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FOREWORD

Dear participants, esteemed judges, and valued supporters,

It is my pleasure to present you the Final Report of the 11th edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition (the **Competition**), the world's biggest English-speaking moot court competition on human rights.

As I sit here, reflecting on the remarkable journey that brought us to this moment, I am filled with gratitude for each and every one of you who played a vital role in the success of this year's edition. From the early stages of planning to the Final Oral Round, teams' dedication, passion, and commitment to human rights have been truly inspiring.

Having been involved in the organisation for 4 years, I have witnessed first-hand the remarkable growth and increasing prominence of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition. It has become a platform that attracts talented law students from across Europe, eager to immerse themselves in the intricacies of human rights law. The 11th edition, in particular, has been an interesting journey filled with unforgettable moments.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this Competition has been witnessing the enthusiasm and expertise of our esteemed judges. Their insightful evaluations and constructive feedback have not only enhanced the experience for the participating teams but have also fostered a sense of camaraderie that lies at the heart of this Competition.

Moreover, the vibrant atmosphere of the Competition extended beyond the pleading rooms. It provided a unique opportunity for passionate discussions on human rights, even during informal gatherings and ceremonies. It was a joy to witness the exchange of ideas, the exploration of diverse perspectives, and the formation of lasting connections among the participants. These invaluable interactions have always been an integral part of the Competition, enriching the experience and shaping the future of human rights advocates.

As the world faces numerous challenges, the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition continues to shine as a beacon of hope, reminding us of the immense power of collaboration, empathy, and respect. Events like this enable us to contribute to the creation of a more just world in which (like ELSA is saying) there is respect for human dignity and cultural diversity, as is stated in ELSA's Vision.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the former, current, and future organisers, sponsors, and the wider academic community. Without your unwavering support and tireless efforts, this Competition would not have been the exhilarating roller coaster ride it was, where human rights took centre stage.





As we embark on this new chapter, let us carry the spirit of the 11th edition with us. May the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition serve as a constant reminder that together, we possess the collective power to build a world where human rights are not only upheld but celebrated.

With excitement and anticipation for the future,



Aušra Abraitytė

Director of the 11th edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition



OUR SUPPORTERS

We would like to start by expressing our gratitude to all of the sponsors and supporters of the 11th Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition. Thanks to their support throughout all stages of the Competition, we managed to successfully organise the first edition of the Competition back to a physical format after the Covid-19 Pandemic.

















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ABOUT THE COMPETITION



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

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









In the term 2020/2021, as the Competition was coming close to its 10th anniversary, there were discussions if the Competition should be renamed, perhaps in honour of an important person within the Human Rights field. One of the names being circulated was that of Helga Pedersen.

Helga Pedersen was a Danish judge who had a remarkable and inspirational legal career. She was a student at Slagelse Gymnasium in 1930 and earned her M.Sc. from the University of Copenhagen in 1936. She was Secretary to the Ministers of Justice in Denmark during World War II, and after the war, Pedersen attended Columbia University in New York, which was funded by an International Study Grant from the American Association of University Women.

After returning to Denmark, she became a Copenhagen District Court judge from 1947 to 1950. She was elected to the Danish Parliament in 1950 and was appointed Minister of Justice from 1950 to 1953. She continued to be a Member of Parliament until 1964, when she distinguished herself as an advocate of prison and penal reform and the advancement of women's legal status. During this time, she was also a judge for both the District Court and the Appeals Court. She was later appointed as a judge to the Supreme Court. She was also named chairman of the Danish Women's National Council. In 1950, she participated in the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and served as a delegate at the UNESCO General Assembly.

In 1971, she was appointed as the first female judge at the European Court of Human Rights. Other highly prestigious achievements of Pedersen include being a recipient of a gold medal from the Association of World Peace Through Law, becoming the first female commander of the Order of the Dannebrog. To this day, she serves as a role model to law students across Europe and beyond.

To honour Helga Pedersen, we named this Competition after her.







OVERVIEW OF THE 11^{TH} EDITION OF THE HELGA PEDERSEN MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The 11th edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition was launched on the 9th of September, 2022. The Case was once again written by our returning case authors Slavica Čubrić and Zuzana Kovalova. The Case entitled *Kramer v. Zephyria* was addressing current pressing legal topics such as recognition of same-sex couples, adoption, and surrogacy agreements.

The registration period lasted until the 30th of October, 2022, and by then, 66 teams from 25 countries across Europe had registered. They then had a few days to submit up to 3 clarification questions to the case by the 13th of November. The questions were then sent to the case authors, whose answers were then sent out to the teams and made publicly available on the website of the Competition.

The next step was for the teams to submit their Written Submissions on behalf of the Applicant and Respondent in the matter. Out of the 66 registered teams, 57 teams had fulfilled all requirements and successfully submitted their Written Submissions by the deadline on the 15th of December. These Written Submissions were then scored by a group of human rights experts. Each Written Submission is scored two times by four different experts (2 scores for Applicant and 2 scores for Respondent) and the team score is the average score out of these four. This score is then combined with the Penalty Scoring done by the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition team. The Penalties are based on the list from the Rules of the Competition and check for formalistic errors, plagiarism, and other Rule violations.





Teams that fulfil the requirements and submit their Written Submissions get the chance to showcase their Oral Pleadings skills in one of three Regional Rounds. This year, we had the privilege of organising the Regional Rounds in person for the first time since the start of the pandemic. They were organised by National and Local ELSA Groups. The first Regional Round was organised in Maastricht, the Netherlands, by ELSA Maastricht between 3-5 February 2023; the second one in Birmingham, the United Kingdom, by ELSA Birmingham between 17-19 February 2023; and the third final one was organised in Tbilisi, Georgia, by ELSA Georgia between 24-26 February 2023.

During the Regional Rounds, the teams plead twice during the span of three days, once on behalf of the Applicant and once on behalf of the Respondent. Each pleading is observed and judged by a Bench of three human rights experts serving as Judges. We wish to express our congratulations and gratitude to ELSA Maastricht, ELSA Birmingham, and ELSA Georgia for their hard work and successful organisation of these Regional Rounds. They created a great environment in which teams had the chance to demonstrate their oral pleading skills, learn from experts within the field, as well as learn from each other and get to know fellow students that share their interest in human rights law. We of course also express our thanks to the Judges who took time out of their weekends to provide feedback to the teams and helped ensure the event's academic quality.

Based on the Written Submission scores and the Regional Round Oral Pleading scores, the best 18 teams were selected to compete in the Final Oral Round in the beautiful city of Strasbourg. This year, the Final Oral Round took place between 22-26 May 2023 and, as always, we welcomed the teams to the Council of Europe for the Preliminary Rounds and the Qualifying Rounds and to the European Court of Human Rights for the Grand Final.





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

You may read more about the different stages of the Competition in the following sections of this report.





WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

The first challenge the teams face in the HPMCC is to submit their Written Submissions. Each team has to submit two Written Submissions; one on behalf of the Applicant and one on behalf of the Respondent. This stage is mandatory in order to be eligible to participate in the oral Regional Rounds. The score is later used together with the Regional Round scores to determine the 18 teams that qualify for the Final Oral Round.

For the 11th edition, 57 out of 66 teams submitted their Written Submissions within the deadline set by ELSA International on the 15th of December. Then, 35 experts within the human rights field were generous enough to conduct the scoring of each Written Submission.

ELSA International organises two stages of scoring the Written Submissions to ensure that all submissions are scored twice. This year, the first round of scoring took place between the 5th and 26th of January, 2023, and the second round between the 2nd and 23rd of February, 2023.

We would like to take the opportunity to express our appreciation to Gulara Abdullayeva, Inga Abramavičiūtė, Daniel Andras Karsai, Francesca Camilleri Vettiger, Irina Chepaykina, Jonas Christoffersen, Slavica Cubric, Ana Dangova Hug, Ayşe Dicle Ergin, Šárka Dušková, Dovilė Gailiūtė-Janušonė, Piers Gardner, Oana Girlescu, Hildur Hjovar, Jerome Joseph, Kresimir Kamber, Jan Kratochvil, Zuzana Kovalova, Katerina Lazana, Diana Lupu, Anna Maralyan, Jeremy McBride, Aleksandra Mezykowska, Simon Palmer, Victoria Prais, Matylda Pogorzelska, Emiliya Ramazanova, Rafał Sokół, Ekaterina Sokur, Alexandra Suchkova, Mihail Stojanoski, Kristaps Tamužs, and Dmytro Tretyakov. Thank you for taking the time to read through and score the Written Submissions of all teams. We hope you had an interesting read!

The Written Submissions were scored on four criteria, each weighing 25% of the written submission score. These criteria were:

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

In addition to fulfilling the criteria set out above, teams also had to format the Written Submissions to comply with the criteria set out in the Rules of the 11th HPMCC. The ELSA International team conducted the so-called "penalty scoring", where, based on the formal requirements in the Rules, points were deducted from the overall score for Rule infractions. This is marked as PA (Penalty Applicant) and PR (Penalty Respondent) in the formula in Appendix A.





