuven;
- **2nd European Regional Round:** Oslo, Norway, hosted by ELSA Norway;
- **West and South Asia Regional Round:** Jodhpur, India, hosted by National Law University Jodhpur;
- **All-American Regional Round:** Lima, Peru, hosted by the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru;
- **African Regional Round:** Yaoundé, Cameroon, hosted by the International Relations Institute of Cameroon;
- **East Asia & Oceania Regional Round:** Beijing, China, hosted by the University of International Business and Economics.

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.

1st European Regional Round

About the Regional Round

The first European Regional Round of the 24th Edition John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was organised by ELSA Saint Louis and ELSA Leuven, from the 17th to the 20th of February 2026. A special thanks goes to the Host for the organisation of the Regional Round. From 8 countries, a total of 11 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round:

- **Team 14** - University of Pécs Faculty of Law (Hungary)
- **Team 25** - Tilburg University, Faculty of Law (the Netherlands)
- **Team 29** - Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University (France)
- **Team 34** - Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) - Faculté de Droit et de Criminologie (Belgium)
- **Team 38** - UCLy Faculty of Law (France)
- **Team 47** - University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law (the Netherlands)
- **Team 53** - World Trade Institute, University of Bern (Switzerland)
- **Team 54** - Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna (Italy)
- **Team 68** - National and Kapodistrian University of Law (Greece)
- **Team 70** - Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) (France)
- **Team 86** - Sigmund Freud University Vienna (Austria)

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An Organisers' Perspective

Dear ELSA Network,
Dear Reader,
and especially Dear future Organiser,

If you are hesitating about organising an event like this, whatever the reason may be, you should know one thing: no barrier can truly stop you from making it happen. Human resources? You can find them everywhere. ELSA people and non-ELSA people alike are often willing to be part of such a meaningful experience. Money? Participation fees, sponsors, and material support can all contribute to making the project possible. Of course, these concerns are real, and they require work, but they should not prevent you from starting.

Why do I begin with this? Because these were my first concerns as well. When I first started informing myself about organising a JHJ Regional Round, I would have loved to read something like this. My name is Théo Deswaef, former VP Competitions of ELSA Belgium, member of the EIT JHJ Competition Team, and former Head of the Organising Committee of the 1st European Regional Round of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, organised in February 2026 in Brussels and Leuven, Belgium. My ELSA journey was guided by one idea: that one day, we would organise such a major international competition in our country: Belgium!

After months of internal discussions, negotiations, and feasibility assessments, we finally reached the conclusion that this project was possible. Looking back now, several months after the competition, I can say this with even more certainty: organising a JHJ Regional Round in Belgium is not only possible, it is an incredible opportunity. Especially in Brussels, our beautiful capital, and in Leuven, with its strong academic environment, we were able to build something truly special. First and foremost, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the people in Belgium and internationally, including within the Board of ELSA International, who helped us throughout this journey, believed in the idea, and never doubted that we could make it happen.

A few discussions later, we joined forces with two incredible Local Groups: ELSA Saint-Louis and ELSA Leuven. It was very important to us to bring them together. First, because we wanted to guarantee enough human resources and access to excellent university facilities. But also because it was meaningful to unite both a French-speaking and a Dutch-speaking Local Group, each directly or indirectly connected to Competitions. With the strong support of our wonderful EIT, Austėja, and the Vice President in charge of Competitions of ELSA International, Inês, we started building what we knew would become a great success.

After months of preparation, the day of the competition finally arrived. Apparently, this is supposed to be the peak of stress. But I can honestly say: there was no stress, only excitement. Of course, you are curious. Of course, you want to know whether everything is going well at every moment. But you can trust yourself, trust the team you have built, and trust the amazing support of the JHJ EI Team. Nothing is left entirely to chance, and the risks are manageable. You will face surprises, both good and bad. But you will deal with them, you will overcome them, and those moments will make the experience even more real, concrete, and valuable both for you and for the whole team.

At the end of the competition, everyone will be satisfied: participants, coaches, judges, guests, and organisers. They will appreciate what the team has done because they will feel that the team truly cared about doing it well. So, if there is one thing you should remember, it is this: passion, energy, and enthusiasm are what guide an Organising Committee. And when these values are present, they spread. They are visible. They make the event special.

This competition, organised within ELSA, gives you the tools, knowledge, and support needed to believe in your ideas and to bring them to life. You do not need to have everything figured out from the beginning. What matters is having the courage to start, the dedication to continue, and the right people around you.

On behalf of the entire Organising Committee, we can only encourage future organisers to take the step. It is demanding, yes, but it is also one of the most rewarding experiences you can live within ELSA. Believe in the project, trust your team, and enjoy the journey.

*Written by Théo Deswaef,
Head of the Organising Committee of the Regional Round Brussels/Leuven*



The Organisers of the 1st European Regional Round

Results

WRITTEN SUBMISSION SCORES

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Total Score
	Scores	Penalties	Total	Scores	Penalties	Total	
14	31.30	2.00	29.300	36.75	2.00	34.750	64.050
25	33.00	1.50	31.500	40.50	3.00	37.500	69.000
29	37.75	3.00	34.750	33.80	3.00	30.800	65.550
34	37.50	1.00	36.500	48.00	1.00	47.000	83.500
38	43.00	0.63	42.375	34.50	0.63	33.875	76.250
47	41.70	2.00	39.700	35.50	2.00	33.500	73.200
53	33.00	0.00	33.000	34.50	0.00	34.500	67.500
54	25.00	1.50	23.500	22.50	2.00	20.500	44.000
68	42.03	1.20	40.830	33.20	1.20	32.000	72.830
70	28.00	1.00	27.000	32.50	1.00	31.500	58.500
86	35.50	2.50	33.000	29.50	2.50	27.000	60.000

Based on the scores, **Team 38** from the **UCLy Faculty of Law (France)** was awarded the prize for *Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)*. For the award of the *Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)*, **Team 34** from the **Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) - Faculté de Droit et de Criminologie (Belgium)** **had the highest scores**. The award of the *Best Overall Written Submission* of the 1st European Regional Round went to **Team 34** from the **Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) - Faculté de Droit et de Criminologie (Belgium)**.

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.

Rank	Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Total Qualification Score
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total					
1	34	40.00	38.00	35.00	37.67	42.00	38.00	44.00	41.33	79.00	83.50	33.40	47.40	80.80
2	53	37.00	36.00	44.00	39.00	42.00	38.00	35.00	38.33	77.33	67.50	27.00	46.40	73.40
3	70	46.00	41.00	45.00	44.00	46.00	32.00	39.00	39.00	83.00	58.50	23.40	49.80	73.20
4	47	33.00	34.00	32.00	33.00	30.00	29.00	33.00	30.67	63.67	73.20	29.28	38.20	67.48
5	68	30.00	31.00	31.00	30.67	28.00	29.00	29.00	28.67	59.33	72.83	29.13	35.60	64.73
6	25	24.00	26.00	22.00	24.00	27.00	21.00	36.00	28.00	52.00	69.00	27.60	31.20	58.80
7	86	21.00	26.00	21.00	22.67	35.00	30.00	32.00	32.33	55.00	60.00	24.00	33.00	57.00
8	38	30.00	20.00	20.00	23.33	19.00	14.00	17.00	16.67	40.00	76.25	30.50	24.00	54.50
9	14	26.00	27.00	27.00	26.67	20.00	22.00	20.00	20.67	47.33	64.05	25.62	28.40	54.02
10	29	19.00	21.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	21.00	17.00	17.67	37.67	65.55	26.22	22.60	48.82
11	54	19.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	21.00	17.00	17.00	18.33	36.33	44.00	17.60	21.80	39.40

TEAM SCORES - SEMI-FINALS

Team No.	Complainant					Respondent					Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.					
Semi Final Round 1															
53	29.00	32.00	28.00	31.00	30.00						30.00	67.50	27.00	18.00	45.00
70						27.00	30.00	27.00	26.00	28.00	27.60	58.50	23.40	16.56	39.96
Semi Final Round 2															
47	32.00	27.00	46.00	37.00	26.00						33.60	73.20	29.28	20.16	49.44
34						31.00	25.00	34.00	44.00	26.00	32.00	83.50	33.40	19.20	52.60

Teams qualifying for the Grand Final of the 1st European Regional Round are marked in green in the table above.

TEAM SCORES - GRAND FINAL

Team No.	Complainant							Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.					
53	40.00	35.00	43.00	38.00	35.00	15.00	33.00	34.14	67.50	27.00	20.49	47.49

Team No.	Respondent							Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.					
34	19.00	6.00	13.00	19.00	30.00	16.00	13.00	16.57	83.50	33.40	9.94	43.34

Based on the scores, **Team 53** from World Trade Institute, University of Bern (Switzerland) was declared the **Winner** of the 1st European Regional Round and **Team 34** from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) - Faculté de Droit et de Criminologie (Belgium) was declared the **Runner-Up** of the 1st European Regional Round.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	
14	Dávid Molnár	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	20.00	21.00	20.00	20.33	44.33
	Tóth Tamás	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	20.00	22.00	20.00	20.67	49.67
25	Dana-Irina Vasile	23.00	23.00	19.00	21.67	38.00	28.00	21.00	29.00	50.67
	Durga Rangan	25.00	24.00	26.00	25.00	31.00	28.00	19.00	26.00	51.00
	Alice Gelosi	24.00	23.00	18.00	21.67	31.00	25.00	21.00	25.67	47.34
29	Martin Dumas				n/a	27.00	24.00	24.00	25.00	25.00
	Younes Mouradi	22.00	21.00	30.00	24.33	21.00	13.00	17.00	17.00	41.33
	Adrien Ganslandt	13.00	14.00	16.00	14.33	19.00	8.00	16.00	14.33	28.66
	Meriem Chaabane	20.00	31.00	20.00	23.67				n/a	23.67
34	Victoria Van Raek	38.00	38.00	42.00	39.33				n/a	39.33
	Robin Taes	33.00	38.00	40.00	37.00	38.00	36.00	40.00	38.00	75.00
	Giulio Sironi				n/a	38.00	40.00	43.00	40.33	40.33
	Adrián Rozas				n/a	38.00	40.00	41.00	39.67	39.67
38	Amandine Velu	19.00	25.00	31.00	25.00				n/a	25.00
	Aylar Azizi	20.00	18.00	40.00	26.00				n/a	26.00
	Fatou Gaye				n/a	19.00	14.00	17.00	16.67	16.67
	Penda Dah				n/a	19.00	14.00	17.00	16.67	16.67
47	Océane Mahé	32.00	33.00	33.00	32.67	34.00	34.00	30.00	32.67	65.34
	Rena Asadullaeva	33.00	36.00	34.00	34.33	31.00	31.00	34.00	32.00	66.33
	Fabio Da Ros	32.00	33.00	29.00	31.33	27.00	30.00	32.00	29.67	61.00
53	Paul Rit	33.00	33.00	44.00	36.67	43.00	38.00	43.00	41.33	78.00
	Uriel Díaz	28.00	33.00	40.00	33.67	32.00	40.00	40.00	38.33	72.00
	Thao Van Ngymen	30.00	42.00	45.00	39.00	36.00	37.00	42.00	37.33	76.33
54	Mathieu Galopin	17.00	12.00	15.00	14.67				n/a	14.67
	Molly Butler	21.00	20.00	22.00	21.00				n/a	21.00
	Francois Sedran				n/a	32.00	25.00	25.00	27.33	27.33
	Zhiyun Lin				n/a	10.00	12.00	9.00	10.33	10.33
68	Markella Psalti	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	33.00	33.67	67.67
	Sofia Filippopoulou	29.00	29.00	32.00	30.00	32.00	32.00	31.00	31.67	61.67
	Zampeta Papastavrou	30.00	24.00	30.00	28.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	48.00
70	Domitille Hansson	37.00	37.00	41.00	38.33	33.00	30.00	37.00	33.33	71.66
	Margherita Duse	39.00	40.00	43.00	40.67	29.00	32.00	37.00	32.67	73.34
	Asmaa Aberwag	44.00	46.00	46.00	45.33	44.00	38.00	48.00	43.33	88.66
86	Ayya Sheptukhina	28.00	26.00	22.00	25.33	35.00	34.00	34.00	34.33	59.66
	Marcin Skocz	21.00	24.00	21.00	22.00	29.00	28.00	34.00	30.33	52.33

In order to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds award, the orator had to plead for both Complainant and Respondent. The following table gives an overview of the individual scores awarded to each of the orators of the Preliminary Rounds. Fulfilling the aforementioned criteria, 22 orators were eligible to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds Award.

Based on the scores, **Asmaa Aberwag** from **Team 70** from the Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas (France) was awarded the prize for **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds**.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all of the 12 Team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant						Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Total	
53	Paul Rit	31.00	32.00	28.00	29.00	28.00	29.60	29.60
	Thao Van Nguyen	26.00	32.00	30.00	31.00	32.00	30.20	30.20
	Uriel Díaz	26.00	32.00	24.00	35.00	28.00	29.00	29.00
47	Océane Mahé	28.00	37.00	43.00	30.00	33.00	34.20	34.20
	Rena Asadullaeva	26.00	34.00	45.00	30.00	31.00	33.20	33.20
	Fabio da Ros	26.00	21.00	40.00	20.00	26.00	26.60	26.60

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent						Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Total	
34	Giulio Sironi	30.00	44.00	35.00	24.00	36.00	33.80	33.80
	Robin Taes	24.00	38.00	25.00	24.00	28.00	27.80	27.80
	Adrian Rozas	26.00	44.00	32.00	22.00	29.00	30.60	30.60
	Victoria Van Raek							n/a
70	Domitille Hansson	24.00	24.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.40	23.40
	Margherita Duse	26.00	22.00	25.00	26.00	25.00	24.80	24.80
	Asmaa Aberwag	32.00	34.00	31.00	37.00	34.00	33.60	33.60

Based on the scores, **Océane Mahé** from **Team 47** from the University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law (the Netherlands) was awarded the prize for *Best Orator of the Semi-Finals*.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - GRAND FINAL

Similar to the Semi-Finals, all 6 of the Team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant								Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Total	
53	Paul Rit	34.00	30.00	36.00	38.00	45.00	39.00	39.00	37.29	37.29
	Thao Van Nguyen	36.00	30.00	37.00	40.00	43.00	38.00	36.00	37.14	37.14
	Uriel Dfaz	27.00	25.00	28.00	31.00	38.00	35.00	34.00	31.14	31.14

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent								Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Total	
34	Giulio Sironi	17.00	17.00	35.00	24.00	16.00	12.00	27.00	21.14	21.14
	Robin Taes	10.00	14.00	25.00	15.00	13.00	5.00	19.00	14.43	14.43
	Adrian Rozas	12.00	16.00	32.00	16.00	11.00	5.00	17.00	15.57	15.57
	Victoria Van Raek									

Based on the scores, **Paul Rit** from **Team 53** from the World Trade Institute, University of Bern (Switzerland) was awarded the prize for **Best Orator of the Grand Final**.

Summary of Awards - 1st European Regional Round Brussels/Leuven

- **Winner:** Team 53 - World Trade Institute, University of Bern (Switzerland)
- **Runner-Up:** Team 34 - Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) - Faculté de Droit et de Criminologie (Belgium)
- **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds:** Asmaa Aberwag, Team 70 - Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas (France)
- **Best Orator of the Semi-Finals:** Océane Mahé, Team 47 - University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law (the Netherlands)
- **Best Orator of the Grand Final:** Paul Rit, Team 53 - World Trade Institute, University of Bern (Switzerland)
- **Best Complainant's Written Submission:** Team 38, UCLy Faculty of Law (France)
- **Best Respondent's Written Submission:** Team 34 - Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) - Faculté de Droit et de Criminologie (Belgium)
- **Best Overall Written Submission:** Team 34 - Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) - Faculté de Droit et de Criminologie (Belgium)

2nd European Regional Round

About the Regional Round

The 2nd European Regional Round of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was organised by ELSA Norway in Oslo, from the 10th to the 13th of March 2026. A special thanks goes to the Host for the organisation of the Regional Round. From 10 countries, a total of 13 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round:

- **Team 3** - George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Targu Mures; Faculty of Economy and Law (Romania)
- **Team 5** - National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Faculty of Law (Ukraine)
- **Team 12** - KU Leuven Faculty of Law and Criminology (Belgium)
- **Team 16** - Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany)
- **Team 17** - Maastricht University, Faculty of Law (the Netherlands)
- **Team 18** - Moldova State University, Faculty of Law (Republic of Moldova)
- **Team 20** - Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Educational and Scientific Institute of International Relations (Ukraine)
- **Team 21** - Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID), International Law (Switzerland)
- **Team 35** - University of Southern Denmark - The Faculty of Business and Social Sciences - Department of Law (Denmark)
- **Team 57** - ESADE (Spain)
- **Team 72** - Uppsala University School of Law (Sweden)
- **Team 75** - Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Faculty of Law (Germany)
- **Team 81** - Stefan cel Mare' University of Law and Administrative Sciences (Romania)

The 2nd European Regional Round was supported by 19 Panellists and we wish to thank them for their time and contributions to the Regional Round. They are: Amandus Sanden; Amund Tørum; Astrid Iversen; Christian Lau; Daniel Baker; Ellen J. Eftestøl; Jason Houston-McMillan; Jennifer Hillman; Kjetil Haare Johansen; Linn Edvartsen; Marie Terlinden; Martin Berntzen Often; Niall Meagher; Nicola Strain; Nikolas Hertel; Ole Kristian Fauchald; Ørjan Miri Haukaas; Tor Arne Solberg-Johansen and Werner Zdouc.

An Organisers' Perspective

From March 11 until March 13, 2026, ELSA Norway had the privilege of hosting one of the two European Regional Rounds of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition in Oslo, Norway. As the first ever JHJMCC Regional Round to be organised in Norway, this marked an important and historic milestone for ELSA Norway.

Welcoming 13 teams from across Europe, alongside panellists and coaches, the competition brought together talented law students with a shared passion for international trade law. Throughout the Regional Round, participants showcased impressive legal knowledge, professionalism, and dedication through challenging and engaging oral pleadings.

Organising one of the two European Regional Rounds was an ambitious and demanding project that required months of preparation, coordination, and teamwork. Hosting such a prestigious international competition for the first time in Norway came with both excitement and responsibility, and we are incredibly proud that the event was such a success.

The Preliminary Oral Rounds were held at the University of Oslo, while both the Semi-Finals and the Final Oral Round took place at Borgarting Court of Appeal. These venues created an inspiring setting for the competition and gave participants the opportunity to plead in truly memorable surroundings.

Beyond the competition itself, one of the most rewarding parts of the Regional Round was getting to know everyone who had travelled to Oslo. Through our social events and shared experiences throughout the week, participants, panellists, and organisers formed friendships and connections that truly reflected the international spirit of ELSA.

A special thank you must be given to the Organising Committee, whose dedication, professionalism, and countless hours of work made this event possible. Their commitment and teamwork were the foundation of the entire Regional Round, and ELSA Norway is immensely grateful for every single person who contributed to bringing this project to life.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the Vice President in charge of Competitions of the International Board, as well as the JHJMCC Team, for their trust, guidance, and constant support throughout both the planning and execution of the Regional Round. Hosting this competition was an unforgettable experience, and we are proud to have contributed to the legacy of the JHJMCC while bringing the Competition to Norway for the very first time.