The Written Submissions scores were scored in accordance with the formula that can be found in Appendix A of the Rules of the 11^{th} HPMCC, as well as an Appendix to this report.

cores of the Written Round are demonstrated below:

		Appl	licant			Respo	ondent		
Team No.	Judge 1	Judge 2	Penalties	Total	Judge 1	Judge 2	Penalties	Total	Total Score
1									
2	30.25	29.25	1.5	29.000	17.75	20.00	1.5	18.125	23.563
3	31.75	38.25	1	34.500	36.00	29.00	0.5	32.250	33.375
4	27.25	20.00	0.5	23.375	28.50	22.00	0.5	25.000	24.188
5	37.75	23.75	3	29.250	31.75	32.75	3	30.750	30.000
6	27.00	27.50	3.5	25.500	30.00	32.75	3.5	29.625	27.563
7	32.00	36.00	0	34.000	34.75	33.50	0	34.125	34.063
8	20.00	20.25	2.5	18.875	0.00	18.75	3.5	7.625	13.250
9	16.00	25.25	2.5	19.375	33.00	32.50	2	31.750	25.563
10	13.25	38.00	1.5	24.875	31.00	37.50	1.5	33.500	29.188
11	35.00	30.75	1	32.375	9.75	33.00	1	20.875	26.625
12	27.25	23.75	0.5	25.250	17.25	31.25	0.5	24.000	24.625
13	17.00	12.25	1.5	13.875	20.00	22.75	0.5	21.125	17.500
14									
15	33.00	30.00	1.5	30.750	32.00	35.75	1	33.375	32.063
16	30.00	34.25	1	31.625	35.00	35.00	2	34.000	32.813
17	31.75	35.25	0.5	33.250	37.00	32.25	1.5	33.875	33.563
18	29.25	34.75	1	31.500	32.50	30.00	1.5	30.500	31.000
19	37.50	39.75	1.5	37.875	20.00	20.50	1	19.750	28.813
20	33.50	38.50	1.5	35.250	36.50	30.00	1.5	32.500	33.875
21	29.75	35.00	1.5	31.625	14.00	35.00	1.5	23.750	27.688
22	31.50	20.00	0.5	25.500	34.00	35.75	1.5	34.125	29.813
23	19.50	27.50	1.5	22.750	19.25	20.00	1	19.125	20.938
24	13.75	35.50	2	23.625	22.00	38.25	2	29.125	26.375
25	21.75	33.25	3	26.000	36.00	35.00	2.5	34.250	30.125
26	20.00	27.75	3.5	22.125	18.50	20.75	3.5	17.875	20.000
27	20.00	38.50	1	28.750	37.25	25.00	1	30.625	29.688
28	20.75	11.25	4.5	13.750	5.00	2.00	4	1.500	7.625
29	28.00	33.75	1.5	30.125	28.50	20.50	1.5	23.750	26.938
30	24.00	32.25	1	27.625	29.75	25.75	1.5	27.000	27.313
31	15.25	36.25	2	24.750	19.50	27.75	2	22.625	23.688
32	23.00	34.50	2	27.750	24.50	24.25	1	23.875	25.813
33	35.25	33.00	1.5	33.375	17.25	38.75	1	27.500	30.438
34	30.25	17.50	2	22.875	22.50	28.75	2	24.625	23.750
35	32.50	38.00	1.5	34.500	31.25	32.50	1.5	31.125	32.813

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36	34.25	20.00	2	26.125	31.50	26.00	2	27.750	26.938
37	34.00	37.50	1.5	35.000	35.00	24.25	1.5	28.875	31.938
38	23.50	24.50	2	23.000	12.50	32.25	2.5	21.125	22.063
39	36.00	33.00	1	34.000	20.00	30.00	1	24.500	29.250
40	12.00	35.75	0.5	23.625	25.00	35.00	0.5	29.750	26.688
41	17.00	35.25	1.5	25.375	19.00	26.25	2	21.625	23.500
42	30.25	12.00	2	20.125	26.00	21.50	1.5	23.000	21.563
43									
44	32.50	33.00	2	31.750	25.25	28.00	2.5	25.375	28.563
45	22.25	26.25	2	23.250	31.50	9.75	2.5	19.375	21.313
46	22.50	14.25	5	15.875	16.75	21.00	4	16.875	16.375
47	21.75	25.50	3.5	21.875	35.25	27.50	3.5	29.625	25.750
48	20.50	10.50	3	14.000	19.50	20.50	2.5	18.750	16.375
49	18.00	16.00	1.5	16.250	29.50	27.75	1.5	27.875	22.063
50	23.25	35.25	1.5	28.500	26.25	32.00	1.5	28.375	28.438
51	26.75	19.25	1.5	22.250	28.75	29.00	2.5	27.625	24.938
52	18.75	22.50	1.5	19.875	29.50	16.25	1.5	22.125	21.000
53	28.00	29.00	1.5	27.750	23.00	33.00	1.5	27.250	27.500
54	37.00	23.25	3.5	28.375	29.25	16.50	3	21.375	24.875
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56	37.50	28.75	1.5	32.375	19.50	21.50	1	20.000	26.188
57									
58	26.00	31.00	2	27.500	36.25	34.75	1	35.000	31.250
59	15.00	31.00	1.5	22.250	37.50	16.00	2	25.750	24.000
60	12.00	24.50	2	17.250	23.25	36.00	2	28.625	22.938
61	28.25	34.75	1.5	30.750	23.00	13.25	2	17.125	23.938
62									
63	8.25	30.75	5	17.000	18.00	20.75	2	18.375	17.688
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65									
66									

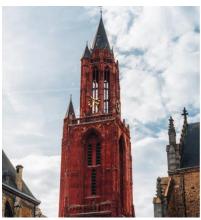
Based on the scores, Team 19 from the University of Passau (Germany) was awarded the prize for the Best Applicant Written Submission, while Team 58 from IE University (Spain) was awarded the prize for the Best Respondent Written Submission.



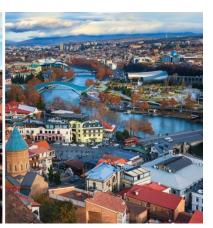
REGIONAL ROUNDS

Teams who submitted their Written Submissions on time move to the second stage of the Competition - Regional Rounds. There they present their legal arguments orally in front of the 3 members Bench of human rights experts. Regional Rounds are weighing 50% of the Qualification score to the Final Oral Round.

53 teams participated in one of three Regional Rounds, randomly assigned. The Regional Rounds were organised in Maastricht, the Netherlands; Birmingham, the United Kingdom; and Tbilisi, Georgia in the month of February 2023. Each Regional Round took place over three days and consisted of the Opening Ceremony, and Academic Programme on the first day, while two other days were reserved for the Oral Pleadings. Finally, each Regional Round ended with an Awards Ceremony on the evening of the third and final day, during which we handed out the prizes for the Best Team and the Best Orator of the Regional Round. Other awards were handed out at the discretion of the Regional Round Organisers together with ELSA International.







Each team participating in the Regional Rounds had the chance of pleading twice – once on behalf of the Applicant party and once on behalf of the Respondent party and was scored on four criteria mirroring the ones for the Written Submissions, namely:

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

The calculation of the Scores was done in accordance with the formula found in Appendix A of the Rules of the 11th HPMCC which can also be found as an Appendix to this Report.



REGIONAL ROUND MAASTRICHT

ABOUT THE REGIONAL ROUND

The first Regional Round of the 11th HPMCC was organised by ELSA Maastricht from 3-5 February 2023. A total of 17 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round: Riga Graduate School of Law (Latvia), Ukrainian Catholic University, (Ukraine), University of Graz (Austria), University of Latvia (Latvia), University of Lucerne (Switzerland), University of Silesia in Katowice (Poland), Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg (Germany), University of Antwerp (Belgium), Utrecht University (the Netherlands), ESADE Law School (Spain), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece), Leiden University (the Netherlands), Tilburg University (the Netherlands), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), The Adam Mickiewicz University (Poland), Durham University (the United Kingdom), and University of Warsaw (Poland).

Regional Round Maastricht was supported by 18 judges and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Rosanne Van Alebeek, Koen Lemmens, Hanxu Liu, Mihnea Novac, Ruben Tans, Aikaterini Tsampi, Elif Durmuş, Eleonora Di Franco, Naz Yilancioglu, Pola Cebulak, Sarah Thin, Jennifer Sellin, Alexandre Skander Galand, Mihnea Novac, Gianclaudio Malgieri, Jana Trifunović, Hana van Ooijen, and Diana Odier-Contreras Garduno for their massive contribution to the organisation and academic quality of the Regional Round Maastricht.





AN ORGANISERS PERSPECTIVE

The Maastricht Regional Round of the 11th edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, took place from the 3rd to the 5th of February 2023. The round was the first in-person HPMCC Regional Round since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and it counted with the participation of 17 teams representing different law faculties from all over the European continent. We also had the great privilege of welcoming 18 judges not only from Maastricht but also several different law faculties from throughout the Netherlands and even other European countries.

The organising committee was headed by Tomás Neves dos Santos and Calvinca Poerawinata and composed of Hasan Ismayil, Ophelia Johnson, Emily Kautto, Michela Spampinato, Olivia Mokko, Tamara Oprimovic (Marketing), and Dora Budimir (Social Events). The organisation of the round was further supported by the HPMCC Team from ELSA International, a variety of volunteer time-keepers, the boards of ELSA Maastricht and ELSA the Netherlands, as well as Maastricht University.

The Regional Round started on Friday afternoon at Maastricht University Faculty of Law with the Opening Ceremony as well as an Academic Programme consisting of a workshop on mooting conducted by a Trainer from ELSA Groningen, Anca-Ana Sampetrean. After the workshop, the teams proceeded to have dinner at the local restaurant, PizzaBakkers. With the end of dinner, the first day of the HPMCC Regional Round was wrapped-up.





The second day, and first day of pleadings, had a somewhat hectic start with ensuring that all the judges, participants, timekeepers, and correct documentation were in their designated mooting halls. That said, all the rounds started on-time and the rest of the rounds throughout the weekend ran rather smoothly. After the morning rounds, lunch was served to the participants from a local sandwich shop called Levantini. The pitas that were provided to the participants, judges, and organisers were 'a hit' with one of the judges even stating, "Whenever I come to the Netherlands, the lunch tends to be quite bland but this is delicious.". The two afternoon rounds ran smoothly with the exception of a small incident caused by confusion of one of the judges in relation to the rules of the Moot Court. This was, at the time, addressed and dealt with by the Vice President in charge of Competitions of ELSA International. The day finished with a social event at a local restaurant where participants got to enjoy a relaxed environment with an open bar and tried a variety of typical Dutch snacks.



The pleadings on the final day ran smoothly. Lunch was, once again, served by Levantini. Once the pleadings were finished, the International Team of HPMCC took some time to count the scores of the Regional Round. After the scoring was finished, the closing ceremony took place and awards for both 'Best Team' as well as 'Best Speaker' for the Regional Round were handed out. The day, and Regional Round, were finished with a dinner for participants at PizzaBakkers.

ELSA Maastricht could not be prouder to have had the opportunity to host such the Regional Round of this flagship project. We truly appreciate all of those involved and hope that we matched the expectations of all of the participants!

Written by Tomás Neves dos Santos, Vice President in charge of Competitions of ELSA Maastricht 2022/2023, Head of Organising Committee of Regional Round Maastricht





RESULTS

TEAMS SCORES

The teams got the chance to plead twice - once as Applicant and once as Respondent. They were scored on their overall performance as a team by three independent human rights experts. The Regional Round scoring formula can be found in Appendix A of the Rules of the 11th HPMCC.

Please find the Team scores in the table below:

		Appl	icant			Respo	ndent		
Team No.	J1	J2	J3	Total	J1	J2	J3	Total	Total
2	29.25	31.00	30.00	30.08	31.75	29.00	31.00	30.58	30.33
3	15.00	18.00	17.50	16.83	24.50	26.00	25.00	25.17	21.00
11	30.00	30.00	33.00	31.00	34.25	31.00	33.75	33.00	32.00
18	29.50	32.25	31.55	31.10	26.25	33.50	29.25	29.67	30.38
20	37.00	38.00	36.50	37.17	32.75	32.25	34.75	33.25	35.21
21	30.00	30.00	30.25	30.08	17.50	19.00	18.25	18.25	24.17
24	25.00	23.25	21.25	23.17	26.25	27.75	28.00	27.33	25.25
25	35.00	32.75	33.50	33.75	27.00	29.75	22.25	26.33	30.04
30	35.75	35.25	32.50	34.50	30.00	30.75	26.50	29.08	31.79
33	29.00	29.50	27.50	28.67	30.50	24.25	23.75	26.17	27.42
36	34.50	23.75	29.25	29.17	31.50	32.00	31.50	31.67	30.42
41	30.75	30.00	30.25	30.33	27.50	20.75	32.00	26.75	28.54
45	30.00	38.25	20.50	29.58	28.25	27.25	29.00	28.17	28.88
51	27.00	31.00	32.00	30.00	31.00	31.00	33.00	31.67	30.83
56	27.50	28.50	28.50	28.17	27.75	28.25	27.75	27.92	28.04
61	34.25	31.25	34.25	33.25	23.00	21.75	24.50	23.08	28.17
63	18.75	18.00	20.00	18.92	24.25	20.00	30.00	24.75	21.83

Based on the Regional Round scores, **Team 20 from the University of Lucerne (Switzerland) got awarded Best Team** prize of the Regional Round Maastricht.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES

In addition to being scored as a team, each orator was scored individually. Only team members who pleaded as both Applicant and Respondent had the chance to compete for the Best Orator prize of Regional Round Maastricht. Please find the Individual scores in the table below:



Team			Apj	plican	t		Resp	onde	nt	Best
No.	Team Members	J1	J2	J3	Total	J1	J2	J3	Total	Orator
2	Valērija Ruta Hartmane	31.25	30.50	31.50	31.08	33.00	29.00	31.75	31.25	31.17
2	Elīna Greine	31.00	30.25	31.00	30.75	32.50	30.00	30.00	30.83	30.79
2	Elīna Rancāne	29.50	26.25	28.50	28.08	31.00	28.00	31.00	30.00	29.04
2	Ketija Lorēna Kaļva	29.75	29.00	29.00	29.25	30.50	30.00	30.00	30.17	29.71
3	Anna Kis	14.25	15.75	12.50	14.17					
3	Adriana Anzhela Hrystyna	20.25	20.75	19.50	20.17					
3	Anastasiia Bura					25.00	26.00	26.00	25.67	
3	Andrii Dubouyi					20.00	25.75	24.00	23.25	
11	Dimitar Draganov	31.00	31.00	29.75	30.58	33.75	30.50	33.75	32.67	31.63
11	Amila Mrkonja	30.00	30.00	32.75	30.92	34.25	31.50	33.50	33.08	32.00
11	Helena Lewis	32.00	32.00	35.50	33.17	34.25	31.00	32.75	32.67	32.92
18	Everts Krauklis	30.50	33.00	32.75	32.08					
18	Emīlija Branda	29.00		29.50	30.17					
18	Beāte Petrone					34.00	36.50	29.50	33.33	
18	Artūrs Šuspāns					19.00		_	26.17	
20	Eliane Lisibach	36.50	37.25	37.00	36.92					i
20	Livia Keller		37.50		36.83					
20	Malin Bolliger		-	01100	-	32.50	32.50	34.75	33.25	
20	Rebecca Carla Ricci					32.00	_	34.75	33.00	
21	Nikola Lewicka	30.00	31.00	32.00	31.00	18.75	22.00	20.00	20.25	25.63
21	Kamil Wojnicz	29.00		30.00	29.67			17.50	17.58	23.63
21	Cezary Malinowski	36.50			31.50	17.25		17.50	17.58	24.54
21	Konrad Galysa	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	17.67	23.33
24	Malte Meyer	25.00	23.25	20.50	22.92	33.25	32.50	30.50	32.08	27.50
24	Tabea Schicktanz	25.00	21.50	-	22.50			25.00	23.92	23.21
24	Yamuna Bochmann	25.00	24.00	_	23.75	22.25		25.00	24.08	23.92
25	Victoria t'Serstevens	35.00	32.50	33.50	33.67					
25	Tugba Güney		31.75		33.25					
25	Kaat Goossens				00.20	25.50	31.25	23.50	26.75	
25	Luísa Rodrigues Rocha						28.25	_	25.42	
30	Katharina Behr	37.00	33.50	33.50	34.67					i
30	Buse Karataş		33.50		33.17					
30	Firdes Shevket					29.50	30.00	25.50	28.33	
30	Valeriia Privalova						30.75		29.08	
33	Carmen Caballero García	29.00	30.00	28.00	29.00					İ
33	Emma Reitg Gil	_	29.25	-	28.42					
33	Carlos Vázquez Parra					31.50	24.75	38.00	31.42	
33	Heidi López Herbert					27.00	20.00	28.75	25.25	
36	Anastasios Nousios	27.75	36.50	27.00	30.42	31.00	30.00	29.75	30.25	30.33
36	Iana Nazarenko	_	31.00		29.33			30.75	31.42	30.38
36	Evdoxia Rarri			31.00	30.25			30.50	32.33	31.29

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41	Melissa Durante	30.00	30.00	30.25	30.08					
41	Kushvar Babayeva	32.00	31.50	30.25	31.25					
41	Jared Green					27.00	31.25	32.75	30.33	
41	Farhan Siddique					28.00	30.50		30.00	
45	Ramail Raja	38.75	30.25	15.00	28.00	28.25	27.50	28.50	28.08	28.04
45	Maria Costea	29.25	26.50	14.75	23.50					
45	Nikola Grochowska	39.50		21.25	30.25	27.50	26.50	28.00	27.33	28.79
45	Hanga Pásztor	37.80	50.00	21120	00.20	28.50	28.00	29.25	28.58	
			2150		44.00	_				32.21
51	Nika Sluga	32.00		32.75	33.08	30.00		30.00	31.33	
51	Lucija Mežek	29.25		31.50	32.00	32.00		37.50	33.50	32.75
51	Lucija Malovrh	23.00	_	29.50	26.25	29.00	28.00	_	26.83	26.54
51	Rok Vidmar	23.00	28.75	31.75	27.83	31.00	30.00	36.50	32.50	30.17
56	Zuzana Kowalska	31.00	33.00	30.50	31.50	29.50	30.00	30.00	29.83	30.67
56	Aleksandra Sereda	25.50	22.25	24.75	24.17	24.50	25.75	25.50	25.25	24.71
56	Jan Minksztym	27.50	29.00	28.00	28.17	29.00	27.25	27.75	28.00	28.08
	Vindhyashree Haribhairavi									
61	Ravichandran	34.75	30.25	33.75	32.92	22.50	20.25	23.50	22.08	27.50
61	Isabel Sanchis Ros	35.25	32.25	35.75	34.42	22.25	22.75	23.50	22.83	28.63
61	Akirha Skeete-Simpson	30.25	31.25	33.00	31.50	21.00	20.50	23.50	21.67	26.58
63	Bartosz Czarnecki	18.75	18.00	18.25	18.33					
63	Patryk Grochowski	18.50	17.50	17.50	17.83					
63	Magdalena Oskiera					23.75	15.50	29.75	23.00	
63	Beata Skrzyńska					24.25	19.25		24.50	
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29 orators qualified for the Best Orator prize and based on the scores, Helena Lewis from team 11 from the University of Graz (Austria) and Lucija Mežek from team 51 from University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) were awarded the prize for the Best Orator of the Maastricht Regional Round.