*Written by Grethe Østgård,
Head of the Organising Committee of the Regional Round Oslo*



The Organisers of the 2nd European Regional Round

Results

WRITTEN SUBMISSION SCORES

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Total Score
	Scores	Penalties	Total	Scores	Penalties	Total	
3	47.00	0.00	47.000	44.00	0.50	43.500	90.500
5	43.00	0.50	42.500	41.75	0.00	41.750	84.250
12	46.00	0.00	46.000	43.50	0.50	43.000	89.000
16	39.25	1.50	37.750	29.00	1.50	27.500	65.250
17	29.00	2.50	26.500	35.60	3.00	32.600	59.100
18	30.50	0.50	30.000	37.50	0.50	37.000	67.000
20	31.50	1.50	30.000	42.50	1.00	41.500	71.500
21	40.00	1.50	38.500	37.00	1.50	35.500	74.000
35	36.50	1.50	35.000	43.50	1.50	42.000	77.000
57	38.20	4.50	33.700	22.00	5.00	17.000	50.700
72	44.00	5.00	39.000	11.50	4.50	7.000	46.000
75	33.50	0.85	32.650	37.00	0.50	36.500	69.150
81	30.50	3.50	27.000	35.00	3.50	31.500	58.500

Based on the scores, **Team 03** from the **George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Targu Mures** was awarded the prize for *Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)*, *Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)*, and *Best Overall Written Submission* of the 2nd European Regional Round.

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.

Rank	Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Total Qualification Score
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total					
1	12	42.00	42.00	41.00	41.67	36.00	42.00	39.00	39.00	80.67	89.00	35.60	48.40	84.00
2	5	40.00	39.00	40.00	39.67	41.00	42.00	42.00	41.67	81.33	84.25	33.70	48.80	82.50
3	21	47.00	46.00	50.00	47.67	31.00	37.00	38.00	35.33	83.00	74.00	29.60	49.80	79.40
4	35	30.00	31.00	31.00	30.67	46.00	46.00	42.00	44.67	75.33	77.00	30.80	45.20	76.00
5	3	41.00	36.00	42.00	39.67	22.00	25.00	20.00	22.33	62.00	90.50	36.20	37.20	73.40
6	20	43.00	44.00	38.00	41.67	36.00	31.00	24.00	30.33	72.00	71.50	28.60	43.20	71.80
7	17	21.00	36.00	35.00	30.67	46.00	45.00	47.00	46.00	76.67	59.10	23.64	46.00	69.64
8	18	31.00	33.00	31.00	31.67	27.00	36.00	31.00	31.33	63.00	67.00	26.80	37.80	64.60
9	16	27.00	29.00	36.00	30.67	24.00	29.00	31.00	28.00	58.67	65.25	26.10	35.20	61.30
10	75	27.00	29.00	38.00	31.33	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	53.33	69.15	27.66	32.00	59.66
11	81	35.00	35.00	33.00	34.33	14.00	19.00	13.00	15.33	49.67	58.50	23.40	29.80	53.20
12	57	41.00	38.00	28.00	35.67	14.00	13.00	16.00	14.33	50.00	50.70	20.28	30.00	50.28
13	72	20.00	25.00	22.00	22.33	25.00	22.00	24.00	23.67	46.00	46.00	18.40	27.60	46.00

TEAM SCORES - SEMI-FINALS

Teams qualifying for the Grand Final of the 2nd European Regional Round are marked in green in the table above.

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.					
Semi Final Round 1											
12				47.00	43.00	48.00	46.00	89.00	35.60	27.60	63.20
35	42.00	36.00	43.00				40.33	77.00	30.80	24.20	55.00
Semi Final Round 2											
5				45.00	41.00	41.00	42.33	84.25	33.70	25.40	59.10
21	47.00	43.00	45.00				45.00	74.00	29.60	27.00	56.60

TEAM SCORES - GRAND FINAL

Team No.	Complainant							Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.					
12	41.00	44.00	48.00	45.00	44.00	46.00	47.00	45.00	89.00	35.60	27.00	62.60

Team No.	Respondent							Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.					
5	39.00	44.00	43.00	42.00	45.00	42.00	38.00	41.86	84.25	33.70	25.11	58.81

Based on the scores, **Team 12** from KU Leuven Faculty of Law and Criminology (Belgium) was declared the **Winner** of the 2nd European Regional Round and **Team 5** from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Faculty of Law (Ukraine) was declared the **Runner-Up** of the 2nd European Regional Round.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

In order to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds award, the orator had to plead for both Complainant and Respondent. The following table gives an overview of the individual scores awarded to each of the orators of the Preliminary Rounds. Fulfilling the aforementioned criteria, 34 orators were eligible to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds Award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	
3	Muresan Daniel	37.00	34.00	38.00	36.33	20.00	30.00	19.00	23.00	59.33
	Rațiu David	45.00	33.00	38.00	38.67	22.00	35.00	20.00	25.67	64.34
	Naste Dragoș	40.00	36.00	50.00	42.00	20.00	25.00	18.00	21.00	63.00
5	Yelyzaveta Frolkis	45.00	40.00	44.00	43.00	46.00	44.00	43.00	44.33	87.33
	Viktoriiia Mytko	39.00	38.00	35.00	37.33	38.00	37.00	40.00	38.33	75.66
	Veronika Roi	39.00	38.00	35.00	37.33					37.33
	Maryna Opanashchuk									n/a
12	Alicia Dobronte	41.00	43.00	43.00	42.33	42.00	35.00	37.00	38.00	80.33
	Emile Saelens					37.00	34.00	37.00	36.00	36.00
	Ghislaine Drijkoningen	36.00	40.00	35.00	37.00	43.00	39.00	40.00	40.67	77.67
	Nathan Benmeridja	40.00	42.00	42.00	41.33					41.33
16	Benjamin Kersch	31.00	28.00	42.00	33.67	30.00	33.00	33.00	32.00	65.67
	Max Müller	28.00	28.00	42.00	32.67	18.00	28.00	37.00	27.67	60.34
	Eric Bregulla	28.00	25.00	38.00	30.33	23.00	29.00	36.00	29.33	59.66
17	Ken Marcus Vilborn	35.00	19.00	33.00	29.00	44.00	40.00	43.00	42.33	71.33
	Julian Targosz	37.00	21.00	37.00	31.67	44.00	44.00	45.00	44.33	76.00
	Emma Sieling	36.00	22.00	35.00	31.00	50.00	49.00	49.00	49.33	80.33
	Kristoffer Saetre									n/a
18	Cătălina Sacagiu	35.00	32.00	30.00	32.33	43.00	40.00	47.00	43.33	75.66
	Mihail Sosidca	23.00	22.00	23.00	22.67	30.00	21.00	27.00	26.00	48.67
	Alina Butnaru	33.00	35.00	34.00	34.00					34.00
	Dragomir Negru					31.00	27.00	25.00	27.67	27.67
20	Daria Filenko	38.00	40.00	36.00	38.00	31.00	32.00	31.00	31.33	69.33
	Maksym Nepochatykh	46.00	44.00	36.00	42.00	30.00	31.00	20.00	27.00	69.00
	Kateryna Kot	45.00	43.00	41.00	43.00	36.00	50.00	28.00	38.00	81.00
21	Farheen Nahvi	45.00	46.00	50.00	47.00	37.00	43.00	45.00	41.67	88.67
	Mohammadmahdi Ghorbaniniya	40.00	43.00	46.00	43.00					43.00
	Raghav Dembla	49.00	48.00	50.00	49.00	37.00	31.00	31.00	33.00	82.00
	Eshagh Bahadori					28.00	27.00	35.00	30.00	30.00
35	Thea Hansen	28.00	30.00	30.00	29.33	44.00	46.00	41.00	43.67	73.00
	Winnie Kirk	31.00	31.00	32.00	31.33	42.00	46.00	40.00	42.67	74.00
	Jakob Nordhavn	34.00	30.00	28.00	30.67	49.00	48.00	44.00	47.00	77.67
57	Nuria Ferrero Salas	38.00	40.00	26.00	34.67	16.00	14.00	18.00	16.00	50.67
	Lucia Vera					13.00	15.00	12.00	13.33	13.33
	Pablo Villen	35.00	36.00	21.00	30.67	12.00	13.00	12.00	12.33	43.00
	Valentin Caceres	44.00	44.00	33.00	40.33					40.33
72	Lucas Edfeldt	33.00	29.00	33.00	31.67	22.00	21.00	21.00	21.33	53.00
	Abdullahi Keynan	12.00	16.00	14.00	14.00	23.00	25.00	28.00	25.33	39.33
	Sebastian Amsenius	12.00	15.00	14.00	13.67	20.00	26.00	26.00	24.00	37.67
75	Tijana Budjevac	29.00	28.00	37.00	31.33	22.00	23.00	22.00	22.33	53.66
	Isabel Aumann	29.00	27.00	38.00	31.33	22.00	19.00	22.00	21.00	52.33
	Patricia Waliczek	27.00	24.00	39.00	30.00	22.00	18.00	22.00	20.67	50.67
81	Grosu Lorena Diana	38.00	44.00	37.00	39.67	14.00	16.00	14.00	14.67	54.34
	Morosan Ioana Valentina	36.00	33.00	35.00	34.67	15.00	17.00	14.00	15.33	50.00
	Semian Radu	25.00	37.00	22.00	28.00	14.00	16.00	12.00	14.00	42.00
	Prelipcean Alexandru Petrisor									n/a

Based on the scores, **Farheen Nahvi** from **Team 21** from the Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID), International Law (Switzerland) was awarded the prize for **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds**.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all of the 11 Team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	
12	Alicia Dobronte	46.00	45.00	50.00	47.00	47.00
	Emile Saelens	45.00	41.00	48.00	44.67	44.67
	Ghislaine Drijkoningen	44.00	40.00	50.00	44.67	44.67
	Nathan Benmeridja				n/a	n/a
35	Thea Hansen	42.00	35.00	41.00	39.33	39.33
	Winnie Kirk	42.00	34.00	38.00	38.00	38.00
	Jakob Nordhavn	46.00	38.00	43.00	42.33	42.33

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent				Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	
5	Yelyzaveta Frolkis	46.00	42.00	41.00	43.00	43.00
	Viktoriia Mytko	45.00	41.00	40.00	42.00	42.00
	Veronika Roi				n/a	n/a
	Maryna Opanashchuk				n/a	n/a
21	Farheen Nahvi	45.00	47.00	46.00	46.00	46.00
	Mohammadmahdi Ghorbaniniya	42.00	40.00	41.00	41.00	41.00
	Raghav Dembla	42.00	44.00	42.00	42.67	42.67
	Eshagh Bahadori				n/a	n/a

Based on the scores, **Alicia Dobronte** from **Team 12** from the KU Leuven Faculty of Law and Criminology (Belgium) was awarded the prize for *Best Orator of the Semi Finals*.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - GRAND FINAL

Similar to the Semi-Finals, all 6 of the Team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant								Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Total	
12	Alicia Dobronte	41.00	45.00	48.00	45.00	45.00	46.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
	Emile Saelens									n/a
	Ghilaine Dykoningen	40.00	43.00	41.00	43.00	43.00	45.00	44.00	42.71	42.71
	Nathan Benmeridja	40.00	44.00	43.00	41.00	42.00	44.00	42.00	42.29	42.29

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent								Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Total	
5	Yelyzaveta Frolkis	48.00	48.00	46.00	46.00	47.00	45.00	41.00	45.86	45.86
	Viktoriia Mytho	42.00	44.00	40.00	41.00	43.00	44.00	36.00	41.43	41.43
	Veronika Roi									
	Maryna Opanashchuk									

Based on the scores, **Yelyzaveta Frolkis** from **Team 5** from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Faculty of Law (Ukraine) was awarded the prize for **Best Orator of the Grand Final**.

Summary of Awards - 2nd European Regional Round

- **Winner:** Team 12 - KU Leuven Faculty of Law and Criminology (Belgium)
- **Runner-Up:** Team 5 - National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Faculty of Law (Ukraine)
- **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds:** Farheen Nahvi, Team 21 Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID), International Law (Switzerland)
- **Best Orator of the Semi-Finals:** Alicia Dobronte, Team 12 - KU Leuven Faculty of Law and Criminology (Belgium)
- **Best Orator of the Grand Final:** Yelyzaveta Frolkis, Team 5 - National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Faculty of Law (Ukraine)
- **Best Complainant's Written Submission:** Team 3, George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Targu Mures; Faculty of Economy and Law (Romania)
- **Best Respondent's Written Submission:** Team 3, George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Targu Mures; Faculty of Economy and Law (Romania)
- **Best Overall Written Submission:** Team 3, George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Targu Mures; Faculty of Economy and Law (Romania)

West & South Asia Regional Round

About the Regional Round

The third Regional Round of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was organised by the National Law University Jodhpur in Jodhpur, India, from the 17th to the 20th of March 2026. A special thanks goes to the Host for the organisation of the Regional Round. From 2 countries, a total of 16 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round:

- **Team 7** - University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (India)
- **Team 8** - University of World Economy and Diplomacy, International Law Faculty (Uzbekistan)
- **Team 9** - Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar (India)
- **Team 11** - Jindal Global Law School, Jindal Global University (India)
- **Team 13** - Hidayatullah National Law University Raipur (India)
- **Team 23** - National Law School of India University, Bangalore (India)
- **Team 31** - National Law University, Odisha (India)
- **Team 40** - National Law Institute University, Bhopal (India)
- **Team 45** - West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (India)
- **Team 55** - National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) (India)
- **Team 77** - National Law University, Jodhpur (India)
- **Team 78** - Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur (India)
- **Team 79** - Symbiosis Law School Hyderabad (India)
- **Team 91** - Symbiosis Law School Pune (India)
- **Team 101** - Lloyd Law College (India)
- **Team 103** - National Law University Delhi (India)

The West & South Asia Regional Round was supported by 36 Panellists and we wish to thank them for their time and contributions to the Regional Round. They are: Abhishek Tripathi; Advaith Rao; Akhil Raina; Alaknanda Mishra; Amit Randev; Arpit Mehra; Ashita Jain; Claude Chase; Disha Bhandari; Emmanuelle Rogiest; Gauri Tyagi; Harsha Srinivas Kuna; Harshit Kothari; Hridyanand Ojha; Imjot Kaur; Jyotsna Manohar; Kamna Chaudhary; Kamya Vishwanath; Kiran Manokaran; Krishna Bhattacharya; Laxmi Swaithi; Mangesh Krishna; Pragyan Agarwal; Pranav Narang; Priyansha Hajela; Rajan Sudesh Ratna; Seetharaman Sampath; Shana Sharma; Sharona Mann; Shashank Kumar; Shilpa Narsimhan; Sparsha Janardhan; Sugam Shine; Viktoriia Mykuliak; Virender Chandel and Vishistha Malhotra.

An Organisers' Perspective

It is with a profound sense of pride and professional satisfaction that the Research and Advisory Centre on International Economic Law (RACIEL) at National Law University, Jodhpur, reflects on its journey as the host for the West and South Asia Regional Round of the 24th John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition.

Our partnership with the European Law Students' Association (ELSA) International continues to be a cornerstone of our academic calendar, providing a vital platform for the next generation of trade lawyers to engage with the complexities of WTO law. This year's four-day event was particularly significant for us, as it allowed us to build upon the institutional memory and logistical frameworks established during our successful organization of the 23rd Edition of the competition. Having that prior experience proved to be an invaluable asset, allowing us to approach the current round with a clear roadmap, refined internal protocols, and a deeper understanding of the high standards expected for such a prestigious global event.

A significant factor in the seamless execution of the event was the comprehensive support provided by ELSA International through the Host Handbook and the competition's detailed rules. The handbook served as an exhaustive blueprint, covering every conceivable administrative and technical requirement, which allowed us to align our local efforts with global expectations effortlessly. Furthermore, the clarity and precision of the official rules provided a robust framework that ensured fairness and consistency across all rounds. Having such a well-defined structure allowed our team to focus on the nuances of hosting, knowing that the procedural integrity of the competition was securely anchored in ELSA's well-vetted guidelines.

The success of this year's regional round was fundamentally driven by the dedication of a massive and highly coordinated Organizing Committee (OC). Recognizing the sheer scale of the competition, we mobilized a large team of student volunteers and researchers who worked tirelessly to ensure every facet of the event was handled with clinical efficiency. This large-scale delegation allowed us to manage the intricate needs of multiple participating teams and esteemed panelists simultaneously, ensuring that the academic focus of the moot was never overshadowed.

However, the 2026 Edition was not without its unique set of challenges, many of which were dictated by a volatile global geopolitical climate. Navigating the external environment required a high degree of resilience and adaptive problem-solving from our team. We were faced with significant hurdles regarding international travel, including delayed visa processing and a series of last-minute flight cancellations that threatened to disrupt the competition schedule. Managing these crises in real-time required constant communication with embassies, airlines, participants and panellists.

Beyond the competition rounds, RACIEL was committed to maximizing the academic value of the event for the wider NLUJ student body. On the sidelines of the moot, we were honored to host a distinguished guest lecture by Rajan Sudesh Ratna, whose insights into international trade and economic diplomacy provided our students with a rare opportunity to learn from a leading practitioner in the field. The cultural and social dimensions of the competition were equally prioritized to ensure a holistic experience for our international and domestic guests. We curated a specialized networking dinner designed to provide a relaxed yet professional space for panelists and participants to engage in meaningful dialogue outside the formal setting of the rounds. To offer our guests a true glimpse into the heritage of our region, the evening featured local Rajasthani dancers, whose vibrant performances showcased the rich cultural tapestry of the state. This celebration of local traditions allowed participants to decompress and build lasting professional relationships in an atmosphere of warmth and hospitality.

To further the spirit of cultural exchange, we organized a heritage tour of the Mehrangarh Fort, one of India's most magnificent architectural landmarks. This excursion allowed participants to step away from their legal briefs and immerse themselves in the history and grandeur of Jodhpur. Walking through the ramparts of the fort provided a unique backdrop for informal networking and allowed teams from across the region to bond over a shared appreciation for Indian history.

For RACIEL and NLUJ, the 24th John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition has set a new benchmark for what we can achieve through dedication and international cooperation. We remain committed to supporting the growth of this competition and look forward to many more years of collaboration with ELSA International.

The successful realization of the 24th Regional Round was only possible due to the collective vision and unwavering support of the university leadership. We owe a great deal of gratitude to our Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur, whose strategic guidance was instrumental in navigating the complexities of hosting an international competition. Furthermore, the mentorship provided by Dr. Bipin Kumar, Director of RACIEL, acted as the anchor for the entire organizing committee.

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*Written by the Bipin Kumar,
Head of the Organising Committee of the West & South Asia Regional Round*



The Organisers of the West & South Asia Regional Round

Results

WRITTEN SUBMISSION SCORES

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Total Score
	Scores	Penalties	Total	Scores	Penalties	Total	
7	26.00	0.00	26.000	40.00	1.50	38.500	64.500
8	31.50	1.50	30.000	29.75	1.50	28.250	58.250
9	30.50	3.00	27.500	34.20	1.00	33.200	60.700
11	49.00	1.00	48.000	44.00	2.00	42.000	90.000
13	44.50	0.50	44.000	45.00	0.00	45.000	89.000
23	39.50	1.00	38.500	42.20	0.00	42.200	80.700
31	41.50	0.50	41.000	36.00	0.50	35.500	76.500
40	33.00	2.75	30.250	29.50	0.00	29.500	59.750
45	42.30	0.50	41.800	39.80	1.00	38.800	80.600
55	37.50	1.50	36.000	40.00	0.25	39.750	75.750
77	34.00	0.50	33.500	31.00	0.50	30.500	64.000
78	44.80	1.00	43.800	42.50	0.50	42.000	85.800
79	38.45	1.50	36.950	45.50	1.50	44.000	80.950
91	37.00	0.50	36.500	35.00	1.00	34.000	70.500
101	33.00	1.50	31.500	31.50	1.50	30.000	61.500
103	43.00	0.00	43.000	42.50	0.00	42.500	85.500

Based on the scores, **Team 11** from the Jindal Global Law School, Jindal Global University was awarded the prize for *Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)*. **Team 13** from the Hidayatullah National Law University Raipur, India was awarded the *Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)*. And, lastly, **Team 11** from Jindal Global Law School, Jindal Global University was awarded the *Best Overall Written Submission* of the West & South Asia Regional Round.