REGIONAL ROUND BIRMINGHAM

ABOUT THE REGIONAL ROUND

The second Regional Round of the 11th HPMCC was organised by ELSA Birmingham from 17-19 February 2023. A total of 17 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round: ZHAW (Switzerland), Carlos III University of Madrid (Spain), Vienna University of Economics and Business (Austria), University of Reading (the United Kingdom), University of Glasgow (the United Kingdom), University of Birmingham (the United Kingdom), University of London (the United Kingdom), Université Catholique de Lille (France), The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn (the United Kingdom), Université Saint-Louis-Bruxelles (Belgium), University of Oxford (the United Kingdom), The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece), Queen Mary University of London (United Kingdom), University of Law, Manchester Campus (United Kingdom), University of Southampton (the United Kingdom), Universidade de Coimbra (Portugal), and University of Bergen (Norway).

Regional Round Birmingham was supported by 30 judges and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Dmytro Tretyakov, Ben Warwick, Martin Kopa, Piers Gardner, Svetlana Crvenkoska, Lovleen Bhullar, Alexander Latham-Gambi, Daniel Karsai, Angela Eggleton, Alexandra Suchkova, Nika Bruskina, Eoin Campbell, Celine Hocquet, Brid Holden, Anastasia Shadarova, Natasa Mavronicola, Adbifatah Issa, Shazada Yasin, Zuzana Kovalova, Andrea Preziosi, Nelson Enonchong, Theresa Lynch, Quacy Thomas, Demet Caltekin, Edina Harbinja, Philip Oamen, Duncan Smith, Emily Powell, Emily Tan Peiqi, and Natalia Sparatu for the time and expertise they contributed to the organisation and academic quality of the Regional Round Birmingham.





AN ORGANISERS PERSPECTIVE

Hosting a Regional Round of the 11th Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition was an incredibly fulfilling experience, and one that ELSA Birmingham will never forget. As a Local Group, we began preparing our application to host in February 2022. We wanted to present a competitive and qualitative application, and we wanted to prove our financial competence. We were successful in receiving a sizable grant from the University of Birmingham Alumni Impact Fund, and from there we worked as a Committee on drafting our application to host this competition. Following many meetings with ELSA International and the ELSA Birmingham Committee, we signed our hosting agreement in September 2022 and from then on commenced planning the Birmingham Regional Round.

As a Committee, we understood the significance in hosting this competition; it would be the largest event that ELSA Birmingham would have organised, it would be the first-ever Regional Round in the United Kingdom in the competition's history, and it would mark a return to in-person competitions for ELSA. Despite the pressure we felt, we were determined to dedicate our time to organising the Birmingham Regional Round to the best of our ability. In order to accomplish our goals, we knew that we required more support and turned to the Birmingham Law School. The Birmingham Law School generously supported us through in-kind contributions, venue provision, and staff support. Their help was invaluable and instrumental to the success of the Birmingham Regional Round.

One of the more pressing challenges that we overcame included finding judges for the competition, as the United Kingdom was facing some of the largest waves of industrial action within the Regional Round timeframe, which prevented many academics from involving themselves. We decided to invite judges to participate online, and offer a hybrid judging experience. With the help of ELSA International, we were able to acquire enough judges to support the competition. Our judges consisted of past participants, human rights experts, and legal professionals from across Birmingham.







On February 17th, we hosted our Opening Ceremony at the University of Birmingham, which is a leading Russell Group and red-brick University. We received teams with tote bags and welcomes in the Birmingham Law School mezzanine. We were fortunate to welcome Dr Ben Warwick and Dr Meghan Campbell to speak on the importance of human rights and mooting at our Academic Program. As Readers in Human Rights Law at the Birmingham Law School and Associates of the Oxford Human Rights Hub, we felt they were best suited to provide words of wisdom and encouragement to teams. Following the Academic Programme, we organised a tour of the campus grounds, including a visit to 'Old Joe,' the tallest freestanding clock tower in the world. We were proud to support a local business, Hey Brew, as our dinner venue, where teams were able to dine on pizza and sip on prosecco while mingling with each other.





On February 18th and 19th, we welcomed teams to The Exchange by the University of Birmingham, a historical municipal bank transformed into an events centre in the heart of the Birmingham City Centre. It was here that teams were able to find practice spaces, enjoy refreshments, and view exhibits. We documented moments and shared the experiences of teams on our Instagram page, and made sure to highlight the weekend for future viewers. Our Closing Ceremony was accompanied by lunch at The Exchange so that judges could also experience the community and bonds that were forming throughout the competition, and we finished our evening at The Cosy Club, showcasing the famous Birmingham canals. We awarded prizes for the Most ELSA Spirited Team (Team 26), Best Orator (Team 12), and Best Team (Team 12), and continued to celebrate the end of the Regional Round with dancing, and good food.







Organising the Birmingham Regional Round was a transformative experience. In the months leading up to the competition weekend, our Committee faced many challenges. There were moments where we doubted our competence, or problems felt too difficult to face, but we surpassed all of them through working together. A word of advice to future planners: don't panic, and learn how to adapt to your circumstances.

The importance of hosting the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition does not lie within the potential praise or accolades that one could receive, but rather in what hosting the event does; we facilitated new relationships for people and were able to introduce them to other ELSA opportunities. We strengthened our own Committee relationship, and we created volunteering opportunities for our members. It is through hosting an event of this scale that one can truly grasp the necessity of the ELSA community and how essential it is to contribute to it. I am glad to have been given the opportunity to play a part in the continuation of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition, and I am incredibly proud of how the Birmingham Regional Round turned out.

ELSA Birmingham is honoured to have been a host of this competition. I would like to thank our judges, many of whom filled in at the last minute and dedicated their weekend to the participants. Thank you to our ELSA Birmingham members who volunteered as timekeepers and stewards. Finally, I would like to thank my wonderful ELSA Birmingham Committee: Priya Thakkar Duru Utku, Leon Mihelcic, Amrit Sohi, Michal Plihal, and Meenal Senthil for their tireless commitment to this project. I know we will never forget this experience.

Written by Bethany Game, President of ELSA Birmingham 2022/2023, and Head of Organisation of Regional Round Birmingham.





RESULTS

TEAM SCORES

The teams got the chance to plead twice - once as Applicant and once as Respondent. They were scored on their overall performance as a team by three independent human rights experts. The Regional Round scoring formula can be found in Appendix A of the Rules of the 11th HPMCC.

Please find the Team scores in the table below:

		Appl	icant			Respo	ndent		
Team No.	J1	J2	J3	Total	J1	J2	J3	Total	Total
4	25.00	23.50	28.50	25.67	33.50	35.50	33.25	34.08	29.88
5	27.50	26.50	21.25	25.08	34.50	33.75	31.00	33.08	29.08
7	28.75	31.25	36.00	32.00	33.25	34.50	35.75	34.50	33.25
8	12.25	22.75	23.00	19.33	30.75	28.50	27.50	28.92	24.13
10	35.75	32.25	34.75	34.25	35.25	21.50	31.00	29.25	31.75
12	34.50	31.00	34.50	33.33	36.25	34.75	35.25	35.42	34.38
22	39.50	27.50	24.00	30.33	36.25	37.75	35.00	36.33	33.33
28	22.50	17.75	22.75	21.00	18.50	9.75	20.00	16.08	18.54
29	35.25	32.50	34.00	33.92	30.75	30.00	28.00	29.58	31.75
32	28.25	23.00	29.00	26.75	40.00	29.00	23.00	30.67	28.71
35	31.50	37.75	33.75	34.33	33.25	30.75	31.75	31.92	33.13
39	33.25	28.75	30.00	30.67	34.50	35.50	31.00	33.67	32.17
42	14.75	20.50	20.00	18.42	30.25	29.50	36.45	32.07	25.24
47	23.25	35.00	30.42	29.56	35.00	37.25	32.50	34.92	32.24
48	17.50	18.00	10.75	15.42	10.25	21.75	17.50	16.50	15.96
49	25.50	24.75	15.50	21.92	11.00	18.75	31.25	20.33	21.13
53	34.00	33.00	30.00	32.33	30.00	27.75	24.75	27.50	29.92

Based on the Regional Round scores, **Team 12 from the University of Birmingham (the United Kingdom)** got awarded **Best Team prize of the Regional Round Birmingham**.

The Regional Round Organisers also decided to award a team an award for the **Best Team Spirit**, which was awarded to **Team 28 from Université Catholique de Lille (France)**.



INDIVIDUAL SCORES

In addition to being scored as a team, each orator was scored individually. Only team members who pleaded as both Applicant and Respondent had the chance to compete for the Best Orator prize of Regional Round Birmingham. Please find the Individual scores in the table below:

Team			App	plican	t		Resp	onde	nt	Best
No.	Team Members	J1	J2	J3	Total	J1	J2	J3	Total	Orator
4	Olivia Meier	24.25	28.75	25.25	26.08	34.00	35.75	34.00	34.58	30.33
4	Cynthia Crestani	25.75	31.25	23.00	26.67	33.50	35.75	34.00	34.42	30.54
4	Nadine Kech	25.25	25.00	21.75	24.00	33.50	36.50	33.75	34.58	29.29
4	Daniela Schaffner									l
5	Fernando Álvarez-Quiñones Lozano Gonzalo García Núñez		19.00 30.75	_	20.67	_	33.50 35.50	_	32.83 33.92	26.75 30.92
7	Katharina Hysek		32.50		33.17				-	
7	Martina Gabriel		31.00	_	31.92					
7	Nina Schmidt	27.23	31.00	33.30	31.72	34 50	33.00	35.00	34.17	
7	Flavia Wiedemann					_	31.75	_	33.75	
	M II	10.00	20.50	11.05	16.50				-	i
8	Megan Harmse Olivia Taylor		20.50	_	16.58 21.92					
8	Michael Crone	20.75	25.50	13.50	21.92	27.50	30.75	28.00	28.75	
8	Kaleem-Ahmad Mensah						30.75		27.75	
10		24.75	33.50	25.00	24.42					i
10	Kim Steffens Rusudan Shashikadze	35.75	33.00	_	34.42 35.25					
10	Humaira Anjun	35./5	33.00	37.00	35.25	25.00	21.50	21.00	29.17	
10	Paula Lütje					35.00	31.75	_	32.67	
	,									22.21
12	Dina Kawar		33.75	_	32.92	35.50		35.00	33.50	33.21 34.92
12	Karolina Sierpien		35.50	_	35.25	34.25		37.50	34.58	31.75
12	Hannah Bentwood	=	32.50		30.08	33./3	30.75	33./3	33.42	31./5
22	André Barrette-Moore	40.00	30.00	_	31.33					
22	Prune Recoules	36.00	26.50	24.00	28.83					
22	Lucy Stock						39.00	_	36.92	
22	Ella Higgs-Sharrock					34.75	39.50	38.75	37.67	
28	Agatha Devillers	24.50	17.25	22.00	21.25	9.50	20.50	20.00	16.67	18.96
28	Mathias Bonnel		17.25	_	22.67	9.50	_	20.00	15.17	18.92
28	Léa Girault	11.25	19.00	22.50	17.58	6.75	15.00	20.00	13.92	15.75

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29	Jessica Muurman	35.25	35.25	33.25	34.58					
29	Allison Hochhalter	35.50	34.00	34.25	34.58					
29	William Knatchbull					24.50	25.00	21.50	23.67	
29	Julie Leenane					34.50	37.50	28.75	33.58	
32	Leila Thami	27.50	29.00	21.25	25.92					
32	Jessica Tielemans	29.25	29.00	26.25	28.17					
32	Mathilde Pompey	26.75	29.00	22.50	26.08	34.00	27.50	23.00	28.17	
32	Fantine Mafa					40.00	30.25	23.00	31.08	
35	Emma Rowland	31.50	38.00	33.50	34.33					
35	Cassandra Somers-Joce	31.50	37.50	32.50	33.83					
35	Justin Winchester					32.50	29.00	30.50	30.67	
35	Rivu Chowdury					36.50	32.50	31.75	33.58	
39	Eirini Theoni Bougonikolou	28.25	34.25	31.00	31.17	29.50	35.75	33.25	32.83	32.00
39	Maria Emmanouil	29.75	_	30.00	31.33	32.75	_	34.25	33.50	32.42
42	Sophia Christina Elizade	20.00	9.75	20.00	16.58	30.75	32.00	38.50	33.75	25.17
42	Fatoumata Traore	20.50		20.00	18.92	29.50	_	36.50	32.17	25.54
42	Carlotta Portaluri	20.00	11.50	20.00	17.17	33.75	29.75	_	32.67	24.92
47	Matthew Haji-Michael	22 50	36.50	32.25	30.42	35.00	37.75	30.00	34.25	32.33
47	Emily Carr		_	28.50	27.83	35.00	_	35.00	35.33	31.58
47	Rebecca Grant	25.00	_	30.50	30.58	35.00	37.50		34.17	32.38
48	Clement Tsang	9.00	17.50	9.00	11.83	20.50	9.50	14.00	14.67	13.25
48	Aerona Sheikh	11.50		26.75	19.00	23.25	11.25	_	18.50	18.75
49	Mariana Maciel					16.25	19.75	34.25	23.42	
49	Esther Gomes Pereira					9.25		29.00	18.58	
49	Luiza Lima Nogueira	17.50	25.50	26.75	23.25	7.23	17.50	27.00	10.50	
49	Afonso Henrique da Silva	9.75	_	22.25	18.92					
53	Julian Özkal Lorentzen	33.00	34.00	30.00	32.33	22.50	25.25	24.00	23.92	28.13
53	Andrine Borkner	33.25		30.00	32.25	27.00	_	34.00	30.25	31.25
53	Julie Birkeland			30.00	32.23	27.00	_	32.25	29.67	30.92
55	June Dirkerand	33.00	33.30	50.00	32,17	27.00	27.13	34.43	27.07	30.72

24 orators qualified for the Best Orator prize and based on the scores, Karolina Sierpien from team 12 from University of Birmingham (the United Kingdom) was awarded the Best Orator prize of the Birmingham Regional Round.



REGIONAL ROUND TBILISI

ABOUT THE REGIONAL ROUND

The third and final Regional Round of the 11th HPMCC took place in Tbilisi, Georgia from 24 to 26 February 2023. A total of 19 teams from the following universities participated in this Regional Round: Pontifical Comillas University (Spain), Baku State University (Azerbaijan), University of National and World Economy (Bulgaria), Maastricht University (The Netherlands), Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (Bulgaria), University of Passau (Germany), Comenius University in Bratislava (Slovakia), SWPS University (Poland), University of Cologne (Germany), Vilnius University (Lithuania), University of Trnava (Slovakia), Democritus University of Thrace (Greece), Kingston University, School of Law, Social and Behavioural Sciences (UK), National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Ukraine), Jagiellonian University (Poland), Marmara University (Turkey), Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary), IE University (Spain) and Caucasus University / Caucasus School of Law (Georgia).

Regional Round Tbilisi was supported by 27 judges and we would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of this event. To the judges, who have given their time and expertise to evaluate participants' arguments and to provide invaluable feedback: Prof. Ketevan Khutsishvili, Mr. Beka Dzamashvili, Mr. Giorgi Chkheidze, Ms. Ana Mghebrishvili, Ms. Ana Tabagari, Mr. Giorgi Beraia, Ms. Gvantsa Dolbaia, Mr. Ioseb Edisherashvili, Mr. Irakli Shavishvili, Ms. Irina Aghapishvili, Ms. Ketevan Chapiashvili, Ms. Ketevan Sarajishvili, Mr. Konstantine Korkelia, Mr. Konstantine Kopaliani, Mr. Levan Meskhoradze, Ms. Mari Meskhi, Ms. Nana Tchanturidze, Ms. Nino Enukidze, Ms. Nino Nikolaishvili, Mr. Onisime Tskhomelidze, Mr. Saba Karchava, Ms. Tamar Rostiashvili, Ms. Tamar Ruseishvili, Mr. Temur Tsindeliani, Ms. Tinatin Goletiani and Mr. Vakhtang Kachibaia.





AN ORGANISERS PERSPECTIVE

On Friday, 24 February 2023, ELSA Georgia was delighted to welcome students from all across Europe for the Tbilisi Regional Round of the 11th Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition. We hosted the Regional Round on the premises of the Georgian-American University, with the closing ceremony at the National Parliamentary Library of Georgia. As the Regional Round, spanning over three days, was brought to a close on Sunday, 26 February, our efforts had come to fruition.

The first day of the Competition entailed the Opening Ceremony and the Academic Programme. During the Opening Ceremony, the participants were greeted by the Organising Committee and the Director of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition. Subsequently, Professor Ketevan Khutsishvili delivered some constructive remarks on the topic of human rights and international humanitarian law and addressed recent developments in the field. We then proceeded to the drawing of lots to determine the pleading order for the following days.









Starting from Saturday, 25 February and carrying on to Sunday, 26 February, the teams had the opportunity to present their pleadings both in respect of the Applicant and the Respondent State. Renowned experts, particularly well-versed in the subject matter of this year's case, thoroughly listened to the pleadings, posed insightful questions to the oralists, evaluated their performance and delivered valuable feedback. The Judges' scores, along with the ones in the Written Submissions phase, contributed toward the qualification of 18 teams for the Final Oral Round.

























On Friday evening, we hosted a Welcome Dinner, where participants had the chance to unwind and network, get to know each other and socialise. On Saturday evening, after the long day of pleadings, participants were introduced to Georgian national cuisine and traditional dances.



The Regional Round Tbilisi concluded on Sunday evening with the Closing Ceremony. Participants were addressed by our Academic and General Partners. We then proceeded with the announcement of the awards. Team 58 was awarded Best Team and Davit Sakhokia from Team 60 was announced as the Best Orator of the Tbilisi Regional Round.





Last but not least, we could not be more honoured to have been trusted with the responsibility to host part of the largest English-speaking human rights-oriented moot court competition. Despite the long hours and hard work, organising this Regional Round was an incredibly fulfilling and rewarding experience for everyone involved. In this effort, we were kindly supported by our partners, who have been instrumental in making this event a huge success, and we could not have done it without them. Our general partners: USAID Rule of Law, UN Joint Program for Gender Equality, Law Firm Dots Legal, Coe Program "I choose quality", the Georgian-American University, as well as the National Parliamentarian Library. Their commitment to promoting



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Written by Ketevan Makharashvili, President of ELSA Georgia 2022/2023, Head of Organising Committee of Tbilisi Regional Round







RESULTS

TEAM SCORES

The teams got the chance to plead twice - once as Applicant and once as Respondent. They were scored on their overall performance as a team by three independent human rights experts. The Regional Round scoring formula can be found in Appendix A of the Rules of the 11th HPMCC.