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.

Rank	Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Total Qualification Score
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total					
1	23	42.00	43.00	46.00	43.67	48.00	43.00	45.00	45.33	89.00	80.70	32.28	53.40	85.68
2	103	45.00	44.00	44.00	44.33	40.00	42.00	32.00	38.00	82.33	85.50	34.20	49.40	83.60
3	45	45.00	37.00	37.00	39.67	38.00	38.00	44.00	40.00	79.67	80.60	32.24	47.80	80.04
4	13	22.00	35.00	40.00	32.33	48.00	41.00	34.60	41.20	73.53	89.00	35.60	44.12	79.72
5	78	30.50	38.00	39.00	35.83	29.00	40.50	41.00	36.83	72.67	85.80	34.32	43.60	77.92
6	11	30.00	30.00	31.00	30.33	42.00	35.00	39.00	38.67	69.00	90.00	36.00	41.40	77.40
7	31	39.00	36.50	23.00	32.83	33.00	38.00	36.00	35.67	68.50	76.50	30.60	41.10	71.70
8	91	29.00	30.00	32.00	30.33	37.00	36.00	33.00	35.33	65.67	70.50	28.20	39.40	67.60
9	55	41.00	42.00	34.00	39.00	24.00	20.00	19.00	21.00	60.00	75.75	30.30	36.00	66.30
10	7	40.00	35.00	29.00	34.67	31.00	20.00	38.00	29.67	64.33	64.50	25.80	38.60	64.40
11	77	37.00	20.00	41.00	32.67	18.00	33.00	37.00	29.33	62.00	64.00	25.60	37.20	62.80
12	101	14.00	36.00	34.00	28.00	34.00	30.00	41.00	35.00	63.00	61.50	24.60	37.80	62.40
13	79	23.00	22.00	18.00	21.00	34.00	16.00	32.90	27.63	48.63	80.95	32.38	29.18	61.56
14	9	23.00	27.00	29.00	26.33	33.00	25.00	37.00	31.67	58.00	60.70	24.28	34.80	59.08
15	8	35.00	39.00	40.00	38.00	10.00	26.00	20.00	18.67	56.67	58.25	23.30	34.00	57.30
16	40	30.00	19.00	18.00	22.33	29.00	33.00	35.00	32.33	54.67	59.75	23.90	32.80	56.70

TEAM SCORES - SEMI-FINALS

Teams qualifying for the Grand Final of the West & South Asia Regional Round are marked in green in the table above.

Team No.	Complainant					Respondent					Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.					
Semi Final Round 1															
23	46.00	40.00	38.00	42.00	46.00						42.40	80.70	32.28	25.44	57.72
13						44.00	37.00	34.00	39.00	43.00	39.40	89.00	35.60	23.64	59.24
Semi Final Round 2															
103	41.00	40.00	38.00	39.00	39.00						39.40	85.50	34.20	23.64	57.84
45						42.00	43.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.20	80.60	32.24	25.32	57.56

TEAM SCORES - GRAND FINAL

Team No.	Complainant									Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Panellist 8.	Panellist 9.					
13	42.00	42.00	39.00	44.00	42.00	43.00	42.00	40.00	42.00	41.78	89.00	35.60	25.07	60.67

Team No.	Respondent									Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Panellist 8.	Panellist 9.					
103	45.00	46.00	42.00	46.00	44.00	41.00	45.00	43.00	45.00	44.11	85.50	34.20	26.47	60.67

Based on the scores, there was a tie between the Teams. Upon consultation with the bench of the Grand Final of the West & South Asia Regional Round, **Team 103** from the National Law University Delhi (India) was declared the **Winner** of the West & South Asia Regional Round and **Team 13** from the Hidayatullah National Law University Raipur (India) was declared the **Runner-Up** of the West & South Asia Regional Round.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

In order to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds award, the orator had to plead for both Complainant and Respondent. The following table gives an overview of the individual scores awarded to each of the orators of the Preliminary Rounds. Fulfilling the aforementioned criteria, 41 orators were eligible to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds Award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panillist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panillist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	
7	Aakanksha Tiwari	40.00	31.00	28.00	33.00	36.00	18.00	34.00	29.33	62.33
	Koustubh Singla	40.00	38.00	28.00	35.33	35.00	20.00	34.00	29.67	65.00
	Anwesh Charan	40.00	36.00	24.00	33.33	35.00	17.00	34.00	28.67	62.00
	Hargun Dang									
8	Jumanazarova Mehriniso	41.00	38.00	42.00	40.33	10.00	23.00	29.00	20.67	61.00
	Bekimbetora Sarbinaz	37.00	36.00	40.00	37.67	12.00	30.00	39.00	27.00	64.67
	Kumush Khaikuliya	27.00	31.00	35.00	31.00	8.00	20.00	16.00	14.67	45.67
9	Ira Chauhan	22.00	21.00	24.00	22.33	34.00	12.00	40.00	28.67	51.00
	Keshavan A S	24.00	26.00	34.00	28.00	32.00	9.00	35.00	25.33	53.33
	Harshita									
	Samya Roy									
11	Prem Sagar	26.00	25.00	30.00	27.00	41.00	29.00	41.00	37.00	64.00
	Bijli Muthamma MP	27.00	29.00	25.00	27.00	45.00	42.00	46.00	44.33	71.33
	Muskaan Agarwal	25.00	29.00	31.00	28.33	35.00	28.00	36.00	33.00	61.33
	Nidhi Venkatesh Kaushik									
13	Sanika Singh Yaduvanshi	21.00	35.00	40.00	32.00	46.00	41.00	33.00	40.00	72.00
	Suhana	23.00	37.00	45.00	35.00	48.00	43.00	40.00	43.67	78.67
	Tanya Jain	21.00	35.00	36.00	30.67	46.00	37.00	31.00	38.00	68.67
	Ridhim Agrawal									
23	Chahat Bhambri	46.00	44.00	46.00	45.33	48.00	45.00	44.00	45.67	91.00
	Bhumika Bansal	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	48.00	44.00	41.00	44.33	88.33
	Gurnoor Singh	40.00	41.00	41.00	40.67	48.00	42.00	40.00	43.33	84.00
31	Sameer Panda	39.00	35.00	15.00	29.67	40.00	38.00	40.00	39.33	69.00
	Sonia Tyagi	38.00	36.00	19.00	31.00	31.00	34.00	37.00	34.00	65.00
	Pradipta Roy	37.00	38.00	17.00	30.67	35.00	36.00	35.00	35.33	66.00
	Tanshi Jain									
40	Samiksha Upadhyay	32.00	18.00	29.00	26.33	25.00	27.00	26.00	26.00	52.33
	Anisha Giri Goswami	25.00	21.00	34.00	26.67	35.00	34.00	33.00	34.00	60.67
	Prabhash Kumar Shukla	32.00	19.00	32.00	27.67	25.00	25.00	31.00	27.00	54.67
	Rahul Chib									

45	Rama Vaidya	46.00	37.00	40.00	41.00	42.00	40.00	43.00	41.67	82.67
	Digveejay Upadhyay	42.00	37.00	34.00	37.67	36.00	39.00	40.00	38.33	76.00
	Ayushi Gupta									
	Pratyaksh Jain									
55	Spriha Jain	40.00	40.00	28.00	36.00	23.00	20.00	19.00	20.67	56.67
	Chintam Lohitaksh Reddy	42.00	43.00	33.00	39.33	25.00	20.00	25.00	23.33	62.66
	Sneha Shree									
	Vartika									
77	Sravan Baburaj	36.00	20.00	36.00	30.67	10.00	31.00	35.00	25.33	56.00
	Manishka Baweja	38.00	23.00	46.00	35.67	21.00	33.00	40.00	31.33	67.00
	Paavni Gupta									
	Harshita Logre									
78	Achyut Shukla	30.00	42.00	36.00	36.00	46.50	39.00	33.00	39.50	75.50
	Tushti Sontakke	31.00	36.00	35.00	34.00	48.00	42.00	38.00	42.67	76.67
	Deepesh Tapariya									
	Tarang Arora									
79	Shreenidhi Srikanth									
	Abinaya Anand	21.00	20.00	16.00	19.00	35.00	15.00	33.00	27.67	46.67
	R. Kapilesh Varun	22.00	20.00	27.00	20.33	40.00	18.00	38.00	32.00	52.33
	Boorugu Tanvi Lakshmi	29.00	27.00	19.00	25.00	25.00	15.00	28.00	22.67	47.67
91	Jatin Jadwani	30.00	29.00	30.00	29.67	36.00	31.00	32.00	33.00	62.67
	Sanjukta Mitra	28.00	19.00	32.00	26.33	39.00	35.00	35.00	36.33	62.66
	Muskan Goyal									
	Pranav Vutukuri									
101	Prachi Singh	14.00	40.00	38.00	30.67	31.00	21.00	32.00	28.00	58.67
	Prnav Khokhar	10.00	31.00	28.00	23.00	30.00	27.00	34.00	30.33	53.33
	Utkarsh Gupta	12.00	36.00	37.00	28.33	40.00	41.00	38.00	39.67	68.00
	Vaishnavi Chauhan									
103	Preeyal Sehgal	44.00	46.00	43.00	44.33	42.00	42.00	34.00	39.33	83.66
	Aanya Singh	46.00	41.00	45.00	44.00	40.00	40.00	29.00	36.33	80.33
	Anandha Shiva K									

Based on the scores, **Chahat Bhambri** from **Team 23** from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore (India) was awarded the prize for *Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds*.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all of the 10 Team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant						Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Total	
23	Chahat Bhambri	42.00	36.00	37.00	42.00	45.00	40.40	40.40
	Bhumika Bansal	48.00	40.00	38.00	45.00	46.00	43.40	43.40
	Gurnoor Singh	43.00	26.00	26.00	33.00	41.00	33.80	33.80
103	Preeyal Sehgal	41.00	39.00	38.00	42.00	38.00	39.60	39.60
	Aanya Singh	39.00	39.00	36.00	37.00	37.00	37.60	37.60
	Anandha Shiva K							

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent						Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Total	
13	Sanika Singh Yaduvanshi	39.00	24.00	32.00	30.00	39.00	32.80	32.80
	Suhana	47.00	36.00	37.00	45.00	49.00	42.80	42.80
	Tanya Jain	46.00	31.00	25.00	39.00	43.00	36.80	36.80
	Ridhim Agrawal							
45	Rama Vaidya	44.00	46.00	42.00	40.00	40.00	42.40	42.40
	Digveejay Upadhyay	36.00	39.00	40.00	39.00	37.00	38.20	38.20
	Ayushi Gupta							
	Pratyaksh Jain							

Based on the scores, **Bhumika Bansal** from **Team 23** from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore (India) was awarded the prize for **Best Orator of the Semi-Finals**.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - GRAND FINAL

Similar to the Semi-Finals, all 5 of the Team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant										Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Panellist 8.	Panellist 9.	Total	
13	Sanika Singh Yaduvanshi	37.00	36.00	33.00	38.00	32.00	34.00	38.00	34.00	42.00	36.00	36.00
	Suhana	44.00	50.00	42.00	45.00	40.00	42.00	47.00	43.00	42.00	43.89	43.89
	Tanya Jain	37.00	41.00	33.00	38.00	35.00	34.00	40.00	37.00	42.00	37.44	37.44
	Ridhim Agrawal											

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent										Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Panellist 8.	Panellist 9.	Total	
103	Preeyal Sehgal	46.00	49.00	46.00	46.00	43.00	41.00	48.00	45.00	45.00	45.44	45.44
	Aanya Singh	43.00	41.00	40.00	44.00	34.00	38.00	42.00	36.00	45.00	40.33	40.33
	Anandha Shiva K											

Based on the scores, **Preeyal Sehgal** from **Team 103** from the National Law University Delhi (India) was awarded the prize for **Best Orator of the Grand Final**.

Summary of Awards - West & South Asia Regional Round

- **Winner:** Team 103 - National Law University Delhi (India)
- **Runner-Up:** Team 13 - Hidayatullah National Law University Raipur (India)
- **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds:** Chahat Bhambri, Team 23 National Law School of India University, Bangalore (India)
- **Best Orator of the Semi-Finals:** Bhumiika Bansal, Team 23 National Law School of India University, Bangalore (India)
- **Best Orator of the Grand Final:** Preeyal Sehgal, Team 103 National Law University Delhi (India)
- **Best Complainant's Written Submission:** Team 11 - Jindal Global Law School, Jindal Global University (India)
- **Best Respondent's Written Submission:** Team 13 - Hidayatullah National Law University Raipur (India)
- **Best Overall Written Submission:** Team 11 - Jindal Global Law School, Jindal Global University (India)

All-American Regional Round

About the Regional Round

The fourth Regional Round of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was organised by the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Peru, from the 24th to the 27th of March 2026. A special thanks goes to the Host for the organisation of the Regional Round. From 5 countries, a total of 10 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round:

- **Team 10** - Georgetown University Law Center (United States)
- **Team 19** - University of Ottawa (Canada)
- **Team 26** - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México - Facultad de Derecho (México)
- **Team 30** - Queen's University, Faculty of Law (Canada)
- **Team 46** - Universidad de Guadalajara, Centro Universitario de la Costa (México)
- **Team 61** - American University Washington College of Law (United States)
- **Team 62** - Faculty Law, Universidad de Los Andes (Colombia)
- **Team 85** - Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Perú)
- **Team 88** - Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Law School (Colombia)
- **Team 89** - Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas [UPC] - Law School (Perú)

The All-American Regional Round was supported by 22 Panellists and we wish to thank them for their time and contributions to the Regional Round. They are: Carlos Rabanal; Claudia Rosa; Enrique Cabrera; Fabiola Sponza; Fernando Piérola; Gonzalo Bernal; Gonzalo de las Casas; Humberto Zuñiga; Ignacio Sánchez; John Cusipuma; Juan Pablo Gomez; Manuel Quindimil; María Pereyra; Philippe De Baere; Ricardo Pérez; Rodrigo Corredor; Simón Hernández; Tatiana Yanguas; Teresa Mera; Teresa Trasmonte; Vanessa Rivas Plata and Yovana Reyes.

An Organisers' Perspective

In 2026, and for the first time in its history, the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru - PUCP hosted the Jackson Moot, in its All-Americas Round. It was also the second time that PUCP was able to participate in qualifying rounds (the first time was in the Dominican Republic more than 20 years ago).

Since PUCP holds a WTO Chair, we felt it was an obligation to bring the competition to Peru and make it better known, which worked: two Peruvian universities participated, students from two other universities participated as Time Keepers. It is highly likely that 4 Peruvian teams will participate in a future Jackson Moot and we hope that in less than 6 years there will be a Peruvian champion university in Geneva.

From an academic point of view, having 10 universities litigating with high quality was an extremely beneficial experience for all students. All of them mastered WTO law at a level far above that of the classroom (a level that professors would like to have in the classroom). Although it is a stimulating competition at an academic level, it is also hopeful at the level of development. The knowledge that more young people know about WTO law and its implications allows us to continue dreaming of a world guided by rules - and not by power - that benefits the middle and small economies.

We are very happy to have organized the rounds, we have achieved more than we expect at all levels: academic and human. And we will continue to promote the competition among Peruvian and regional students. Finally, on a personal level it was rewarding. 20 years ago, of the team of 4 people from the PUCP who presented the memorials, only 2 were able to travel to the Dominican Republic, due to lack of economic resources we made a draw and I could not travel. Twenty years later I was able to experience the competition live and I enjoyed it as if I were a participant.

*Written by the Victor Saco,
Head of the Organising Committee of the All-American Regional Round*



*The Head of the Organising Committee of the All-American Regional Round
(first on the left) & Panellists*

Results

WRITTEN SUBMISSION SCORES

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Total Score
	Scores	Penalties	Total	Scores	Penalties	Total	
10	44.00	1.00	43.000	40.00	1.00	39.000	82.000
19	42.00	0.00	42.000	41.50	0.00	41.500	83.500
26	35.00	6.50	28.500	37.20	1.50	35.700	64.200
30	39.50	0.50	39.000	39.00	0.00	39.000	78.000
46	25.00	2.25	22.750	27.50	2.25	25.250	48.000
61	42.50	2.50	40.000	35.25	1.50	33.750	73.750
62	31.50	0.25	31.250	41.50	0.75	40.750	72.000
85	44.75	1.50	43.250	29.00	3.00	26.000	69.250
88	28.00	0.50	27.500	41.50	1.50	40.000	67.500
89	46.00	7.25	38.750	25.00	7.25	17.750	56.500

Based on the scores, **Team 85** from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Perú) was awarded the prize for *Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)*. As per the *Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)*, and *Best Overall Written Submission*, Team 19 from the University of Ottawa (Canada) was awarded both prizes of the All-American Regional Round.

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.

Rank	Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Total Qualification Score
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total					
1	10	48.00	46.00	44.00	46.00	43.00	42.00	42.00	42.33	88.33	82.00	32.80	53.00	85.80
2	19	35.00	34.00	35.00	34.67	47.00	43.00	45.00	45.00	79.67	83.50	33.40	47.80	81.20
3	30	38.00	43.00	45.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	39.00	41.00	83.00	78.00	31.20	49.80	81.00
4	61	40.00	38.00	40.00	39.33	31.00	37.00	40.00	36.00	75.33	73.75	29.50	45.20	74.70
5	62	43.00	43.00	42.00	42.67	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	74.67	72.00	28.80	44.80	73.60
6	88	31.00	40.00	31.00	34.00	38.00	35.00	38.00	37.00	71.00	67.50	27.00	42.60	69.60
7	26	34.00	35.00	35.00	34.67	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	65.67	64.20	25.68	39.40	65.08
8	85	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	25.00	24.50	27.00	25.50	47.50	69.25	27.70	28.50	56.20
9	46	16.00	20.00	19.00	18.33	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	37.33	48.00	19.20	22.40	41.60
10	89	24.00	25.00	25.00	24.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.67	56.50	22.60	14.80	37.40

**Team 89 has withdrawn their participation during the Regional Round.*

TEAM SCORES - SEMI-FINALS

Teams qualifying for the Grand Final of the All-American Regional Round are marked in green in the table above.

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.					
Semi Final Round 1											
10				48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	82.00	32.80	28.80	61.60
61	42.00	43.00	44.00				43.00	73.75	29.50	25.80	55.30
Semi Final Round 2											
19				45.00	44.00	44.00	44.33	83.50	33.40	26.60	60.00
30	44.00	44.00	45.00				44.33	78.00	31.20	26.60	57.80

TEAM SCORES - GRAND FINAL

Team No.	Complainant							Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.					
19	49.00	36.00	44.00	42.00	45.00	36.00	42.00	42.00	83.50	33.40	25.20	58.60

Team No.	Respondent							Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.					
10	33.00	43.00	46.00	43.00	31.00	44.00	34.00	39.14	82.00	32.80	23.49	56.29

Based on the scores, **Team 19** from the University of Ottawa (Canada) was declared the **Winner** of the All-American Regional Round and **Team 10** from the Georgetown University Law Center (United States) was declared the **Runner-Up** of the All-American Regional Round.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

In order to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds award, the orator had to plead for both Complainant and Respondent. The following table gives an overview of the individual scores awarded to each of the orators of the Preliminary Rounds. Fulfilling the aforementioned criteria, 20 orators were eligible to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds Award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	
10	Shree Luitel					43.00	43.00	42.00	42.67	42.67
	Varun Punnam	46.00	47.00	46.00	46.33	46.00	45.00	45.00	45.33	91.66
	Syrria Marshalleck	45.00	38.00	40.00	41.00	39.00	38.00	39.00	38.67	79.67
	Michelle Lee	47.00	43.00	43.00	44.33					44.33
19	Christopher Ma	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	48.00	42.00	47.00	45.67	79.67
	Justin Weir	36.00	37.00	37.00	36.67	48.00	45.00	50.00	47.67	84.34
	Rahma Faisal					41.00	40.00	43.00	41.33	41.33
	Madalina Fetescu	36.00	34.00	34.00	34.67					34.67
26	Diego Cruz Noriega	32.00	33.00	33.00	32.67	31.00	29.00	34.00	31.33	64.00
	Oscar Campos	37.00	37.00	37.00	37.00	35.00	36.00	42.00	37.67	74.67
	Pablo Martínez Sánchez	34.00	35.00	35.00	34.67	33.00	33.00	36.00	34.00	68.67
30	Elise Wagner	40.00	44.00	49.00	44.33	37.00	37.00	35.00	36.33	80.66
	Rody Yehia	38.00	39.00	50.00	42.33	43.00	43.00	40.00	42.00	84.33
	William Werstiuk	34.00	44.00	36.00	38.00					38.00
	Tanay Suryavanshi					41.00	41.00	34.00	38.67	38.67
46	Jose Angel Cruz	15.00	17.00	14.00	15.33					15.33
	Miguel Aguilar	15.00	18.00	16.00	16.33					16.33
	Natasha Contreras	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	19.00	19.00	19.33	44.33
	Prisma Yerena					20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
61	Philip Winkle	39.00	37.00	38.00	38.00	36.00	32.00	40.00	36.00	74.00
	Nicholas Lynam	36.00	38.00	38.00	37.33	30.00	25.00	37.00	30.67	68.00
	Oscar Cheng	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	44.00	34.00	41.00	39.67	79.67
62	Jaider Anaya					22.00	23.00	22.00	22.33	22.33
	Valeria Tolosa	45.00	45.00	46.00	45.33	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	78.33
	Isabella Ramírez	42.00	42.00	41.00	41.67	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	81.67
	Jose Alvis	42.00	42.00	39.00	41.00					41.00
85	Claudia Crespo Chávez	29.00	28.00	28.00	28.33	25.00	33.00	27.50	28.50	56.83
	Raul Herrero Alonso	20.00	20.00	19.00	19.67	23.00	23.00	24.00	23.33	43.00
	Sarah Nanomi Grimaldos	22.00	22.00	21.00	21.67	23.00	29.00	23.50	25.17	46.84
88	Sofia Pardo	33.00	48.00	36.00	39.00	36.00	34.00	35.00	35.00	74.00
	Andrea Mindiola	39.00	49.00	42.00	43.33	38.00	36.00	34.00	36.00	79.33
	Milton Mendoza	20.00	30.00	31.00	27.00					27.00
89	Valeria Perez Vasquez	30.00	27.00	31.00	29.33					29.33
	Josué del Castillo	18.00	21.00	21.00	20.00					20.00

Based on the scores, **Varun Punnam** from **Team 10** from the Georgetown University Law Center (United States) was awarded the prize for **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds**.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all of the 12 Team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	
30	Elise Wagner	43.00	44.00	42.00	43.00	43.00
	Rody Yehia	43.00	42.00	42.00	42.33	42.33
	William Werstiuk	48.00	47.00	49.00	48.00	48.00
	Tanay Suryavanshi					
61	Philip Winkle	43.00	42.00	45.00	43.33	43.33
	Nicholas Lynam	40.00	42.00	35.00	39.00	39.00
	Oscar Cheng	47.00	48.00	45.00	46.67	46.67

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent				Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	
10	Shree Luitel	47.00	45.00	43.00	45.00	45.00
	Varun Punnam	45.00	45.00	47.00	45.67	45.67
	Syrria Marshalleck	44.00	49.00	45.00	46.00	46.00
	Michelle Lee					
19	Christopher Ma	44.00	43.00	44.00	43.67	43.67
	Justin Weir	48.00	47.00	47.00	47.33	47.33
	Rahma Faisal	44.00	42.00	41.00	42.33	42.33
	Madalina Fetescu					

Based on the scores, **William Westiuk** from **Team 30** from the Queen's University, Faculty of Law (Canada) was awarded the prize for *Best Orator of the Semi Finals*.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - GRAND FINAL

Similar to the Semi-Finals, all 6 of the Team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant								Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Total	
19	Christopher Ma	42.00	39.00	46.00	42.00	44.00	37.00	47.00	42.43	42.43
	Justin Weir	46.00	40.00	47.00	44.00	44.00	39.00	50.00	44.29	44.29
	Rahma Faisal									n/a
	Madalina Fetescu	33.00	32.00	44.00	42.00	42.00	32.00	44.00	38.43	38.43

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent								Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Total	
10	Shree Luitel	35.00	43.00	32.00	43.00	46.00	40.00	40.00	39.86	39.86
	Varun Punnam	38.00	47.00	32.00	44.00	46.00	43.00	40.00	41.43	41.43
	Syrria Marshalleck	32.00	45.00	29.00	41.00	43.00	43.00	46.00	39.86	39.86
	Michelle Lee									n/a

Based on the scores, **Justin Weir** from **Team 19** from the University of Ottawa (Canada) was awarded the prize for *Best Orator of the Grand Final*.

Summary of Awards - All-American Regional Round

- **Winner:** Team 19 - University of Ottawa (Canada)
- **Runner-Up** - Team 10 - Georgetown University Law Center (United States)
- **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds:** Varun Punnam - Team 10, Georgetown University Law Center (United States)
- **Best Orator of the Semi-Finals:** William Werstiuk - Team 30, Queen's University, Faculty of Law (Canada)
- **Best Orator of the Grand Final:** Justin Weir - Team 19, University of Ottawa (Canada)
- **Best Complainant's Written Submission:** Team 85 - Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Perú)
- **Best Respondent's Written Submission:** Team 19 - University of Ottawa (Canada)
- **Best Overall Written Submission:** Team 19 - University of Ottawa (Canada)

African Regional Round

About the Regional Round

The fifth Regional Round of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was organised by the International Relations Institute of Cameroon, Yaoundé, from the 30th of March to the 2nd of April 2026. A special thanks goes to the Host for the organisation of the Regional Round. From 6 countries, a total of 10 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round:

- **Team 1** - Strathmore University; Strathmore Law School (Kenya)
- **Team 33** - Kabarak University School of Law (Kenya)
- **Team 50** - Kenyatta University School of Law and Social Sciences (Kenya)
- **Team 51** - Uganda Christian University, School of Law (Uganda)
- **Team 56** - University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law (Kenya)
- **Team 59** - Addis Ababa University, School of Law (Ethiopia)
- **Team 69** - Faculty of Law, University of Calabar (Nigeria)
- **Team 98** - Lagos State University, Faculty of Law (Nigeria)
- **Team 105** - International Relations Institute of Cameroon (Cameroon)
- **Team 106** - University of Witwatersrand (South Africa)

The African Regional Round was supported by 13 Panellists and we wish to thank them for their time and contributions to the Regional Round. They are: Anele Simon; Calistus Abang; Daniel Baker; Evelyne Patience Memphil Ndi; Gerard Penalosa; Jan Yves Remy; Jenya Grigorova; Kholofelo Kugler; Marisa Goldstein; Michail Skouzes; Mishael M. Wambua; Mustapha Sadni Jallab and Rukiya Ibrahim.

An ELSA Representative Perspective

The African Regional Round has always held a very special place in the history of the Competition. As the youngest Regional Round, it is also the one in which the Vice President in charge of Competitions is most closely involved. It offers a unique opportunity to witness, firsthand, the tangible impact that fundraising efforts, financial aid, and accessibility initiatives can have on participants who might otherwise never have had the chance to take part.

Beyond the Competition itself, the African Regional Round is a remarkable celebration of diversity, bringing together talented students from across the continent, many of whom come from jurisdictions where opportunities to participate in international moot courts are still limited. Seeing their dedication, growth, and enthusiasm throughout the week is a powerful reminder that increasing access to these opportunities is not only worthwhile, it is essential.

Written by Inês Ribeiro, Head of the Organising Committee of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition



Organisers, Participants & Panellists at the Closing Ceremony of the African Regional Round

Results

WRITTEN SUBMISSION SCORES

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Total Score
	Scores	Penalties	Total	Scores	Penalties	Total	
1	40.50	0.00	40.500	43.00	0.00	43.000	83.500
33	40.75	0.00	40.750	37.00	0.00	37.000	77.750
50	43.00	0.00	43.000	36.40	0.00	36.400	79.400
51	37.00	0.00	37.000	40.00	0.00	40.000	77.000
56	43.00	0.00	43.000	43.00	0.00	43.000	86.000
59	43.00	0.00	43.000	46.50	0.00	46.500	89.500
69	27.50	0.00	27.500	17.50	0.00	17.500	45.000
98	16.60	0.00	16.600	25.00	0.00	25.000	41.600
105	32.00	0.00	32.000	40.50	0.00	40.500	72.500
106	45.40	2.00	43.400	35.50	1.00	34.500	77.900

Based on the scores, **Team 106** from the University of Witwatersrand (South Africa) was awarded the prize for *Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)*. As per the *Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)*, and *Best Overall Written Submission*, Team 59 from the Addis Ababa University, School of Law (Ethiopia) was awarded both prizes of the African Regional Round.

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.

Rank	Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Total Qualification Score
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total					
1	56	41.90	43.00	40.00	41.63	38.00	42.00	40.00	40.00	81.63	86.00	34.40	48.98	83.38
2	1	48.00	41.00	34.00	41.00	40.00	40.00		40.00	81.00	83.50	33.40	48.60	82.00
3	106	36.00	32.00		34.00	41.00	31.00	41.00	37.67	71.67	77.90	31.16	43.00	74.16
4	33	35.00	30.00	32.00	32.33	42.00	34.00	40.00	38.67	71.00	77.75	31.10	42.60	73.70
5	51	26.00	36.00	32.00	31.33	39.00	38.00	39.00	38.67	70.00	77.00	30.80	42.00	72.80
6	50	34.00	22.00	31.00	29.00	29.00	31.00	42.00	34.00	63.00	79.40	31.76	37.80	69.56
7	59	28.00	26.00	39.00	31.00	24.00	16.00	18.00	19.33	50.33	89.50	35.80	30.20	66.00
8	105	30.00	16.00	14.00	20.00	24.00	24.00	37.00	28.33	48.33	72.50	29.00	29.00	58.00
9	69	18.00	20.00	37.00	25.00	29.00	40.00	31.00	33.33	58.33	45.00	18.00	35.00	53.00
10	98	19.00	27.00	20.00	22.00	36.50	32.00	29.00	32.50	54.50	41.60	16.64	32.70	49.34

TEAM SCORES - SEMI-FINALS

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

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.					
Semi Final Round 1											
56				40.00	40.00	41.50	40.50	86.00	34.40	24.30	58.70
33	38.00	36.00	33.90				35.97	77.75	31.10	21.58	52.68
Semi Final Round 2											
1	38.00	44.00	50.00				44.00	83.50	33.40	26.40	59.80
106				35.00	41.00	50.00	42.00	77.90	31.16	25.20	56.36

TEAM SCORES - GRAND FINAL

Team No.	Complainant					Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.					
56	40.00	40.00	40.00	43.00	40.00	40.60	86.00	34.40	24.36	58.76

Team No.	Respondent					Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.					
1	33.00	37.50	35.00	36.00	32.00	34.70	83.50	33.40	20.82	54.22

Based on the scores, **Team 56** from the University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law (Kenya) was declared the **Winner** of the African Regional Round and **Team 1** from the Strathmore University; Strathmore Law School (Kenya) was declared the **Runner-Up** of the African Regional Round.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

In order to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds award, the orator had to plead for both Complainant and Respondent. The following table gives an overview of the individual scores awarded to each of the orators of the Preliminary Rounds. Fulfilling the aforementioned criteria, 24 orators were eligible to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds Award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	
1	Wilson Murangiri	40.00	39.00	29.00	36.00	28.00	34.00		31.00	67.00
	Claudia Wanjiru	43.00	30.00	30.00	34.33	26.00	36.00		31.00	65.33
	Melissa Oganga	46.00	30.00	42.00	39.33	30.00	43.00		36.50	75.83
33	Victoria Opoti	36.00	33.00	34.00	34.33	38.00	36.00	44.00	39.33	73.66
	Noel Makomere	34.00	31.00	32.00	32.33	32.00	34.00	41.00	35.67	68.00
	Nicole Mathuri	33.00	25.00	28.00	28.67	30.00	29.00	38.00	32.33	61.00
50	Jalody Toroitich	34.00	20.00	34.00	29.33	29.00	29.00	40.00	32.67	62.00
	Stephen Kamaara					27.00	29.00	39.00	31.67	31.67
	Cynthia Yego	37.00	22.00	30.00	29.67	31.00	31.00	45.00	35.67	65.34
	Mellan Nyongesa	32.00	18.00	27.00	25.67					25.67
51	Heather Kutamba	30.00	26.00	32.00	32.00	38.00	39.00	30.00	35.67	67.67
	Deborah Mulungi	31.00	38.00	30.00	33.67	35.50	37.00	28.00	33.50	67.17
56	Libby Maina	39.00	42.00	46.00	42.33					42.33
	Ian Irungu	47.00	47.00	43.00	45.67	37.00	47.00	40.00	41.33	87.00
	Isaac Kimeu	40.00	43.00	41.00	41.33	33.00	38.00	43.00	38.00	79.33
59	Mastewal Hailu	20.00	20.00	38.00	26.00	15.00	14.00	23.00	17.33	43.33
	Soliana Dagnew	23.00	24.00	38.00	28.33	19.00	16.00	23.00	19.33	47.66
	Yishak Baraki	34.00	34.00	42.00	36.67	22.00	21.00	22.00	21.67	58.34
69	Majesty Nja	42.00	20.00	20.00	27.33	26.00	33.00	29.00	29.33	56.66
	Emmanuel Andem	35.00	18.00	18.00	23.67	29.00	31.00	31.00	30.33	54.00
98	Muhammad-Awwal Ghazal					34.00	28.00	29.00	30.33	30.33
	Esosa Obakpe	21.00	30.00	20.00	23.67	39.00	33.00	30.00	34.00	57.67
	Boluwatife Olunyo	16.00	25.00	18.00	19.67					19.67
	Ganiyat Majolagbe	16.00	31.00	18.00	21.67					21.67
105	Esona Tina-Ashley Nchonganyi	31.00	14.00	10.00	18.33	31.00	32.00	40.00	34.33	52.66
	Ngome Ekwosole	22.00	16.00	10.00	16.00	17.00	20.00	39.00	25.33	41.33
	Elaba Catherine	28.00	16.00	12.00	18.67	17.00	23.00	33.00	24.33	43.00
106	Matthias Lazarides	31.00	22.00		26.50	36.00	27.00	35.00	32.67	59.17
	Arianna Lenghel	28.00	40.00		34.00	41.00	31.00	38.00	36.67	70.67
	Palesa Mampa									
	Kendal Wright									

Based on the scores, **Ian Irungu** from **Team 56** from the University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law (Kenya) was awarded the prize for **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds**.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all of the 10 Team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	
1	Wilson Murangiri	35.00	41.00	42.00	39.33	39.33
	Claudia Wanjiru	33.00	38.00	36.00	35.67	35.67
	Melissa Oganga	38.00	45.00	31.00	38.00	38.00
33	Victoria Opoti	40.00	38.00	37.00	38.33	38.33
	Noel Makomere	38.00	40.00	34.00	37.33	37.33
	Nicole Mathuri	34.00	36.00	31.00	33.67	33.67

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent				Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	
56	Libby Maina					
	Ian Irungu	42.00	44.00	44.00	43.33	43.33
	Isaac Kimeu	39.00	40.00	39.00	39.33	39.33
106	Matthias Lazarides	33.00	36.00	32.00	33.67	33.67
	Arianna Lenghel	40.00	46.00	27.00	37.67	37.67
	Palesa Mampa					
	Kendal Wright					

Based on the scores, **Ian Irungu** from **Team 56** from the University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law (Kenya) was awarded the prize for ***Best Orator of the Semi-Finals.***

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - GRAND FINAL

Similar to the Semi-Finals, all 5 of the Team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant						Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Total	
56	Libby Maina							
	Ian Irungu	43.00	46.00	44.00	45.00	42.00	44.00	44.00
	Isaac Kimeu	38.00	38.00	40.00	33.00	36.00	37.00	37.00

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent						Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Total	
1	Wilson Murangiri	34.00	34.00	33.00	37.00	28.00	33.20	33.20
	Claudia Wanjiru	32.00	38.00	33.00	35.00	29.00	33.40	33.40
	Melissa Oganga	42.00	42.00	42.00	43.00	42.00	42.20	42.20

Based on the scores, **Ian Irungu** from **Team 56** from the University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law (Kenya) was awarded the prize for **Best Orator of the Grand Final**.

Summary of Awards - African Regional Round

- **Winner:** Team 56 - University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law (Kenya)
- **Runner-Up:** Team 1 - Strathmore University; Strathmore Law School (Kenya)
- **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds:** Ian Kamau Irungu - Team 56, University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law (Kenya)
- **Best Orator of the Semi-Finals:** Ian Kamau Irungu - Team 56, University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law (Kenya)
- **Best Orator of the Grand Final:** Ian Kamau Irungu - Team 56, University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law (Kenya)
- **Best Complainant's Written Submission:** Team 106 - University of Witwatersrand (South Africa)
- **Best Respondent's Written Submission:** Team 59 - Addis Ababa University, School of Law (Ethiopia)
- **Best Overall Written Submission:** Team 59 - Addis Ababa University, School of Law (Ethiopia)

East Asia & Oceania Regional Round

About the Regional Round

The sixth Regional Round of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition was organised by the University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, from the 27th to the 30th of April 2026. From 6 countries, a total of 18 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round:

- **Team 4** - Soochow University (Taiwan)
- **Team 6** - National Taiwan University, College of Law (Taiwan)
- **Team 22** - Nanjing Normal University (China)
- **Team 37** - Peking University School of Transnational Law (China)
- **Team 48** - Huazhong University of Science and Technology (China)
- **Team 49** - Beijing Forestry University (China)
- **Team 52** - Beijing Institute of Technology School of Law (China)
- **Team 60** - Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam (Vietnam)
- **Team 64** - Ocean University of China (China)
- **Team 65** - China University of Political Science and Law (China)
- **Team 67** - Wuhan University, School of Law (China)
- **Team 73** - Peking University Law School (China)
- **Team 80** - National University of Sciences and Technology (Pakistan)
- **Team 82** - University of International Business and Economics (China)
- **Team 84** - Shanghai University of International Business and Economics (China)
- **Team 87** - University Of Sultan Sharif Ali (Brunei Darussalam)
- **Team 90** - Universitas Pelita Harapan, Faculty of Law (Indonesia)
- **Team 104** - XinJiang University of Political Science and Law (China)

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An Organisers' Perspective

The University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) was truly honoured to host the 24th Edition of the East Asia and Oceania Regional Round of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition (JHJMCC). Twenty-five years ago, China acceded to the World Trade Organization, and now, twenty-five years later, this globally prestigious and premier international trade law competition, which is recognized as the gold standard in international trade law, was hosted in Chinese Mainland for the first time. This achievement reflects a decade of sustained dedication by the UIBE School of Law ("UIBE Law") to international moot court activities and further demonstrates the global recognition UIBE Law has gained in high-level and practice-oriented legal education. At UIBE, international moot court competitions have become a cornerstone of our long-term mission. Over the past decade, UIBE law students have actively participated in seven major international moot court competitions, securing more than 80 international awards, over 80 national awards, and 13 national championships.