Please find the Team scores in the table below:

		Appl	icant			Respo	ndent		
Team No.	J1	J2	J3	Total	J1	J2	Ј3	Total	Total
9	38.00	36.50	36.00	36.83	35.00	33.25	36.50	34.92	35.88
13	23.25	24.75	24.00	24.00	29.25	31.00	30.00	30.08	27.04
15	30.25	30.25	31.00	30.50	25.25	26.50	27.00	26.25	28.38
16	35.25	34.25	37.00	35.50	37.75	37.50	36.25	37.17	36.33
17	35.50	37.00	34.00	35.50	28.00	29.50	27.25	28.25	31.88
19	33.00	32.50	34.50	33.33	36.75	35.25	34.50	35.50	34.42
23	29.75	28.25	25.50	27.83	22.25	24.25	29.00	25.17	26.50
26	22.00	38.25	24.25	28.17	23.75	23.00	23.00	23.25	25.71
27	30.50	32.25	35.00	32.58	32.75	34.50	35.75	34.33	33.46
31	30.25	32.00	29.75	30.67	29.75	26.50	28.75	28.33	29.50
34	38.25	24.50	24.25	29.00	25.00	26.25	23.75	25.00	27.00
37	30.50	29.25	27.00	28.92	28.25	29.25	27.50	28.33	28.63
38	22.25	28.25	25.75	25.42	23.00	23.75	24.75	23.83	24.63
40	33.25	30.75	31.50	31.83	32.50	32.25	31.25	32.00	31.92
50	31.00	26.75	32.50	30.08	23.25	23.75	23.50	23.50	26.79
52	22.50	22.75	23.00	22.75	20.00	20.25	20.00	20.08	21.42
54	25.00	23.75	25.00	24.58	27.75	28.75	27.75	28.08	26.33
58	38.25	36.75	38.75	37.92	35.00	37.50	32.50	35.00	36.46
60	37.25	33.25	33.75	34.75	32.75	31.75	34.00	32.83	33.79

Based on the Regional Round scores, **Team 58 from IE University (Spain)** was awarded the prize for **Best Team**.



INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Each orator was scored individually under the same criteria. Only team members who pleaded as both Applicant and Respondent had the chance to compete for the Best Orator Award. Please find the Individual scores in the table below:

Team			App	plican	t		Resp	onde	nt	Best
No.	Team Members	J1	J2	J3	Total	J1	J2	J3	Total	Orator
9	Lucia Quirante	35.50	36.50	33.00	35.00					
9	Chandler Hiatt	37.25	38.25	35.75	37.08	36.75	36.00	34.75	35.83	36.46
9	Maria Rodriguez Hernandez					_	33.50		35.17	L
9	Elisa Sturkie	37.50	39.00	35.75	37.42	36.00	35.25	34.75	35.33	36.38
13	Madina Tahirli	23.50	23.50	21.25	22.75	28.25	29.50	30.50	29.42	26.08
13	Azada Mammadzada	24.25	23.25	24.25	23.92	29.50	31.75	33.75	31.67	27.79
13	Khadija Shirin	24.25	22.75	23.00	23.33	27.75	30.50	27.50	28.58	25.96
15	Rositsa Toneva	31.50	30.50	30.75	30.92					1
15	Elina Kostadinova					29.50	30.25	29.50	29.75	1
15	Ileva Rashid						23.75		24.17	1
15	An-Nikol Voynska	30.50	29.50	29.75	29.92					1
16	Benedetta Talpo					37.25	37.50	38 25	37.67	i
16	Sadie Kinnersley	36.00	34.00	35.50	35.17	37.23	37.30	50.25	37.07	1
16	James Sinatra	50.00	5 1.00	55.50	55117	36.75	37.50	38.50	37.58	1
16	Saskia Von Landenberg	35.75	34.00	34.50	34.75	56175	57150	50.00	01100	1
17	Denislav Marinov	36.25	34.50	35.00	35.25					i
17	Zineti Yetim	37.75	_	36.25	36.83					
17	Yoanna Chenalova	31.13	50.50	50.25	50.05	29.50	30.50	30.75	30.25	1
17	Viktoria Barchinkova					26.25	27.25	_	26.58	1
19	Elisabeth Sophie Adam	34.00	35.75	34.25	34.67	34.75	35.50	36.00	35.42	35.04
19	Ruth Stienen	30.50	_	30.00	31.08	34./3	33.30	30.00	33.42	33.04
19	Eva Maria Rößler	33.75	_	32.75	32.92	35.00	35.00	37.25	35.75	34.33
					02.72					1
23	Kamila Greskova Sara Zahradnikova	20.00	20.25	25.75	28.33	28.75		21.75	25.00 24.58	26.46
23	Sara Alexandra Orviska	30.00 28.75	_	25.25	28.00	27.50	24.50	21./5	24.58	20.40
										22.70
26	Aleksandra Wągrowska	_	27.25	-	24.50		23.00		22.50	23.50
26	Michalina Wacław		29.00	-	25.08			20.75	21.83	23.46
26	Sandra Macionczyk	25.00	27.25	21.75	24.67	23.00	24.50	25.50	24.33	24.50
26	Anna Król									ļ
27	Anne Kleine-Möllhoff	28.50	35.00	-	32.83					
27	Emily Dukat	29.75	32.00	34.00	31.92					
27	Annalisa Romano						36.25	_	35.42	
27	Sara Weber Martin					32.50	35.25	34.00	33.92]

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31	Greta Lebedeva					29.50	26.75	28.00	28.08	
31	Miglė Ordaitė					29.00	_	28.75	27.92	
31	Dité Elzbergaité	33.00	34.50	32.25	33.25					
31	Dominykas Kiršis	30.25	29.00	29.00	29.42					
34	Tatiana Fenušková	21.50	21.50	21.25	21.42	22.75	25.00	24.00	23.92	
34	Viliam Michalík									
34	Radka Karellová	24.00	23.00	22.50	23.17	24.00	20.50	21.00	21.83	22.50
34	Martin Balega	24.25	24.75	25.50	24.83	25.00	26.75	26.50	26.08	25.46
37	Aimilia Tsachalidou	31.00	31.50	30.00	30.83	35.50	34.50	36.00	35.33	33.08
37	Theodoros Doukas	27.50	28.75	28.00	28.08					
37	Anastasia Pouliou					24.50	23.75	26.25	24.83	
38	Callum Mccarthy	27.50	26.75	26.50	26.92	26.75	26.75	25.75	26.42	26.67
38	Tala Sultan	26.50	20.00	22.00	22.83	22.75	22.75	24.25	23.25	23.04
38	Lora Bogdanova	25.75	21.00	22.75	23.17	21.75	21.50	23.00	22.08	22.63
40	Olena Bobak	32.00	32.75	31.00	31.92	32.75	30.75	30.00	31.17	31.54
40	Vasyl Radetskyi									
40	Anastasiia Shashkevych	29.50	33.75	32.25	31.83	35.00	33.00	32.00	33.33	32.58
40	Mark Karandas									_
50	Aleksandra Wałach					23.00	23.50	22.75	23.08	
	Urszula Furgal Aleksandra									
50	Pikuła					23.25	23.75	22.00	23.00	
50	Aleksandra Pikula		22.25	-	26.50					
50	Agnieszka Putyrska	30.50	32.50	32.00	31.67					
52	Sıla Nur Kılıç	22.50	22.50	23.50	22.83					
52	Yağmur Çiftçi	21.75	21.75	22.00	21.83					
52	Eren Kurt					_	20.50	_	20.08	
52	Yaren Dündar					20.00	20.25	20.25	20.17	
54	Vanda Nagy	23.50		25.25	24.75	25.50	_	26.75	25.25	25.00
54	Dominika Péter	23.75	23.25	24.00	23.67	23.25	24.25	26.00	24.50	24.08
58	Marina Devotto					32.00	37.75	35.75	35.17	
58	Ana Paula Martinez	38.50	35.50	37.00	37.00					
58	Maria Antonia Campos					32.50	37.25	33.25	34.33	
58	Matilde Carrara	37.75	37.75	39.25	38.25					
60	David Sakhokia	36.75	38.75	34.75	36.75	36.25	35.00	39.50	36.92	36.83
60	Nino Nasaridze	33.00	36.25	33.75	34.33					
60	Mariam Kenkadze					26.50	25.00	26.75	26.08	
60	Mariam Tsurtsumia									

22 orators qualified for the Best Orator prize and based on the scores, **David Sakhokia from team 60 from Caucasus University (Georgia)** was awarded the prize for the **Best Orator of Regional Round Tbilisi**.





QUALIFICATION SCORES

Based on their scores in the Written Submissions and the Regional Rounds, each weighting 50% of the Qualification Score, 18 teams were selected for the Final Oral Round. Qualification Score was calculated according to the formula in Appendix A of the Rules of the 11th HPMCC.

Please find the qualifying scores in the table below:

Ranking No	Team No	RR score	Regional Round	WS score	QS	
1	16	36.333	Tbilisi	32.813	34.573	
2	20	35.208	Maastricht	33.875	34.542	
3	58	36.458	Tbilisi	31.250	33.854	
4	7	33.250	Birmingham	34.063	33.657	
5	35	33.125	Birmingham	32.813	32.969	
6	17	32.042	Tbilisi	33.563	32.802	
7	27	33.792	Tbilisi	29.688	31.740	
8	19	34.417	Tbilisi	28.813	31.615	
9	22	33.333	Birmingham	29.813	31.573	
10	18	30.458	Maastricht	31.000	30.729	
11	9	35.875	Tbilisi	25.563	30.719	
12	39	32.167	Birmingham	29.250	30.708	
13	10	31.750	Birmingham	29.188	30.469	
14	37	28.792	Tbilisi	31.938	30.365	
15	15	28.375	Tbilisi	32.063	30.219	
16	25	30.042	Maastricht	30.125	30.083	
17	33	29.083	Maastricht	30.438	29.761	
18	12	34.542	Birmingham	24.625	29.583	
19	30	31.792	Maastricht	27.313	29.552	
20	5	28.750	Birmingham	30.000	29.375	
21	29	31.750	Birmingham	26.938	29.344	
22	11	32.000	Maastricht	26.625	29.313	
23	40	31.917	Tbilisi	26.688	29.302	
24	47	32.236	Tbilisi	25.750	28.993	