This year, we were privileged to welcome 18 teams from across East Asia and Oceania, making this the largest East Asia & Oceania Regional Round held in recent years, as well as the largest Regional Round held this year. We are delighted to have this competition take place on our campus, located in Beijing, the capital of China, and to provide teams with a welcoming, respectful and professional environment for high-level performance. We are also proud to offer cultural activities in the Summer Palace and the Jingshan Park, allowing participants to appreciate the rich historical and cultural heritage of Beijing and experience the unique charm of UNESCO World Heritage sites and landmarks. It was inspiring to see students participate with great enthusiasm, develop their legal skills, gain inspiration, recognize the competition as one of the most valuable and genuine feedback mechanisms in legal education, and to hear many participants say that they would recommend the JHJMCC to their peers.

To those who made this possible, we would like to first express our sincere gratitude to the European Law Students' Association (ELSA), especially Ms. Inês Ribeiro and Ms. Monica Buterchi, for trusting UIBE and continuously offering their guidance and assistance.

And a special thanks goes to our distinguished panelists. We were privileged to welcome esteemed experts such as former WTO Appellate Body Members Prof. James Bacchus, Prof. Peter Van den Bossche, Prof. Hong Zhao as well as Prof. Werner Zdouc, former Director of the WTO Appellate Body Secretariat and Prof. Guohua YANG, WTO Appeal Arbitrator in Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement. And we are truly thankful to Prof. Michelle Limenta and Ms. Alya Mahira, authors of this year's Competition Case, Ms. Chibole WAKOLI, the representative from the WTO, Ms. Joanna Redelbach and Mr. Victor Crochet from the John H. Jackson Moot

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While all participants came to Beijing for a competition, we hope they leave with much more than only the competition itself. May the memories, friendships, skills, and shared passion for international trade law continue to inspire you throughout your bright future.

*Written by the Organising Committee of the East Asia & Oceania Regional Round
in Beijing, China*



The Organisers of the East Asia & Oceania Regional Round

Results

WRITTEN SUBMISSION SCORES

Team No.	Complainant			Respondent			Total Score
	Scores	Penalties	Total	Scores	Penalties	Total	
4	41.40	1.00	40.400	42.10	2.00	40.100	80.500
6	46.00	1.00	45.000	39.50	1.00	38.500	83.500
22	27.00	2.00	25.000	28.50	2.00	26.500	51.500
37	33.50	0.50	33.000	32.00	0.50	31.500	64.500
48	40.50	1.00	39.500	38.50	1.00	37.500	77.000
49	40.50	2.00	38.500	19.00	1.50	17.500	56.000
52	37.00	3.00	34.000	25.00	3.00	22.000	56.000
60	41.50	0.00	41.500	37.00	0.00	37.000	78.500
64	20.50	2.00	18.500	29.00	1.75	27.250	45.750
65	43.75	1.00	42.750	29.50	1.00	28.500	71.250
67	45.50	0.70	44.800	39.50	0.20	39.300	84.100
73	33.30	1.00	32.300	27.00	1.00	26.000	58.300
80	15.50	5.50	10.000	23.50	5.50	18.000	28.000
82	40.70	0.00	40.700	44.00	0.00	44.000	84.700
84	45.00	2.50	42.500	39.00	1.00	38.000	80.500
87	12.00	0.00	12.000	21.50	0.00	21.500	33.500
90	36.00	0.50	35.500	41.25	1.00	40.250	75.750
104	36.00	1.25	34.750	18.50	0.75	17.750	52.500

Based on the scores, **Team 6** from the National Taiwan University, College of Law (Taiwan) was awarded the prize for *Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)*. As per the *Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)*, and *Best Overall Written Submission*, Team 82 from the University of International Business and Economics (China) was awarded both prizes of the East Asia & Oceania Regional Round.

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.

Rank	Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Total Qualification Score
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total					
1	67	47.00	42.00	42.00	43.67	44.00	43.00	45.00	44.00	87.67	84.10	33.64	52.60	86.24
2	82	45.00	36.00	37.00	39.33	45.00	49.00	44.00	46.00	85.33	84.70	33.88	51.20	85.08
3	4	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	46.00	46.00	46.00	46.00	86.00	80.50	32.20	51.60	83.80
4	48	36.00	44.00	41.00	40.33	43.00	43.00	44.00	43.33	83.67	77.00	30.80	50.20	81.00
5	6	40.00	39.00	38.00	39.00	40.00	40.00	37.00	39.00	78.00	83.50	33.40	46.80	80.20
6	37	37.00	34.00	39.00	36.67	45.00	44.00	46.00	45.00	81.67	64.50	25.80	49.00	74.80
7	90	33.00	35.00	36.00	34.67	34.00	41.00	40.00	38.33	73.00	75.75	30.30	43.80	74.10
8	60	28.00	38.00	40.00	35.33	32.00	28.00	32.00	30.67	66.00	78.50	31.40	39.60	71.00
9	84	31.00	26.00	29.00	28.67	29.00	36.00	36.00	33.67	62.33	80.50	32.20	37.40	69.60
10	52	44.00	35.00	36.00	38.33	38.00	35.00	42.00	38.33	76.67	56.00	22.40	46.00	68.40
11	73	35.00	33.00	41.00	36.33	42.00	32.00	37.00	37.00	73.33	58.30	23.32	44.00	67.32
12	65	27.00	22.00	27.00	25.33	14.00	23.00	22.00	19.67	45.00	71.25	28.50	27.00	55.50
13	22	20.00	21.00	35.00	25.33	29.00	25.00	25.00	26.33	51.67	51.50	20.60	31.00	51.60
14	80	34.00	34.00	33.00	33.67	31.00	25.00	30.00	28.67	62.33	28.00	11.20	37.40	48.60
15	104	23.00	23.00	22.00	22.67	25.00	14.00	4.00	14.33	37.00	52.50	21.00	22.20	43.20
16	49	15.00	17.00	15.00	15.67	24.00	15.00	13.00	17.33	33.00	56.00	22.40	19.80	42.20
17	64	10.00	10.00	14.00	11.33	27.00	11.00	16.00	18.00	29.33	45.75	18.30	17.60	35.90
18	87	17.00	18.00	18.00	17.67	10.00	8.00	10.00	9.33	27.00	33.50	13.40	16.20	29.60

TEAM SCORES - SEMI-FINALS

Teams qualifying for the Grand Final of the East Asia & Oceania Regional Round are marked in green in the table above.

Team No.	Complainant					Respondent					Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.					
Semi Final Round 1															
67	38.00	39.00	36.00	32.00	38.00						37.67	84.10	33.64	22.60	56.24
48						42.00	40.00	38.00	38.00	40.00	40.00	77.00	30.80	24.00	54.80
Semi Final Round 2															
82	46.00	45.00	47.00	45.00	46.00						46.00	84.70	33.88	27.60	61.48
4						39.00	42.00	42.00	40.00	42.00	41.00	80.50	32.20	24.60	56.80

TEAM SCORES - GRAND FINAL

Team No.	Complainant							Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.					
67	44.00	41.00	33.00	41.00	38.00	35.00	31.00	39.40	84.10	33.64	23.64	57.28

Team No.	Respondent							Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.					
82	48.00	47.00	47.00	46.00	50.00	47.00	33.00	47.60	84.70	33.88	28.56	62.44

Based on the scores, **Team 82** from the University of International Business and Economics (China) was declared the **Winner** of the East Asia & Oceania Regional Round and **Team 67** from the Wuhan University, School of Law (China) was declared the **Runner-Up** of the East Asia & Oceania Regional Round.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

In order to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds award, the orator had to plead for both Complainant and Respondent. The following table gives an overview of the individual scores awarded to each of the orators of the Preliminary Rounds. Fulfilling the aforementioned criteria, 37 orators were eligible to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds Award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	
4	Chen Yu-An	36.00	36.00	38.00	36.67	38.00	45.00	36.00	39.67	76.34
	Yeh Chun-Ting	38.00	40.00	39.00	39.00	36.00	46.00	36.00	39.33	78.33
	Chen Tai-Chun	42.00	44.00	41.00	42.33	47.00	47.00	47.00	47.00	89.33
6	Wang Hsuan-Hsiu	34.00	33.00	31.00	32.67	36.00	40.00	37.00	37.67	70.34
	Kuo, Yu-Tzu	40.00	40.00	45.00	41.67	30.00	31.00	33.00	31.33	73.00
	Ku, Yun-Ling					46.00	47.00	45.00	46.00	46.00
	Shih, Chao-Yu	37.00	37.00	35.00	36.33					36.33
22	Jingxi Huang	25.00	31.00	35.00	30.33	23.00	25.00	25.00	24.33	54.66
	Hailin Xu	21.00	20.00	30.00	23.67	14.00	20.00	19.00	17.67	41.34
	Yunhao Zhou	21.00	20.00	35.00	25.33	37.00	42.00	27.00	35.33	60.66
37	Wang Ziyang	31.00	24.00	36.00	30.33	42.00	44.00	46.00	44.00	74.33
	Ma Yian	40.00	36.00	40.00	38.67	45.00	44.00	49.00	46.00	84.67
	Zhang Ziyang	37.00	36.00	37.00	36.00	43.00	44.00	47.00	44.67	80.67
48	Yuchong Hu	29.00	40.00	28.00	32.33	43.00	44.00	38.00	41.67	74.00
	Tian Zhang	39.00	42.00	31.00	37.33	40.00	41.00	38.00	39.67	77.00
	Runyu Zhang	41.00	46.00	39.00	42.00	46.00	45.00	42.00	44.33	86.33
49	Zhang Minyuan					24.00	16.00	13.00	17.67	17.67
	Tan Yi					24.00	19.00	17.00	20.00	20.00
	Wang Yifei	15.00	17.00	17.00	16.33					16.33
	Ma Yignan	13.00	17.00	15.00	15.00					15.00
52	Cao Jing	47.00	38.00	39.00	41.33	38.00	31.00	42.00	37.00	78.33
	Duwen Zeyun	41.00	31.00	37.00	36.33	36.00	37.00	44.00	39.00	75.33
60	Bao Khanh Nguyen	30.00	40.00	43.00	37.67	30.00	29.00	33.00	30.67	68.34
	Hai Dang Mai	24.00	40.00	35.00	33.00	29.00	24.00	31.00	28.00	61.00
	Dinh An Vu	24.00	36.00	35.00	31.67	29.00	25.00	31.00	28.33	60.00
64	Huang Sixiang	10.00	10.00	13.00	11.00	18.00	13.00	19.00	16.67	27.67
	Yang Yulin	10.00	10.00	13.00	11.00	16.00	10.00	15.00	13.67	24.67
65	Yang Lu	27.00	17.00	27.00	23.67	14.00	27.00	31.00	24.00	47.67
	Hairuo Zhang					12.00	20.00	28.00	20.00	20.00
	Ziyi Wang	30.00	32.00	37.00	33.00					33.00
67	Ziyan Zeng	49.00	42.00	44.00	45.00	44.00	42.00	43.00	43.00	88.00
	Meilin Si	46.00	44.00	42.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	45.00	44.33	88.33
	Yameng Liu	42.00	38.00	36.00	38.67	42.00	42.00	43.00	42.33	81.00
73	Jijin Cai	37.00	36.00	40.00	37.67	43.00	35.00	38.00	38.67	76.34
	Yuan Tian	33.00	30.00	33.00	32.00	35.00	27.00	38.00	33.33	65.33
80	Abdul Manan					21.00	26.00	24.00	23.67	23.67
	Jalil Ahmad Shah	33.00	33.00	31.00	32.33	26.00	37.00	33.00	32.00	64.33
	Syed Ahmed	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00					36.00
82	Sitian Yin	43.00	36.00	37.00	38.67	44.00	48.00	46.00	46.00	84.67
	Yanmi Lu	41.00	34.00	35.00	36.67	37.00	46.00	39.00	40.67	77.34
	Zulin Ni	48.00	42.00	40.00	43.33	45.00	48.00	41.00	44.67	88.00
84	Liang Mohan					32.00	38.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
	Yang Yimeng					22.00	33.00	27.00	27.33	27.33
	Jiang Lijia	39.00	28.00	31.00	32.67					32.67
	Wei Wenqi	31.00	22.00	25.00	26.00					26.00
87	DK SYAHIRAH ANNUAR	17.00	17.00	15.00	16.33	8.00	7.00	9.00	8.00	24.33
	Mariam @ Nuraisyah bte Abdullah	19.00	18.00	21.00	19.33	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	29.33
90	Mischa Febrisa Luwena	37.00	36.00	36.00	36.33	44.00	42.00	41.00	42.33	78.66
	Claudia Nathania Rubiyanto	29.00	34.00	30.00	31.00	29.00	36.00	38.00	34.33	65.33

104	Yuting Heng	17.00	22.00	15.00	18.00	14.00	30.00	4.00	16.00	34.00
	Jian Hu	19.00	23.00	19.00	20.33	14.00	25.00	4.00	14.33	34.66
	Ruowen Zhu					17.00	35.00	4.00	18.67	18.67
	Jinze Wu	24.00	23.00	24.00	23.67					23.67

Based on the scores, **Chen Tai-Chun** from **Team 4** from the Soochow University (Taiwan) was awarded the prize for *Best Orators of the Preliminary Rounds*.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - SEMI-FINALS

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Complainant or Respondent). Therefore, all of the 12 Team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant						Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Total	
67	Ziyan Zeng	30.00	32.00	35.00	38.00	37.00	32.33	32.33
	Meilun Si	31.00	36.00	41.00	40.00	41.00	36.00	36.00
	Yameng liu	33.00	32.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	35.67	35.67
82	Sitian Yin	47.00	47.00	48.00	50.00	48.00	47.33	47.33
	Yanmi Lu	43.00	42.00	45.00	43.00	41.00	43.33	43.33
	Zulin Ni	47.00	47.00	48.00	50.00	48.00	47.33	47.33

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent						Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Total	
4	Chen Yu-An	42.00	40.00	42.00	37.00	43.00	41.33	41.33
	Yeh Chun-Ting	38.00	41.00	43.00	37.00	41.00	40.67	40.67
	Chen Tai-Chun	36.00	43.00	43.00	40.00	41.00	40.67	40.67
48	Yuehong Hu	36.00	32.00	40.00	40.00	36.00	36.00	36.00
	Tian Zhang	25.00	30.00	20.00	38.00	22.00	25.00	25.00
	Runyu Zhang	43.00	45.00	45.00	48.00	46.00	44.33	44.33

Based on the scores, **Sitian Yin and Zulin** from **Team 82** from the University of International Business and Economics (China) were awarded the prize for *Best Orators of the Semi-Finals*.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES - GRAND FINAL

Similar to the Semi-Finals, all 6 of the Team members pleading during the Grand Final were eligible for the Best Orator of the Grand Final award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant								Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Total	
67	Ziyan Zeng	35.00	27.00	39.00	42.00	39.00	41.00	44.00	38.14	38.14
	Meilun Si	40.00	26.00	41.00	42.00	45.00	41.00	43.00	39.71	39.71
	Yameng Liu	37.00	35.00	33.00	40.00	27.00	41.00	39.00	36.00	36.00

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent								Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Total	
82	Sitian Yin	27.00	42.00	41.00	44.00	45.00	46.00	47.00	41.71	41.71
	Yanmi Lu	31.00	47.00	41.00	42.00	44.00	43.00	45.00	41.86	41.86
	Zulin Ni	46.00	45.00	48.00	47.00	48.00	49.00	48.00	47.29	47.29

Based on the scores, **Zulin Ni** from **Team 82** from the University of International Business and Economics (China) was awarded the prize for *Best Orator of the Grand Final*.

Summary of Awards - East Asia & Oceania Regional Round

- **Winner:** Team 82 - University of International Business and Economics (China)
- **Runner-Up:** Team 67 - Wuhan University, School of Law (China)
- **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds:** Chen Tai-Chun - Team 4, Soochow University (Taiwan)
- **Best Orators of the Semi-Finals:** Sitian Yin & Zulin Ni - Team 82, University of International Business and Economics (China)
- **Best Orator of the Grand Final:** Zulin Ni - Team 82, University of International Business and Economics (China)
- **Best Complainant's Written Submission:** Team 6 - National Taiwan University, College of Law (Taiwan)
- **Best Respondent's Written Submission:** Team 82 - University of International Business and Economics (China)
- **Best Overall Written Submission:** Team 82 - University of International Business and Economics (China)

Special Prize

For the second Edition, ELSA partnered with the Legal Service of the European Commission for a traineeship opportunity. The Best Orator of the Grand Finals of both European Regional Rounds of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition is invited to intern for six to eight weeks at the Commission in Brussels.



To determine the winner of this prize, ELSA took into consideration the two Best Orators of the Grand Final of both European Regional Rounds. However, the individual scores from all stages of the Regional Rounds were taken into consideration: Preliminary Rounds, Semi-Finals and Grand Final. The two eligible students were Paul Rit (1st European Regional Round) and Yelyzaveta Frolkis (2nd European Regional Round). The formula used to determine the winner of the traineeship is as follows:

$$\frac{PRCS(I) + PRRS(I) + SFS(I) + GFS(I)}{4} = OS(I)$$

- PRCS (I) = Individual Preliminary Round Score on behalf of Complainant
- PRRS (I) = Individual Preliminary Round Score on behalf of Respondent
- SFS (I) = Individual Semi-Final Score
- GFS (I) = Individual Grand Final Score
- OS (I) = Individual Overall Score

Out of the two Best Orators of the European Regional Rounds, Yelyzaveta Frolkis (Team 5) from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Faculty of Law scored the highest:

Team No.	Orator	PRCS (I)	PRRS (I)	SFS (I)	GFS (I)	OS (I)
5	Yelyzaveta Frolkis	43.00	44.33	43.00	45.86	44.05
53	Paul Rit	36.67	41.33	29.60	37.29	36.22

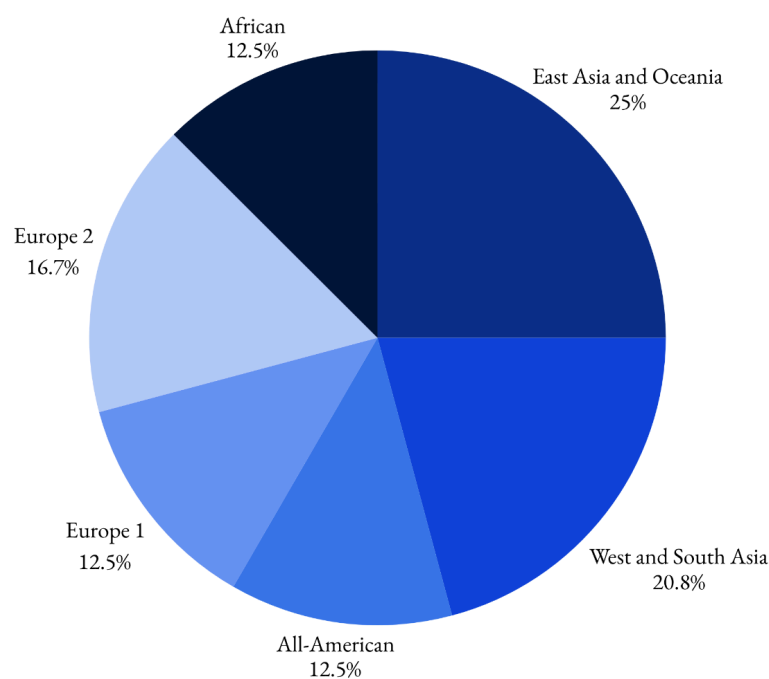
QUALIFYING TEAMS

24 teams qualify for the Final Oral Round and according to 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, Team scores between the Regional Rounds as well as the number of teams competing in each Regional Round.

This year, the breakdown of qualifying Teams from each Regional Round looks as follows:

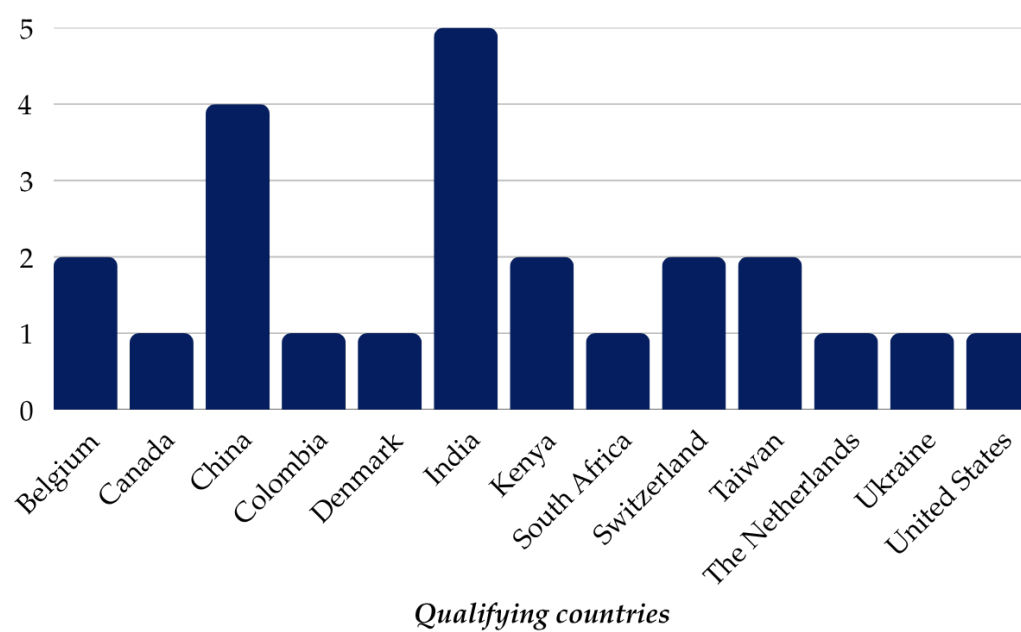
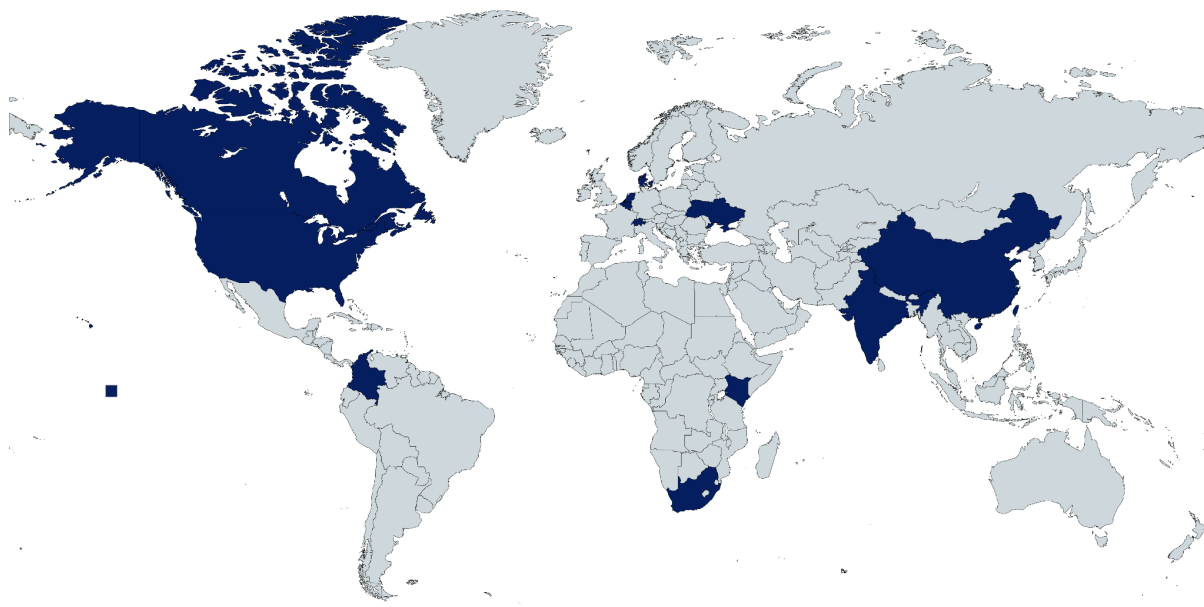
- East Asia and Oceania Regional Round (Beijing, China): **6**
- West and South Asia Regional Round (Jodhpur, India): **5**
- All-American Regional Round (Lima, Peru): **3**
- African Regional Round (Yaoundé, Cameroon): **3**
- 1st European Regional Round (Brussels/Leuven, Belgium): **3**
- 2nd European Regional Round (Oslo, Norway): **4**



Qualifying Teams by Regional Round

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

- **Team 1** - Strathmore University; Strathmore Law School (Kenya)
- **Team 4** - Soochow University (Taiwan)
- **Team 5** - National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Faculty of Law (Ukraine)
- **Team 6** - National Taiwan University, College of Law (Taiwan)
- **Team 10** - Georgetown University Law Center (United States)
- **Team 12** - KU Leuven Faculty of Law and Criminology (Belgium)
- **Team 13** - Hidayatullah National Law University Raipur (India)
- **Team 19** - University of Ottawa (Canada)
- **Team 21** - Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID), International Law (Switzerland)
- **Team 23** - National Law School of India University, Bangalore (India)
- **Team 34** - Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) - Faculté de Droit et de Criminologie (Belgium)
- **Team 35** - University of Southern Denmark - The Faculty of Business and Social Sciences - Department of Law (Denmark)
- **Team 37** - Peking University School of Transnational Law (China)
- **Team 45** - West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (India)
- **Team 47** - University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law (the Netherlands)
- **Team 48** - Huazhong University of Science and Technology (China)
- **Team 53** - World Trade Institute, University of Bern (Switzerland)
- **Team 56** - University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law (Kenya)
- **Team 62** - Faculty Law - Universidad de Los Andes (Colombia)
- **Team 67** - Wuhan University, School of Law (China)
- **Team 78** - Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur (India)
- **Team 82** - University of International Business and Economics (China)
- **Team 103** - National Law University Delhi (India)
- **Team 106** - University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa)



FINAL ORAL ROUND

The Final Oral Round of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition took place in Geneva between the 23rd to the 27th of June 2026. The best 24 teams from the Regional Rounds qualified to compete in this final stage of the Competition.

On the first day, the 23rd of June, ELSA welcomed the participants to the World Trade Organization for the Academic Conference, the Opening Ceremony and the Welcome Reception.

The Academic Conference was moderated by Svetlana Chobanov, Legal Officer at the WTO Trade and Environment Division. The Panellists of the conference were:

- **Elena Cima** - Senior Lecturer at ISE-GEDT and at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva.
- **Jason Houston-McMillan** - Associate at van Bael & Bellis
- **Ieva Baršauskaitė** - Leads IISD's work on trade and the green transition
- **Sunayana Sasmal** - Research Fellow in International Trade Law at the UK Trade Policy Observatory, University of Sussex
- **Victor Crochet** - Partner at the Brussels Office of Nishimura & Asahi



*Sunayana Sasmal; Elena Cima; Jason Houston-McMillan; Svetlana Chobanov; Victor Crochet
& Ieva Baršauskaitė (from left to right)*

The Opening Ceremony was opened by Inês Ribeiro, the Head of the Organising Committee of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition and it proceeded with the explanation of the logistics of the event as well as the drawing of order of the pleadings for the Preliminary Rounds. Before inviting the participants to the Atrium of the WTO for an aperitif and drinks, Ambassador Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota, Chair of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body, addressed the participants and welcomed them to the WTO Headquarters and to the exciting week ahead!



*Inês Ribeiro (top left corner); Ambassador Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota (top right corner);
& Lucie Nováková and Caisa Billger (bottom left corner)*

During the second and third day (24th and 25th of June) the teams competed in the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition, pleading on behalf of the Complainant and Respondent. The pleadings were hosted at the Geneva Graduate Institute. There, the teams also enjoyed their lunch and coffee breaks provided by IHEID Events. We are immensely grateful to both parties for hosting us and providing state of the art facilities for the pleadings.



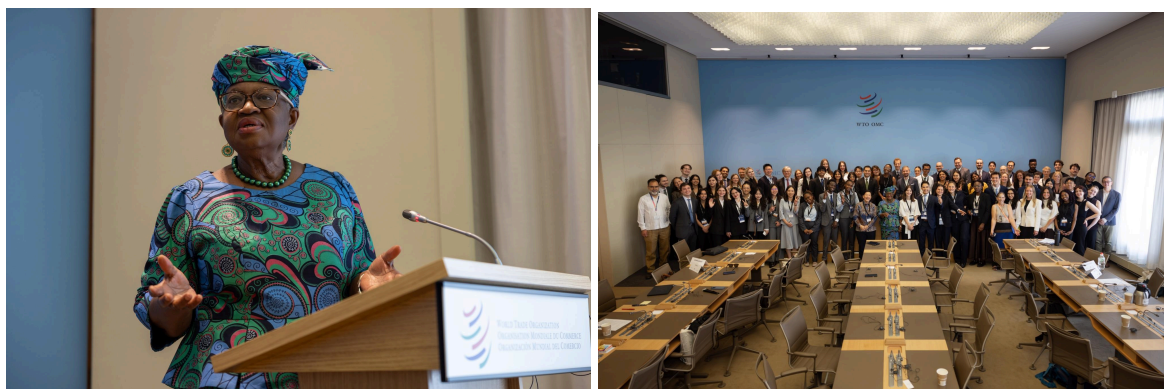
Preliminary Rounds at the Geneva Graduate Institute

Additionally, on the third day (25th of June), having obtained both 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.



Announcement of the Quarter-Finalists

The following day - the 26th of June - was filled with pleadings and side events. The morning started with a welcome address by the Director General of the WTO, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala.



Address by the Director General of the WTO, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

The next point on the agenda was the Quarter-Finals.



Quarter-Finals

The Sponsors' Fair took place at noon at the SWR Lobby, and was combined with lunch. 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 for joining us and for providing this opportunity for our participants: Daniel Baker, representing the World Trade Organization; Joanna Redelbach representing Van Bael and Bellis; Weiwei Zhang representing Baker & McKenzie; Smrithi Bhaskar and Shambhavi Pandey representing Sidley; Charles Julien representing White & Case; Christian Lau representing Dentons; Dylan Geraets representing Mayer Brown; Jennifer Hillman representing Georgetown University; Waafa Saadeh representing the World Trade Institute; and Leah Buencamino representing the Advisory Centre on WTO Law.



Sponsors' Fair, lunch & Announcement of the Semi-Finalists

After the conclusion of the Sponsors' Fair the 4 teams qualifying for the Semi-Finals were announced. The afternoon continued with the Semi-Finals and was concluded with the announcement of the Grand Finalists who were to compete the next day.



Semi-Finals

After the Announcement of the Finalists, the Participants, Partners and Panellists were invited to the Alumni Get-Together, which presented a chance to network in the ACWL with past participants, coaches, organisers and Panellists.

The 5th and final day of the Final Oral Round, started with the Grand Final in Room W.

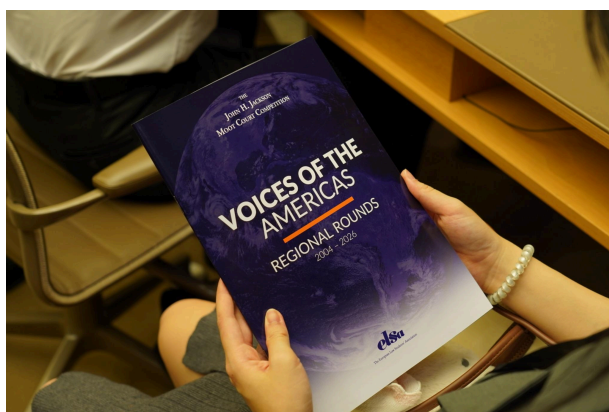


We welcomed a highly esteemed Panel led by the Chairperson Jennifer Hillman, Professor at Georgetown Law. With her on the Panel were: Roy Santana, World Trade Organization Representative; Michelle Limenta, Case Author of the 24th Edition and Professor at Universitas Pelita Harapan; Marios Tokas, Case Author of the 23rd Edition and Lawyer at Cassidy Levy Kent; Joanna Redelbach, Counsel at Van Bael & Bellis and Member of the Academic Board; Isabelle Van Damme, Professor at the World Trade Institute and Kholofelo Kugler, Head of Trade Law at Besso.



Grand Final Panel (from left to right): Kholofelo Kugler; Isabelle Van Damme; Jennifer Hillman (President of the Bench); Roy Santana; Michelle Limenta; Joanna Redelbach & Marios Tokas

During deliberation, the teams and spectators could enjoy a drink and aperitif on the terrace of the WTO. After the conclusion of the Panel deliberation and calculation of the scores the finalist teams, the Panel, and spectators were called back to Room W, where the Panel gave final feedback to both finalists teams. After the informal feedback, Inês Ribeiro and Mr Juan Pablo Moya Hoyos introduced the testimonial project “*Voices of the Americas Regional Rounds*”, a joint initiative between the WTO and ELSA. The project showcases past participations and tracks the academic and professional development of our alumni as well as highlights the dedication of past Organisers of the Regional Rounds.



We then proceeded to the announcement of the Master of Ceremonies - the Deputy Director General, Mr Zhang - and handing over the certificates of participation that counted with the support of Ms Marisa Goldstein. All the awards were then presented, with the Winner and Runner-Up being announced by Deputy Director General, Mr Zhang.



Deputy Director General, Mr Zhang

After closing addresses from Caisa Billger, the Head of Organising Committee of the 25th Edition of the JHJMCC, Gabriel Marti, President of ELSA, and Inês Ribeiro, Head of Organising Committee of the current Edition, the 24th Edition of the JHJMCC was officially closed.



*(from left to right) Caisa Billger (Head of the Organising Committee of the 25th Edition);
Gabriel Marti (President of the International Board of ELSA) &
Inês Ribeiro (Head of the Organising Committee of the 24th Edition)*

In the evening, the Final Oral Round of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition concluded with the Closing Dinner where all participants and invitees could enjoy a dinner at La Potinière.



Closing Dinner

RESULTS

Written Submission Scores

Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				Total Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Penalties	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Penalties	Total	
1	40.50	40.30	0.00	40.400	43.00	36.00	0.00	39.500	79.900
4	41.40	43.60	1.00	42.000	42.10	44.00	2.00	42.050	84.050
5	43.00	41.50	0.50	42.000	41.75	45.00	0.00	43.375	85.375
6	46.00	41.50	1.00	43.250	39.50	37.20	1.00	37.850	81.100
10	44.00	43.00	1.00	43.000	40.00	41.50	1.00	40.250	83.250
12	46.00	47.00	0.00	46.500	43.50	41.00	0.50	42.000	88.500
13	44.50	36.00	0.50	40.000	45.00	35.25	0.00	40.125	80.125
19	42.00	40.00	0.00	41.000	41.50	35.60	0.00	38.550	79.550
21	40.00	43.50	1.50	41.000	37.00	39.55	1.50	37.525	78.525
23	39.50	44.00	1.00	41.250	42.20	38.30	0.00	40.250	81.500
34	37.50	42.60	1.00	39.550	48.00	42.00	0.00	45.000	84.550
35	36.50	45.60	1.50	40.300	43.50	46.80	1.50	44.400	84.700
37	33.50	38.80	0.50	35.900	32.00	38.50	0.50	35.000	70.900
45	42.30	37.00	0.50	39.400	39.80	31.00	1.00	34.900	74.300
47	41.70	35.00	2.00	37.350	35.50	33.00	2.00	33.250	70.600
48	40.50	30.85	1.00	35.175	38.50	36.60	1.00	37.050	72.225
53	33.00	37.40	0.00	35.200	34.50	38.00	0.00	36.250	71.450
56	43.00	36.00	0.00	39.500	43.00	43.50	0.00	43.250	82.750
62	31.50	41.00	0.25	36.125	41.50	40.00	0.75	40.375	76.500
67	45.50	39.00	0.70	41.900	39.50	34.50	0.20	36.900	78.800
78	44.80	37.50	1.00	40.650	42.50	32.20	0.50	37.100	77.750
82	40.70	36.25	0.00	38.475	44.00	41.00	0.00	42.500	80.975
103	43.00	36.00	0.00	39.500	42.50	36.00	0.00	39.250	78.750
106	45.40	40.00	2.00	41.700	35.50	46.50	1.00	40.500	82.200

Based on the scores, **Team 12** from the **KU Leuven Faculty of Law and Criminology (Belgium)** was awarded the prize for *Best Complainant Written Submission (the Gabrielle Marceau Award)* and the *Best Overall Written Submission* of the Final Oral Round, whereas **Team 34** from the **Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) - Faculté de Droit et de Criminologie (Belgium)** was awarded the prize for *Best Respondent Written Submission (the Valerie Hughes Award)*.