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25	53	29.917	Birmingham	27.500	28.708
26	36	30.417	Maastricht	26.938	28.677
27	60	33.792	Tbilisi	22.938	28.365
28	51	30.833	Maastricht	24.938	27.886
29	50	26.792	Tbilisi	28.438	27.615
30	32	28.708	Birmingham	25.813	27.261
31	3	21.000	Maastricht	33.375	27.188
32	56	28.042	Maastricht	26.188	27.115
33	4	29.833	Birmingham	24.188	27.011
34	2	30.333	Maastricht	23.563	26.948
35	41	30.208	Maastricht	23.500	26.854
36	31	29.500	Tbilisi	23.688	26.594
37	61	28.167	Maastricht	23.938	26.052
38	21	24.167	Maastricht	27.688	25.927
39	24	25.250	Maastricht	26.375	25.813
40	54	26.333	Tbilisi	24.875	25.604
41	45	28.875	Maastricht	21.313	25.094
42	34	25.333	Tbilisi	23.750	24.542
43	23	26.500	Tbilisi	20.938	23.719
44	42	25.242	Birmingham	21.563	23.402
45	38	24.625	Tbilisi	22.063	23.344
46	13	27.042	Tbilisi	17.500	22.271
47	26	24.042	Tbilisi	20.000	22.021
48	49	21.125	Birmingham	22.063	21.594
49	52	21.417	Tbilisi	21.000	21.208
50	63	21.833	Maastricht	17.688	19.761
51	8	24.125	Birmingham	13.250	18.688
52	48	15.958	Birmingham	16.375	16.167
53	28	18.542	Birmingham	7.625	13.083
54	44			28.563	14.282
55	6			27.563	13.782
56	59			24.000	12.000
57	46			16.375	8.188

The qualifying teams are decided upon the following basis: the 4 teams with the highest scores from each Regional Round qualify directly to the Final Oral Round. Furthermore, 6 additional teams with the highest score – not dependent on their Regional Round – also qualify for the Final Oral Round.

This year, 4 teams qualified from Regional Round Maastricht, 6 teams from Regional Round Birmingham, and 8 teams from Regional Round Tbilisi.



FINAL ORAL ROUND

The Final Oral Round of the 11th Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition gathered the teams from all over Europe in Strasbourg, France, between the 22nd and 26th of May 2023. As per tradition, the Final Oral Round took place in the Palais de l'Europe, with the Grand Final taking place in the European Court of Human Rights.





On the first day, we welcomed the teams to the Palais de l'Europe to register and attend the Academic Programme. For the programme we had the honour of welcoming Judge Erik Wennerström and Mr Rafał Sokół. The topic of discussion was the case handling process at the European Court of Human Rights followed by a Q&A. As a Judge and Lawyer of the Court respectively, they both brought an interesting perspective to the discussion which gave the participants a great insight to the work of the Court. We would like to thank Judge Erik Wennerström and Mr Rafał Sokół for accepting our invitation and for engaging with the students.

After the Academic Programme, we made our way to the Association Parlementaire Européenne for the Opening Ceremony. On behalf of the winning team of the past 10th edition, the Opening Ceremony was graciously hosted by the Permanent Representation of the United Kingdom and was opened by Ambassador Sandy Moss. During the Ceremony, ELSA International conducted a draw to determine the pleading order of the teams for the Preliminary Rounds. Thank you again to the Permanent Representation of the United Kingdom for your hospitality.





For the second and third day of the Final Oral Round, the Preliminary Rounds took place where all of the qualified teams pleaded once on behalf of each party - Applicant and Respondent - before a 3-members Bench. As a result of the scores of the Preliminary Rounds, only 8 teams qualified for the Quarter-Finals. On the third day, 24 May, all participants were invited to the Mid-Ceremony organised by the City of Strasbourg in the City Hall. The Mid-Ceremony was opened by the speech of the Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg, Ms Christelle Wierder, and we wish to express our thanks for welcoming us to the great Hôtel de Ville de Strasbourg. The speech was followed by the announcement of the teams that qualified for the Quarter Finals. The evening was then followed by a dinner at Restaurant Au Brasseur.



The fourth day of the Final Oral Round started with the Quarter Finals, and after the lunch break and the second round of Quarter-Finals, the Semi-Finalists were announced by ELSA International. After the announcement, the Semi-Finals took place on the second part of the day and during the Semi-Finals, team performances were evaluated by the Bench consisting of 7 esteemed Judges. After the Semi-Finals, all teams gathered in one of the pleadings rooms where ELSA International announced the teams qualifying for the Grand Final on Friday. For the evening, all teams gathered for dinner where also Judges were invited to meet and talk with the participants.

Finally, on Friday the 25th, after lunch at the Conseil de l'Europe, the teams all gathered in the European Court of Human Rights in the Small Hearing room to cheer on the two finalists who plead in front of a Bench consisting of 9 members: Ms Ganna Yudkivska (former Judge of the ECtHR), Ambassador Francesca Camilleri Vettiger of the Permanent Representation of Malta to the Council of Europe, Mr Simon Palmer; Mr Martin Kopa, Ms Gualara Abdullayeva, Mr Zvonimir Mataga, Ms Anna Maralyan, Ms Natalia Vorobyeva, and presided by Judge Erik Wennerstöm, who has been acting as the Swedish Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 2019.

To end the Final Oral Round, the Closing and Award Ceremony was held in the Small Hearing Room. The Ceremony was opened by Mr Daniel Holtgen, Director for Communications, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe. Thereafter, all awards were presented with accompanying speeches by Mr Dzenitis, Deputy to the Permanent Representative of Latvia; Mr Janssens de Bisthoven, Ambassador of the Permanent Representation of Belgium; Mr Dontas, Deputy to the Permanent Representative of Greece; and Ms Palm of the Permanent Representation



of the Netherlands. The Winner was presented by Judge Erik Wennerström. Afterwards, everyone gathered in the cafeteria of the Court for an aperitif and some celebratory drinks.

The Judges score the teams based on 4 individual criteria in all the phases of the Final Oral Round, each weighting equally:

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

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



In its 11th Edition, 35 Judges contributed to the Final Oral Round with their time, energy, and knowledge. We would like to thank all of them: Alba Surana Gonzalez, Anna Maralyan, Barbara Wegelin, Christa Preisig, Dmytro Tretyakov, Ekaterina Sokur, Elkhan Heydarli, Emiliya Ramazanova, Evdokia Trangalou, Francesca Camilleri Vettiger, Francisca Balhau, Gulara Abdullayeva, Hristijan Koneski, Jan Kratochvil, Jerome Joseph, Joan Forner Rovira, Ganna Yudkivska, Erik Wennerström, Kamilė Michailovskytė, Lea Hemmi, Loredana Mihaela Cristea, Marie-Sophie Mourguet, Martin Kopa, Matylda Pogorzelska, Max Schumann, Michail Christodoulou, Natalia Vorobyeva, Oana Girlescu, Oleksandr Melnyk, Pamela McCormic, Rafał Sokół. Renis Zaganjori, Simon Palmer, Victoria Prais, and Zvonimir Mataga.

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





RESULTS – TEAM SCORES

Preliminary Rounds

The 8 Teams qualifying for the Quarter-Finals are marked green in the table below:

			Appl	icant			Respo	ndent			
Ranking	Team No.	J1	J2	J3	Total	J1	J2	Ј3	Total	Total	Average
1	16	38.00	37.25	37.50	37.58	35.00	35.50	35.50	35.33	72.92	36.46
2	35	37.75	35.75	38.50	37.33	30.75	37.50	31.75	33.33	70.67	35.34
3	18	32.75	27.25	31.75	30.58	36.75	36.50	37.25	36.83	67.42	33.71
4	58	35.50	35.50	34.00	35.00	34.00	31.25	29.25	31.50	66.50	33.25
5	15	34.50	33.00	33.25	33.58	31.75	31.50	34.00	32.42	66.00	33.00
6	39	25.75	34.00	29.00	29.58	39.50	35.00	34.00	36.17	65.75	32.88
7	27	30.00	33.50	35.00	32.83	27.00	33.00	32.00	30.67	63.50	31.75
8	19	34.50	30.00	34.00	32.83	28.00	30.50	32.50	30.33	63.17	31.59
9	25	33.75	31.00	33.50	32.75	31.00	31.75	29.25	30.67	63.42	31.21*
10	10	29.25	28.25	29.50	29.00	34.75	33.50	30.75	33.00	62.00	31.00
11	17	23.00	35.00	32.50	30.17	30.00	32.50	33.00	31.83	62.00	31.00
12	33	31.00	33.25	32.75	32.33	27.50	29.25	25.75	27.50	59.83	29.92
13	9	29.00	28.25	31.00	29.42	28.75	28.50	28.50	28.58	58.00	29.00
14	37	25.25	25.25	23.00	24.50	34.25	32.00	34.00	33.42	57.92	28.96
15	22	24.50	22.25	22.00	22.92	31.25	36.50	36.50	34.75	57.67	28.84
16	7	29.50	32.50	29.50	30.50	19.50	28.50	31.00	26.33	56.83	27.915*
17	20	28.50	27.25	28.00	27.92	28.00	28.50	24.50	27.00	54.92	27.46
18	12	22.25	25.00	29.00	25.42	29.25	30.50	27.25	29.00	54.42	27.21

^{*} Team 25 and Team 7 submitted their Summary for the Applicant late and was therefore, awarded a penalty of -0.5 in accordance with the Rules of the 11th HPMCC, which is included in the score.

Quarter-Finals

The 4 Teams qualifying for the Semi-Final Rounds are marked green in the table below:

			App	licant					Resp	onden	t	
Team No.	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	Total	J1	J2	Ј3	J4	J5	Total
					Quarter	Final R	ound 1					
19	32.75	36.00	35.00	37.25		35.25						
16							36.00	37.00	37.25	35.75		36.50
				(Quarter	Final R	ound 2					
27	36.50	30.00	30.00	32.50	33.00	32.40						
35							31.00	35.00	31.25	40.00	36.25	34.31
				(Quarter	Final R	ound 3					
18	29.50	26.75	29.00	25.00	31.00	28.25						
39							27.00	32.00	30.00	29.75	35.00	30.75
				(Quarter	Final R	ound 4					
15	38.50	37.25	33.00	36.00	37.00	36.35						
58							37.50	35.50	34.25	35.75	37.75	36.15

^{*} Due to a last-minute cancellation, Quarter-Final Round 1 between Team 19 and Team 16 was judged by 4 Judges instead of 5.