Team 12 (KU Leuven), Winner of the Best Complainant's Written Submission Award



Team 34 (Université Libre of Bruxelles), Winner of the Best Respondent's Written Submission Award



Team 12 (KU Leuven), Winner of the Best Overall Written Submission Award

Team Scores

Preliminary Rounds

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

Rank	Team No.	Complainant				Respondent				Total	WS Score	WS Score (x 0.4)	Oral Pleading Score (x 0.6)	Total Qualification Score
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total					
1	10	44.00	44.00	46.00	44.67	44.00	44.00	46.00	44.67	89.33	83.25	33.30	53.60	86.90
2	12	42.00	42.00	41.00	41.67	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00	80.67	88.50	35.40	48.40	83.80
3	56	37.00	34.00	36.00	35.67	50.00	44.00	48.00	47.33	83.00	82.75	33.10	49.80	82.90
4	106	37.00	39.00	39.50	38.50	45.50	44.00	43.00	44.17	82.67	82.20	32.88	49.60	82.48
5	5	46.00	44.00	43.00	44.33	35.00	38.00	35.00	36.00	80.33	85.38	34.15	48.20	82.35
6	1	40.00	40.00	37.00	39.00	43.00	42.00	46.00	43.67	82.67	79.90	31.96	49.60	81.56
7	21	41.00	45.00	42.00	42.67	38.00	40.00	37.00	38.33	81.00	78.53	31.41	48.60	80.01
8	23	42.00	42.00	40.00	41.33	39.00	36.00	37.00	37.33	78.67	81.50	32.60	47.20	79.80
9	62	42.00	45.00	42.00	43.00	39.00	38.00	37.00	38.00	81.00	76.50	30.60	48.60	79.20
10	19	38.00	41.00	37.00	38.67	40.00	40.00	38.00	39.33	78.00	79.55	31.82	46.80	78.62
11	13	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	38.00	37.00	34.00	36.33	77.33	80.13	32.05	46.40	78.45
12	82	38.00	35.00	34.00	35.67	36.00	35.00	37.00	36.00	71.67	80.98	32.39	43.00	75.39
13	6	30.00	33.00	32.00	31.67	36.00	40.00	37.00	37.67	69.33	81.10	32.44	41.60	74.04
14	103	36.00	35.00	36.00	35.67	38.00	34.00	32.00	34.67	70.33	78.75	31.50	42.20	73.70
15	35	27.00	27.00	30.00	28.00	38.00	37.00	37.00	37.33	65.33	84.70	33.88	39.20	73.08
16	47	32.00	30.00	29.00	30.33	39.00	42.00	38.00	39.67	70.00	70.60	28.24	42.00	70.24
17	48	33.00	39.00	37.00	36.33	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	67.33	72.23	28.89	40.40	69.29
18	53	41.00	41.00	42.00	41.33	23.00	22.00	34.00	26.33	67.67	71.45	28.58	40.60	69.18
19	4	27.00	30.00	31.00	29.33	28.00	28.00	27.00	27.67	57.00	84.05	33.62	34.20	67.82
20	67	28.00	31.00	31.00	30.00	32.00	33.00	22.00	29.00	59.00	78.80	31.52	35.40	66.92
21	37	41.00	39.00	36.00	38.67	22.00	23.00	21.00	22.00	60.67	70.90	28.36	36.40	64.76
22	34	22.00	24.00	27.00	24.33	28.00	27.00	24.00	26.33	50.67	84.55	33.82	30.40	64.22
23	78	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	22.00	22.00	25.00	23.00	54.00	77.50	31.00	32.40	63.40
24	45	29.00	26.00	22.00	25.67	25.00	26.00	25.00	25.33	51.00	74.30	29.72	30.60	60.32

Quarter-Finals

Quarter-Final Match-Ups			For the coin toss, the best 4 Teams of the Preliminary Rounds got to state their preference regarding the side on which they would like to plead in the Quarter-Finals.	Outcome of the Coin Toss		
Rank	Team No.	QF No.		QF No.	Complainant	Respondent
1	10	QF 1.		QF 1.	23	10
2	12	QF 2.		QF 2.	12	21
3	56	QF 3.		QF 3.	56	1
4	106	QF 4.		QF 4.	106	5
5	5	QF 4.				
6	1	QF 3.				
7	21	QF 2.				
8	23	QF 1.				

Below you can find the Team scores from Quarter-Finals of the Final Oral Round of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, each judged by 5 international trade law practitioners and academics:

Team No.	Complainant					Respondent					Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	
Quarter Final Round 1											
23	39.00	36.00	40.00	41.00	37.00						38.60
10						33.00	38.00	38.00	39.00	40.00	37.60
Quarter Final Round 2											
12	37.00	35.00	33.00	39.00	35.00						35.80
21						31.00	28.00	31.00	29.00	31.00	30.00
Quarter Final Round 3											
56	48.00	46.00	47.00	47.00	46.00						46.80
1						44.00	45.00	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.40
Quarter Final Round 4											
106	40.00	36.00	44.00	40.00							40.00
5						45.00	48.00	47.00	44.00		46.00

Semi-Finals

Semi-Final Match-Ups			For the coin toss, the best 4 Teams of the Preliminary Rounds got to state their preference regarding the side on which they would like to plead in the Quarter-Finals.	Outcome of the Coin Toss		
Rank	Team No.	QF No.		QF No.	Complain	Responde
1	56	QF 1.		QF 1.	56	12
2	5	QF 2.		QF 2.	5	23
3	23	QF 2.				
4	12	QF 1.				

Below you can find the Team scores from Semi-Finals of the Final Oral Round of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, each judged by 7 international trade law practitioners and academics:

Team No.	Complainant							Respondent							Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	
Semi Final Round 1															
56	48.00	45.00	45.00	48.00	46.00	47.00	48.00								46.71
12								40.00	40.00	42.00	43.00	36.00	39.00	38.00	39.71
Semi Final Round 2															
5	22.00	22.00	24.00	24.00	22.00	35.00	31.00								25.71
23								33.00	40.00	29.00	37.00	33.00	40.00	43.00	36.43

Grand Final

Semi-Final Match-Ups		For the coin toss, the best Team of the Semi-Finals got to state its preference regarding the side on which they would like to plead in the Grand Final.	Outcome of the Coin Toss	
Rank	Team No.		Complainant	Respondent
1	56		56	23
2	23			

Below you can find the Team scores from the Grand Final of the Final Oral Round of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, judged by 7 international trade law practitioners and academics:

Team No.	Complainant							Total Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	
56	47.00	46.00	46.00	49.00	46.00	47.00	48.00	47.00

Team No.	Respondent							Qualification Score
	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	
23	42.00	43.00	42.00	42.00	41.00	42.00	40.00	41.71

Upon deliberation and calculation of scores, **Team 56** from **the University of Nairobi (Kenya)** was declared **Winner**, while **Team 23** from the **National Law School of India University, Bangalore (India)** was declared the **Runner-Up** of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition.

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



Winners, Team 56 (University of Nairobi, Kenya)



Runner-Up Team, Team 23 (National Law School of India University, Bangalore (India))

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 the individual scores awarded to each of the orators of the Preliminary Rounds. Fulfilling the aforementioned criteria, 55 orators were eligible to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds Award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant				Respondent				Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Total	
1	Wilson Liria	35.00	38.00	39.00	37.33	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	79.33
	Melissa Oganga	40.00	40.00	35.00	38.33	45.00	43.00	46.00	44.67	83.00
	Claudia Wanjiru				n/a				n/a	n/a
4	Chen Yu-An	29.00	28.00	24.00	27.00	35.00	27.00	28.00	30.00	57.00
	Yeh Chun-Ting	29.00	26.00	28.00	27.67	24.00	26.00	24.00	24.67	52.33
	Chen Tai-Chun	37.00	31.00	30.00	32.67	28.00	29.00	29.00	28.67	61.33
5	Veronika Roi	42.00	42.00	44.00	42.67				n/a	42.67
	Yelyzaveta Frolkis	46.00	45.00	47.00	46.00	36.00	36.00	32.00	34.67	80.67
	Viktorija Mytko	39.00	40.00	43.00	40.67	34.00	34.00	32.00	33.33	74.00
	Marvna Opanashchuk				n/a	34.00	34.00	36.00	34.67	34.67
6	Wang Hsuan-Hsiu	31.00	33.00	34.00	32.67	36.00	42.00	39.00	39.00	71.67
	Kuo, Yu-Tzu				n/a	34.00	38.00	34.00	35.33	35.33
	Ku, Yun-Ling	29.00	32.00	27.00	29.33	42.00	43.00	40.00	41.67	71.00
	Shih, Chao-Yu	29.00	33.00	28.00	30.00				n/a	30.00
10	Shreeyanka Luitel				0.00	44.00	44.00	42.00	43.33	43.33
	Varun Punam	46.00	44.00	46.00	45.33	47.00	45.00	47.00	46.33	91.67
	Syria Marshalllek	44.00	39.00	42.00	41.67	40.00	42.00	40.00	40.67	82.33
	Michelle Lee	48.00	46.00	44.00	46.00				0.00	46.00
12	Alicia Dobronte	42.00	45.00	45.00	44.00	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00	83.00
	Emile Saelens				n/a	37.00	37.00	37.00	37.00	37.00
	Ghislaine Drijkoningen	43.00	42.00	42.00	42.33	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	82.33
	Nathan Benmeridja	40.00	37.00	39.00	38.67				n/a	38.67
13	Suhana	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	40.00	39.00	34.00	37.67	79.67
	Tanya Jain	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.00	37.00	33.00	36.33	76.33

19	Christoper Ma	38.00	40.00	38.00	38.67	40.00	37.00	40.00	39.00	77.67
	Justin Weir	36.00	43.00	35.00	38.00	41.00	43.00	40.00	41.33	79.33
	Madalina Fetescu	38.00	44.00	38.00	40.00				0.00	40.00
	Rahma Faisal				n/a	39.00	31.00	37.00	35.67	35.67
21	Farheen Nhavi	43.00	46.00	44.00	44.33	38.00	41.00	38.00	39.00	83.33
	Raghav Dembla	39.00	42.00	40.00	40.33	38.00	41.00	39.00	39.33	79.67
	Mohammadmadhi Ghorbaniniya				n/a				n/a	n/a
	Eshagh Bahadori				n/a				n/a	n/a
23	Chahat Bhambri	45.00	46.00	44.00	45.00	42.00	39.00	39.00	40.00	85.00
	Bhumika Bansal	41.00	36.00	37.00	38.00	39.00	36.00	36.00	37.00	75.00
	Guarnoor Singh	36.00	35.00	33.00	34.67	32.00	30.00	36.00	32.67	67.33
34	Giulio Sironi				n/a	30.00	31.00	29.00	30.00	30.00
	Robin Taes	23.00	29.00	24.00	25.33	26.00	24.00	24.00	24.67	50.00
	Adrian Rozas				n/a	28.00	26.00	24.00	26.00	26.00
	Victoria Van Raek	23.00	25.00	18.00	22.00				0.00	22.00
35	Thea Hansen	29.00	28.00	33.00	30.00	38.00	38.00	38.00	38.00	68.00
	Winnie Kirk	24.00	25.00	28.00	25.67	36.00	34.00	34.00	34.67	60.33
	Jakob Nordhavn	28.00	26.00	29.00	27.67	38.00	35.00	35.00	36.00	63.67
37	Ziyang Wang	34.00	32.00	26.00	30.67	20.00	22.00	21.00	21.00	51.67
	Yiyan Ma	44.00	41.00	37.00	40.67	22.00	25.00	20.00	22.33	63.00
	Ziyang Zhang	40.00	40.00	33.00	37.67	22.00	23.00	21.00	22.00	59.67
45	Rama Vaidya	23.00	30.00	23.00	25.33	23.00	24.00	23.00	23.33	48.67
	Digvejay Updavey	18.00	24.00	22.00	21.33	27.00	28.00	27.00	27.33	48.67
47	Océane Mahé	37.00	33.00	33.00	34.33	39.00	43.00	43.00	41.67	76.00
	Rena Asadullaeva	33.00	30.00	30.00	31.00	36.00	43.00	39.00	39.33	70.33
	Fabio Da Ros	34.00	28.00	30.00	30.67	30.00	31.00	35.00	32.00	62.67
48	Yuehong Hu	34.00	40.00	25.00	33.00	31.00	32.00	29.00	30.67	63.67
	Tian Zhang	29.00	35.00	40.00	34.67	26.00	29.00	26.00	27.00	61.67
	Ruryu Zhang	45.00	44.00	50.00	46.33	30.00	31.00	29.00	30.00	76.33
53	Paul Rit	40.00	39.00	39.00	39.33	24.00	22.00	27.00	24.33	63.67
	Thao van Nguyen	42.00	41.00	41.00	41.33	21.00	22.00	25.00	22.67	64.00
	Li Cheng Chen				n/a	23.00	22.00	24.00	23.00	23.00
	Uriel Diaz	45.00	42.00	42.00	43.00				0.00	43.00
56	Ian Urungu	38.00	36.00	38.00	37.33	50.00	47.00	48.00	48.33	85.67
	Isaac Kimeu	37.00	31.00	32.00	33.33	50.00	47.00	47.00	48.00	81.33
	Libby Maina				n/a				n/a	n/a
62	Jaider Anaya				n/a	35.00	28.00	24.00	29.00	29.00
	Valeria Tolosa	44.00	43.00	39.00	42.00	40.00	38.00	28.00	35.33	77.33
	Isabella Ramirez	48.00	45.00	42.00	45.00	43.00	43.00	40.00	42.00	87.00
	Jose Alvis	42.00	42.00	31.00	38.33				n/a	38.33
67	Ziyan Zeng	27.00	31.00	31.00	29.67	33.00	34.00	29.00	32.00	61.67
	Meilun Si	28.00	31.00	31.00	30.00	33.00	36.00	32.00	33.67	63.67
	Yameng Liu	25.00	30.00	27.00	27.33	33.00	31.00	29.00	31.00	58.33
78	Achyut Shukla	25.00	26.00	25.00	25.33	20.00	22.00	23.00	21.67	47.00
	Tushiti Sontakke	38.00	38.00	38.00	38.00	23.00	27.00	28.00	26.00	64.00
82	Sitian Yin	34.00	40.00	35.00	36.33	36.00	39.00	37.00	37.33	73.67
	Yanmi Lu	36.00	36.00	29.00	33.67	36.00	36.00	41.00	37.67	71.33
	Zulin Ni	40.00	42.00	33.00	38.33	38.00	34.00	39.00	37.00	75.33
103	Preeyal Sehgal	36.00	35.00	34.00	35.00	38.00	33.00	34.00	35.00	70.00
	Aanya Singh	36.00	34.00	39.00	36.33	41.00	37.00	35.00	37.67	74.00
106	Palesa Mampa				n/a				n/a	n/a
	Arianna Lenghel	42.00	40.00	43.00	41.67	43.00	47.00	44.00	44.67	86.33
	Matthias Lazarides	40.00	39.00	39.00	39.33	46.00	46.00	45.00	45.67	85.00
	Kendal Wright	38.00	33.00	39.00	36.67	44.00	46.00	43.00	44.33	81.00

Based on the scores from the Preliminary Rounds, **Varun Punnam (Team 10)** from the **Georgetown University Law Center (United States)** was awarded the *Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds Award*.



Varun Punnam, Winner of the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds Award (Team 10)

Quarter-Finals

Each orator received individual scores based on the same scoring criteria as used for the Team Score. The following table gives an overview of the individual scores of each orator of the Quarter-Finals. In the Quarter-Finals, 20 orators competed for the Best Orator of the Quarter-Finals Award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant						Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Total	
12	Alicia Dobronte	40.00	35.00	36.00	32.00	42.00	37.00	37.00
	Emile Saelens							
	Ghislaine Drijkoningen	24.00	31.00	32.00	23.00	32.00	28.40	28.40
23	Nathan Benmeridja	35.00	33.00	32.00	31.00	41.00	34.40	34.40
	Chahat Bhambri	41.00	41.00	41.00	38.00	43.00	40.80	40.80
	Bhumika Bansal	40.00	37.00	35.00	34.00	38.00	36.80	36.80
56	Guarnoor Singh	39.00	31.00	31.00	30.00	36.00	33.40	33.40
	Ian Urungu	48.00	46.00	50.00	49.00	48.00	48.20	48.20
	Isaac Kimeu	48.00	44.00	45.00	46.00	45.00	45.60	45.60
106	Libby Maina							
	Palesa Mampa							
	Arianna Lenghel	38.00	38.00	42.00	34.00		38.00	38.00
	Matthias Lazarides	42.00	44.00	50.00	42.00		44.50	44.50
	Kendal Wright	36.00	33.00	40.00	25.00		33.50	33.50

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent						Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Total	
1	Wilson Liria	42.00	44.00	41.00	45.00	42.00	42.80	42.80
	Melissa Oganga	47.00	47.00	48.00	45.00	45.00	46.40	46.40
	Claudia Wanjiru							
5	Veronika Roi							
	Yelyzaveta Frolkis	46.00	46.00	47.00	45.00		46.00	46.00
	Viktoriia Mytko	43.00	42.00	45.00	44.00		43.50	43.50
	Maryna Opanashchuk							
10	Shreeyanka Luitel	34.00	40.00	39.00	39.00	42.00	38.80	38.80
	Varun Punam	32.00	37.00	38.00	38.00	36.00	36.20	36.20
	Syria Marshalllek	31.00	37.00	33.00	36.00	38.00	35.00	35.00
	Michelle Lee							
21	Farheen Nhavi	41.00	24.00	31.00	27.00	31.00	30.80	30.80
	Raghav Dembla	43.00	38.00	38.00	43.00	36.00	39.60	39.60
	Mohammadmadhi Ghorbaniniya							
	Eshagh Bahadori							

Based on the scores from the Quarter-Finals, **Ian Irungu from Team 56 from the University of Nairobi (Kenya)** was awarded the prize of *Best Orator of the Quarter-Finals*.



Ian Irungu, Winner of the Best Orator of the Quarter-Finals Award (Team 56)

Semi-Finals

Each orator received individual scores based on the same scoring criteria as used for the Team Score. The following table gives an overview of the individual scores awarded to each of the orators of the Semi-Finals. In the Semi-Finals, 11 orators competed for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals Award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant								Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Total	
5	Veronika Roi	25.00	22.00	22.00	24.00	24.00	34.00	35.00	26.57	26.57
	Yelyzaveta Frolkis	22.00	22.00	22.00	24.00	24.00	35.00	33.00	26.00	26.00
	Viktoriiia Mytko	22.00	23.00	22.00	24.00	24.00	34.00	34.00	26.14	26.14
	Maryna Opanashchuk									
56	Ian Urungu	45.00	47.00	42.00	45.00	44.00	46.00	46.00	45.00	45.00
	Isaac Kimeu	47.00	49.00	46.00	46.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	47.43	47.43
	Libby Maina									

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent								Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Total	
12	Alicia Dobronte	42.00	38.00	47.00	42.00	40.00	42.00	37.00	41.14	41.14
	Emile Saelens	32.00	34.00	40.00	35.00	38.00	36.00	36.00	35.86	35.86
	Ghislaïne Drijkoningen	40.00	39.00	45.00	46.00	42.00	43.00	39.00	42.00	42.00
	Nathan Benmeridja									
23	Chahat Bhambri	42.00	44.00	34.00	40.00	45.00	46.00	42.00	41.86	41.86
	Bhumika Bansal	39.00	40.00	30.00	37.00	35.00	43.00	38.00	37.43	37.43
	Guarnoor Singh	35.00	37.00	28.00	36.00	33.00	39.00	33.00	34.43	34.43

Based on the scores from the Semi-Finals, **Isaac Kimeu from Team 56 of the University of Nairobi (Kenya)** was awarded the prize of *Best Orator of the Semi-Finals*.



Isaac Kimeu, Winner of the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals Award (Team 56)

Grand Final

Each orator received individual scores based on the same scoring criteria as used for the Team Score. The following table gives an overview of the individual scores awarded to each of the orators of the Grand Final. In the Grand Final, 5 orators competed for the Best Orator of the Grand Final Award.

Team No.	Team Members	Complainant								Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Total	
56	Ian Urungu	47.00	46.00	46.00	44.00	45.00	46.00	45.00	45.57	45.57
	Isaac Kimeu	48.00	47.00	46.00	46.00	45.00	46.00	46.00	46.29	46.29
	Libby Maina									

Team No.	Team Members	Respondent								Best Orator
		Panellist 1.	Panellist 2.	Panellist 3.	Panellist 4.	Panellist 5.	Panellist 6.	Panellist 7.	Total	
23	Chahat Bhambri	47.00	49.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	46.00	47.00	47.57	47.57
	Bhumika Bansal	40.00	36.00	43.00	42.00	43.00	42.00	42.00	41.14	41.14
	Guarnoor Singh	36.00	30.00	37.00	36.00	39.00	40.00	39.00	36.71	36.71

Based on the scores from the Grand-Final, **Chahat Bhambri from Team 23 of the National Law School of India University, Bangalore (India)** was awarded the prize of *Best Orator of the Grand Final*.



Chahat Bhambri, Winner of the Best Orator of the Grand Final Award (Team 23)

Summary of the Awards

- **Winner:** Team 56 - University of Nairobi (Kenya)
- **Runner-Up:** Team 23 - National Law School of India University, Bangalore (India)
- **Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds:** Varun Punnam, Team 10 Georgetown University Law Center (United States)
- **Best Orator of the Quarter-Finals:** Ian Irungu, Team 56 - University of Nairobi (Kenya)
- **Best Orators of the Semi-Finals:** Isaac Kimeu, Team 56 - University of Nairobi (Kenya)
- **Best Orator of the Grand Final:** Chahat Bhambri, Team 23 - National Law School of India University, Bangalore (India)
- **Best Complainant's Written Submission:** Team 12 - KU Leuven Faculty of Law and Criminology (Belgium)
- **Best Respondent's Written Submission:** Team 34 - Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) - Faculté de Droit et de Criminologie (Belgium)
- **Best Overall Written Submission:** Team 12 - KU Leuven Faculty of Law and Criminology (Belgium)

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Winner's Perspective

If we could describe our experience taking part in the 24th Edition of the John H Jackson Moot Court Competition in just one word, that word would be “exceptional”. Getting the opportunity to represent the University of Nairobi on the global stage was both a privilege and a responsibility, and standing in the final at the World Trade Organization headquarters in Geneva was an experience our team will cherish for years to come.

The competition challenged us in every possible way. From spending grueling months practicing our oral presentations and developing persuasive written submissions, to defending complex legal arguments before distinguished panels, every stage demanded dedication, precision, adaptability, and a deep understanding of both the Case and international trade law. Our team was composed of three ambitious students who had very little prior exposure to International Trade Law. Therefore, in those early moments, we were teetering between anticipation, unease, and the lingering thought that we might be in over our heads, especially considering the fact that the University of Nairobi had never before made it past the Regional Rounds of the Competition.

From the African Regional Rounds in Yaoundé, to the highly competitive World Finals at the WTO Headquarters in Geneva, each stage of the competition presented unique legal and strategic challenges that pushed us to grow not only as students but also as future lawyers.

Beyond the competition itself, one of the most rewarding aspects of the experience was the opportunity to engage with talented students and distinguished panelists from around the world. The exchange of ideas, cultures, and perspectives reminded us that international law is built upon dialogue and cooperation. The friendships we formed and the conversations we shared outside the hearing rooms were just as meaningful as the rounds themselves.

Our team also got the opportunity to travel and explore different parts of the world thanks to this competition. A particularly memorable experience was having to learn to navigate the streets of Geneva, which was a sort of baptism by fire since we almost got late for our first preliminary rounds. We are grateful that we got to experience the Swiss summer, the culture, food, scenery and meet the wonderful Swiss people. The competition not only helped us build ourselves professionally, but also gave us an opportunity to bond as a team.

There is no way to accurately describe the feeling of ecstasy that came with learning that we had made it, first to quarters, then semis and finally the Finals. We spent the night preceding the Final Oral Round practicing with a few light hearted moments here and there, knowing that no matter

what the next day would bring, we had already made our mark in history. When we finally emerged the winners, we felt an overwhelming sense of relief and accomplishment, and a bit of shock since bearing the title of World Champion was not something that we had actually envisioned even in our wildest dreams when we began preparing for the competition 8 months prior.

We are sincerely grateful to ELSA International, and the World Trade Organization for organizing an event of exceptional quality. Every aspect of the competition, from the meticulous planning and warm hospitality to the professionalism of the volunteers, judges, and organizers, reflected a genuine commitment to academic excellence and the development of future practitioners of international trade law. Their dedication created an environment where participants could challenge themselves while feeling welcomed and supported.

This victory belongs not only to our team but also to our faculty, and the University of Nairobi at large, whose support made our journey possible. Their belief in us inspired us to continually strive for excellence.

To future competitors, embrace every moment of the competition. Prepare thoroughly, remain open to learning, and never underestimate the value of teamwork. Winning is undoubtedly a memorable achievement, but the true reward lies in the knowledge gained, the memories made, the friendships forged, the experiences acquired and the confidence developed through the process. Most importantly, ensure you have fun.

We left Geneva with far more than a trophy. We left with lifelong memories, lasting friendships, a renewed passion for international trade law, and immense gratitude for having been part of such a remarkable competition. We hope to see the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition continue to inspire and shape generations of aspiring international lawyers across the world.

Kwaheri Geneva!

Sincerely,

Isaac Kimeu, Ian Irungu and Libby Maina,

Winners of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition



Winners, Team 56 (University of Nairobi, Kenya)

Runners-Up Perspective

Participating in the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition and finishing as Runners-Up was one of the most intense yet rewarding experiences of our time in law school.

While arguing in the atrium of the World Trade Organisation was in itself an amazing feeling, the real value lay in everything that led up to that moment. Representing the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, on a global platform pushed us completely out of our comfort zones and challenged us in ways a regular classroom never could. It was a reminder of how important it is to have voices from the Global South engage with international trade law.

The preparation itself was a massive learning curve. We spent months working through dense WTO texts, trying to make sense of incredibly complex Appellate Body Reports, and building arguments that could withstand scrutiny from the sharpest minds in trade law. It helped us become better researchers and taught us how to think on our feet, stay composed under pressure, and argue with clarity even when things got tough.

We believe that the biggest takeaway for us was learning what real teamwork looks like. Spending that much time together through late nights and constant revisions meant we had to learn to trust each other completely and pull through as a single unit. Somewhere along the way, we also discovered that every team needs an unofficial anthem. We had a team song that we sang before every round, but it became our little ritual and probably kept us calm throughout the stress. Looking back, it wasn't just about preparing arguments or winning rounds; it was about knowing that no matter what happened, the three of us would walk into every room together as a team.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our faculty, seniors, and friends at NLSIU who backed us throughout this entire journey. We would like to specifically thank our coaches, Shambhavi and Smrithi. Beyond their brilliant guidance, they were the sweetest and most supportive mentors we could have asked for.

We're walking away from this not just with a trophy, but with skills and memories that will stick with us long after law school. We are extremely grateful to ELSA and the John H Jackson Moot community for making this experience possible.

Throughout the competition, we had the privilege of interacting with some of the sharpest minds and kindest people who were incredibly approachable and helpful. It is rare to find a competition that challenges you, but also makes you feel welcomed at every step of the way, and it was an honour to be part of this wonderful community.

*Written by Bhumika Bansal, Chabat Bhambri and Gurnoor Singh,
Runner-Up Team of the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition*



Runner-Up Team, Team 23 (National Law School of India University, Bangalore (India))

Best Orator's Perspective

The John H. Jackson Moot has been one of the most formative experiences of my legal education. My journey began through an Open Challenger organised by our University (National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, India) in July 2025 to select the team for the Jackson Moot. Since international trade law is a course offered to us in the last year of our undergraduate programme at NLSIU, being a penultimate-year student, I had no prior grounding, and we taught ourselves the subject from scratch, working through textbooks and the dispute settlement reports within an initial span of two weeks. Subsequently, I was fortunate to be accorded an opportunity to participate in the Jackson Moot. What followed the Open Challenger was an entire year spent analysing and developing arguments around the *Case Engeli – Measures Relating to Critical Minerals* and making some of my fondest memories in law school. Along the way, I have now become friends with people I probably would not have crossed paths with if not for the moot, and I walk away with an intense fascination for a field of law I knew absolutely nothing about barely a year before.

The Jackson Moot helped me push myself to become a better researcher, but an even better speaker. Perhaps the most transformative experience of my journey at the Jackson Moot was learning how to become more receptive to questions and to see them less as interruptions but more as guidance towards a more nuanced argument. While this was not an easy skill to master (owing to my experience as a competitive debater, I have a general tendency to defend my argument instead of revising it), the panellists helped make this task easier. The questions were incredibly challenging and thought-provoking, and it is safe to say that at the end of each round from Regionals to Worlds, I walked away with another idea to brainstorm. But at the same time, the panellists were also extremely patient and kind with their feedback, treating participants as intellectual equals rather than students to be tested. The Jackson Moot provided a space to think critically on my feet, while feeling valued and motivated at every step of the process. I also had to significantly alter my speaking style to suit the diplomatic nature of the Jackson Moot. Since arguments had to be presented while sitting, I spent considerable effort towards making my pleadings more conversational. Overall, the Jackson Moot has reshaped my understanding of critical reasoning and advocacy, and I have realised that to be a good orator, it might be necessary to let go of the script and let the argument evolve in real time.

All of this would not have been possible without the support of the wonderful people in the trade law community; we truly stand on the shoulders of everyone who came before us. I am grateful to the organising team at ELSA, the panellists, and fellow participants who made that week in Geneva such a memorable experience. I want to thank our lovely coaches, Shambhavi and Smrithi, who

helped us tremendously, not just with trade law guidance, but also with incredibly encouraging debrief sessions and feedback. A big thank you to my family and friends — Prabhat, Atulit, Daksh, and Trushil for their support and encouragement throughout this process. I was lucky to have them watch the Final Round Oral Pleading through the YouTube link with their families (mooting is indeed a sport!).

Last, but certainly not least, I am thankful for and in complete awe of my teammates — Gurnoor and Bhumika. From Regional Rounds in Jodhpur to World Rounds at the World Trade Organisation in Geneva, we have truly come a long way. I will always cherish the nights spent conducting internal rounds at 2 a.m., when they asked me some of the sharpest and toughest questions; our team song karaoke moments before every round; and getting on the wrong public transport (not once, but twice!) in Geneva. They made it all worth it, and I could not have asked for a better team to do this with.

Sincerely,

*Written by Chahat Bhambri,
Best Orator of the Grand Final of the 24th Edition
of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition*



Chahat Bhambri, Best Orator of the Grand Final

Coach's Perspective

History never goes in circles, it spirals.

This year, I embraced a new role as a coach of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition team from my *alma mater*, the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. After four years of mooting, the JHJMCC still holds a special place in my heart, being the first international moot court competition I participated in. Becoming a first-time coach while finishing my master's degree seemed challenging at first and sparked some hesitation about whether I was ready to fully take on this responsibility. I believe this feeling of imposter syndrome crawling from your deepest thoughts is familiar to a lot of coaches at the start of their coaching journey. In my case, the situation was also complicated by the two-year gap after the last team from my university (which was mine) participated in the JHJMCC due to the lack of coaches and, subsequently, little prospect of finding a partner in crime to take this mooting adventure with me. "*Am I good enough at this to guide somebody, even more so to do that alone?*" circled a lot in my head, but after some reassurance from my former teammates, I decided that you will never know if you do not try. Well, I tried it, and it turned out to be the experience of a lifetime!

Fate was merciful to me and proved all my fears to be wrong: although being a sole coach, I found two brilliant advisors – Mariia Bykova and Ivan Yefimenko – to support me through the whole journey, and the best team every coach can dream of. It consisted of four extraordinary girls, who every day reminded me through their enthusiasm and dedication why that choice to revive the JHJMCC tradition at my university was definitely the right one: Yelyzaveta Frolkis (Best Orator of the Second European Regional Round Grand Final), Viktoriia Mytko, Maryna Opanashchuk and Veronika Roi. Together, we spent almost a year mastering WTO law – a *terra incognita* for each of them – and, more importantly, building a team that will survive hardships and wins, fatigue and determination, evenings in the libraries and at practice pleadings. The team that will go through this moot, becoming closer than family.

I strongly believe that we succeeded. These four girls, each having their own personal battles as every human being, went through everything and came from the other side more resilient, indomitable and grown, both intellectually and emotionally. They were challenged even by the weather: from submitting memos during the coldest winter in a decade without heating, electricity, or water, to pleading at the WTO in the middle of a heat wave, nothing could have shattered this unique and incredible spirit they brought to this moot. When the late-night preparations feel more like friendly sleepovers, you know that you are doing something right. Eventually, their hard work and our guidance bore fruit: this team first became the Runner-up at their Regional Round and

then proceeded to the Semifinals at the Final Oral Round in Geneva. This is the best result for our university and the second-best for Ukraine.

Fate also had a special sense of humour: three years ago, my team made it to the Quarterfinals from the 5th spot for the first time in the history of my university's participation in the JHJMCC. This year, we also proceeded from the 5th place, playing as the Respondent in the same room as three years ago. It felt even a bit surreal: I watched my team sitting at the same table I pleaded from during my last JHJMCC round. The only difference is that this time we won.

Returning as a coach to the JHJMCC felt like a much-needed reunion with an old but still very close friend. This moot court truly showed me the beauty of WTO law and introduced me to the amazing trade community I am fortunate to still be to some extent a part of as the Legal Expert at the Trade and Economic Section of the EU Delegation to Ukraine. Now, it was my turn to return the favour and get more generations of young lawyers to experience this extraordinary and undoubtedly life-changing opportunity. What I was not expecting when I started my coaching journey was how rewarding and edifying it would turn out to be for me. It gave me valuable lessons about patience, trust, supporting others with means that will be actually helpful to them and making decisions based on what is best for the team, not what feels emotionally right in the moment. To some extent, coaching may resemble parenting, and it is only your choice what kind of parent you want to become: the abandoning one, the one who gets results through pressure and control, or the one who supports their kids in finding their own path of becoming the best versions of themselves.

To all who hesitated before or hesitate right now about taking the responsibility of becoming a coach for the next Edition, just do it! I hope that the story I have just shared will inspire you to overcome that imposter syndrome and try your best to become a coach that you would like to have yourself. Surely, being halfway through, you will find that the moot court (as usual) takes twice as much time and effort as you initially expected. You will see your team in all their shapes and forms: sometimes even at their lowest, but also at their best. And witnessing their progress everyday inch by inch, their tears of joy when proceeding to the next stage of the competition, and even their defeats taken easily because they obtained way more during this moot than the sheer wins will be the most rewarding experience you can get as a professional and as a Mootie!

Now, I patiently wait for what the next Edition of the JHJMCC will bring me, together with a new case, new intellectual challenges and a new team. But this team and this Edition already left an irreplaceable mark on my heart, which I will be forever grateful for!

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(from left to right) Marisa Goldstein, Quentin Baird, Juan Pablo Moya Hoyos

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Michelle Limenta (left) & Alya Mahira (right)

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The John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition is not only made possible due to the incredible contributions by the Participants, Coaches, Panellists, Academic Board Members, and Regional Round Organisers, but in large because of the ELSA International Team Members who dedicate so much time, energy, and knowledge to this Competition.

From corresponding with Panellists and Teams, to checking internal and external documents, to always being there whenever something is needed: we know that this Edition would not have been such a success without them. Therefore, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the amazingly dedicated, competent, and lovely ELSA International Team members that have worked so hard to ensure the success of this year's Edition:

- **Director for the JHJMCC:** Beyza Çakir
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- **Assistant for the Regional Rounds of the JHJMCC outside Europe:** Monica Buțerchi



*The ELSA International Team (from left to right):
Jacek Korzeniewski; Diana Deputat & Monica Buțerchi*

Organising Committee of the Final Oral Round

Additionally, for the Final Oral Round, the ELSA International Team and I needed reinforcement to ensure the smooth organisation of the week in Geneva. This is why I had the honour of having several members of the International Board of ELSA, my colleagues, come and support the team this week as well as some great ELSA members who also decided to help. We also had the great pleasure of having some ELSA International Board members of the Board 2026/2027 who were present to learn in preparation for next year, including my own successor, Caisa. I want to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to all of them.

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Thank you all for joining us on this adventure!



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CONCLUDING REMARKS BY THE HEAD OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

As we bring the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition to a close, I find myself reflecting on a journey that has been both demanding and incredibly rewarding. What began many months ago with the first stages of preparation has grown into a truly global experience, shared by participants, coaches, judges, organisers, partners, and supporters from every corner of the world. Over the past twenty-four years, the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition has established itself as one of the world's leading international moot court competitions in international trade law, providing generations of students with the opportunity to develop their advocacy skills while engaging with the complexities of the WTO legal system.

This year's Edition was particularly special. It was an Edition of newcomers, welcoming more universities, expanding the Competition's reach, and bringing Regional Rounds to new locations for the very first time. Watching this project continue to grow and reach new communities has been one of the greatest privileges of this journey.

From the publication of the Case, through the Regional Rounds across Asia, Europe, Africa and the Americas, to the Final Oral Round, this Edition has once again demonstrated the strength, diversity, and global spirit that define the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition. Beyond the legal arguments and pleadings, this Competition continues to create a space where students from different legal traditions and cultures come together to learn from one another, challenge themselves, and build lasting friendships.

To every participant, thank you for your dedication, resilience, and enthusiasm throughout this journey. Mooting is about far more than winning rounds. It is about developing the confidence to advocate, the discipline to master complex legal issues, and the ability to work collaboratively under pressure. I hope you leave this Competition not only with stronger legal skills, but also with memories and connections that will remain with you long after this Edition.

To the Coaches, Panellists, and trade law professionals who generously shared their time and expertise, thank you. Your commitment is what allows this Competition to maintain the highest standards of academic and professional excellence while inspiring the next generation of international trade lawyers.

My sincere gratitude also goes to our Supporters, Partners and Host institutions whose continued support makes this global project possible. Your trust and collaboration allow the Competition to

connect legal education with the practice of international trade law and to offer students an experience that extends far beyond the classroom.

On a personal note, this Edition has carried a very special meaning for me. My own journey with the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition began during the 22nd Edition, when I had the privilege of being part of the Organising Committee for the 2nd European Regional Round held in Lisbon. To now have had the honour of leading the Competition just two years later feels like a true full-circle moment, one I could never have imagined when I first joined the Organising Committee in Lisbon.

Finally, my deepest gratitude goes to the International Organising Committee and everyone working behind the scenes throughout this Edition. Your professionalism, resilience, and countless hours of work made every Regional Round and every stage of this Competition possible. It has been an honour to work alongside such talented and committed individuals.

As this Edition comes to a close, I do so with immense pride and gratitude. Organising the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my journey, and I hope every participant carries forward the knowledge, confidence, and friendships gained through this experience into their future careers.

To my successor, Caisa, I extend my warmest wishes and every confidence for the journey ahead. The John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition has spent twenty-four years building a remarkable global community dedicated to excellence in international trade law, and I have no doubt that this legacy will continue to grow, reaching even more students, universities, and regions around the world while remaining faithful to the values that have defined this Competition from the very beginning.

With that, I officially close the 24th Edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition. Thank you to everyone who has been part of this remarkable journey, and I look forward to seeing this extraordinary project continue to inspire future generations for many years to come!



With kind regards and a heart full of memories,

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