Semi-Finals

The teams qualifying for the Grand Final of the 11th HPMCC are marked green in the table below:

	Applicant								Respondent							
Team No.	J1	J2	Ј3	J4	J 5	J6	J 7	Total	J1	J2	Ј3	J4	J5	J6	J 7	Total
							Semi	Final Ro	und 1							
15	35.00	34.50	36.50	36.00	33.00	34.25	34.50	34.82								
16									35.25	34.25	36.00	37.75	36.75	36.50	39.50	36.57
							Semi	Final Ro	und 2					17.		
35	37.00	30.13	33.50	36.00	37.75	33.00	36.75	34.88								
39									36.50	29.88	36.75	35.25	33.00	37.00	38.50	35.27

The Grand Final

Based on the scores of 9 judges, Team 16 from Maastricht University (the Netherlands) was announced the Winner of the 11th Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition and Team 39 from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece) was announced the Runner-Up during the Award Ceremony on the 26th of May 2023.

Please find the results in the table below:

					App	licant								
Team No.	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	J7	Ј8	J9	Total				
39	32.50													
		2.50 34.00 31.25 33.25 33.00 33.00 32.50 32.50 33.75 32.8 0 Respondent												
					Resp	ondent	t							
Team No.	J1	J2	Ј3	J4	Respo	ondent J6	J7	J8	J9	Total				



WINNER'S PERSPECTIVE



This year, we, Team 16, have been awarded with the honour to participate in the 11th edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition and to receive the invaluable opportunity to work on a remarkable case centred around human rights. This experience has been truly transformative for our team, deepening our understanding of the importance of European human rights and their impact on societies worldwide. Engaging in rigorous debates, intensive research, and persuasive arguments on human rights issues has broadened our perspectives and honed our legal skills. We are profoundly grateful for the platform provided by this competition, which has allowed us to delve into the intricate complexities of human rights law within a European context. This experience has reinforced our commitment to defending and upholding human rights, not only within Europe but across borders. The competition has been an exceptional learning journey, highlighting the significance of human rights as a beacon of justice, equality, and dignity for all individuals. We extend our deepest appreciation to the organisers for their vision in creating such an enlightening opportunity and for their dedication to fostering the next generation of legal advocates for human rights.

This journey started for us in October of 2022 when we were informed about having been selected as part of this year's team of Maastricht University. From the moment we first met we could sense how passionate all of us were. Passionate about the topic, about the law, about having the opportunity to apply to an actual case all the human rights knowledge our coach and former European Human Rights lecturer had painstakingly walked us through. We never thought going into such an academically rigorous competition would also be so much fun, both becoming friends with one another and meeting other like-minded peers from all over Europe. Especially in times of hardship we experienced throughout the competition, we as team grew even closer together. When the written submissions were due the same week we had final exams, it was such a pleasure to take comfort in a team that understood the amount of effort we all were willing to give into the moot court preparations and to be able to support and rely on one another when we needed to.



Team 16 then had the honour to participate in the Regional Round in Tbilisi Georgia, which was an incredible opportunity for all of us. Being able to experience a new city and culture and witness how much heart ELSA Georgia had put into the competition was truly an outstanding experience as was getting to know teams from all over Europe. Already the Regional Rounds presented a great opportunity for us to grow both academically, but also on a personal level. Yet, we were lucky enough for our journey to continue after receiving the joyful news of having ranked 1st after the Regional Rounds and being able to continue to the final rounds in Strasbourg. The journey to Strasbourg was long, arduous and sometimes very tiring but ultimately only helped us get closer with each other and with our fostered passion for European human rights law.

We would like to thank our wonderful coaches, Šejla Imamovic and Mateus Carvalho, for everything that they have done, as we truly and honestly could not have done it without them. From being our harshest critics to our greatest supporters, they have been there for us all for everything and anything. We extend a heartfelt thank you also to our guest judges, who came tirelessly every week to grill us on, quite frankly, whatever they wanted. In this context, we want to urge every future competitor to really learn from any feedback they get in this whole experience, as it may be applicable to more than just mooting. Additionally, we would like to thank ELSA International for organising a truly amazing competition that will be remembered for the rest of our lives. Thank you to every judge, timekeeper, and Council of Europe employee who put up with us during the competition and helped us to have one of the best experiences of our lives. Finally, we would like to encourage any law student to consider participating in this Moot Court. Not only is it one of the best ways to further your legal skills and public speaking abilities, but it also provides the amazing opportunity to learn and grow together with other students over months, going from total strangers to team members and friends. Once again, thank you to ELSA and all the other participants for such a great experience.

Written by Sadie Kinnersley, Benedetta Talpo, Saskia von Landeberg, and James Sinatra.





RUNNER UP'S PERSPECTIVE

Our journey in the 11th edition of Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition began in October 2022 when we were chosen to represent the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Neither of us had any experience with drafting written submissions or pleading, but our desire to learn more about human rights and more specifically, the European Convention on Human Rights was enough to motivate us to undertake this challenging task. From the very beginning, two wonderful and very experienced coaches were by our side, Myrto Stavridi and Fay Mantzouni. They repeatedly reassured us when we had anxiety concerning the load of coursework while being a two-person team.

The subject-matter of Mr Kramer's case was related to the efforts of a man in a same- sex relationship to secure his parental rights in Zephyria, a state eager to protect the traditional family structure. The complexity of the issues raised by this case and the sensitivity of the matter intrigued us and led to the formation of interesting arguments on behalf of both sides based on the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights. Ever since the written submissions stage we realised that rigorous and intensive preparation would be needed. Despite the difficulties, we managed to make this experience enjoyable and fun.

During the Christmas period we started our preparations for the Birmingham Regional Round in February of 2023, being consistently challenged by our coaches. The Regional Round was the first time we pleaded against other teams from universities across Europe. It was a constructive experience. After ranking 12th out of the 18 teams that qualified for the Final Oral Round in Strasbourg, we dedicated our time to correcting past mistakes and fine-tuning our arguments.



The week we spent in Strasbourg was nothing but unforgettable. We truly enjoyed every moment both inside and outside of the pleading rooms. Not only did we have the chance to argue both as the Applicant and as the Respondent State against very highly skilled teams, but also before human rights experts with great experience in the field of moot court competitions. The moment of the announcement of our team qualifying for the Grand Final was undoubtedly the most emotional and thrilling of the week. Securing the ticket for the Grand Final was a win in itself since we felt that



our efforts and our hard work were fruitful. We were grateful to have a chance to plead against the University of Maastricht in the European Court of Human Rights before a nine-judge formation.

Our journey came to an end when we were awarded the prize of the runner-up team, while one of our team members, Maria Emmanouil, won the prize of Best Orator for the Semi-Finals. The Helga Moot Court Competition was our first step towards practically engaging with human rights and our confirmation for persevering and fighting for their protection. We would like to thank ELSA International for offering us this opportunity and our distinguished coaches Myrto Stavridi and Fay Mantzouni, without whom none of this would have ever been possible.

Written by Maria Emmanouil and Eirini Theoni Bougonikolou.





RESULTS - INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Preliminary Rounds

Each orator received individual scores based on the same scoring criteria as used for the Team Score. In order to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds award, the orator had to plead for both Applicant and Respondent and the following table gives an overview of each of 14 orators eligible to compete for the Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds award.

Team			Appl	licant			Resp	ondent		Best
No.	Team Members	J1	J2	J3	Tota 1	J1	J2	Ј3	Total	Orator
7	Flavia Wiedemann					33.00	19.50	28.50	27.00	
7	Katharina Hysek	29.50	32.50	29.25	30.42					
7	Martina Gabriel	29.25	32.25	29.25	30.25					
7	Nina Schmidt					29.50	19.25	28.50	25.75	
9	Lucia Quirante	26.75	30.75	30.00	29.17					
9	Chandler Hiatt	26.75	28.50	30.00	28.42	29.00	30.00	27.50	28.83	28.63
9	Maria Rodriguez Hernandez					27.25	25.25	28.75	27.08	
9	Elisa Sturkie	30.00	29.25	34.00	31.08	28.50	26.00	28.75	27.75	29.42
10	Kim Alexa Steffens	28.25	28.50	29.25	28.67					
10	Humaira Anjum					31.25	31.75	28.00	30.33	
10	Paula Sofia Lütje					36.50	34.75	33.25	34.83	
10	Rusudan Shashikadze	28.25	28.25	29.75	28.75					
12	Dina Kawar	15.00	21.00	27.50	21.17	25.00	29.50	28.25	27.58	24.38
12	Karolina Sierpien	26.00	27.25	32.25	28.50	28.00	30.00	28.25	28.75	28.63
12	Hannah Bentwood	27.00	28.75	28.50	28.08	30.00	31.00	26.75	29.25	28.67
15	Rositsa Toneva	36.50	32.00	30.75	33.08					
15	Ileya Rashid	30.30	32.00	30.73	33.00	30.50	29.00	32.00	30.50	
15	Elina Kostadinova					33.50	34.50	35.00	34.33	
15	An-Nikol Voynska	33.00	33.00	30.00	32.00	33.30	34.50	33.00	34.33	
16	Benedetta Talpo					34.00	30.00	34.50	32.83	
16	Sadie Kinnersley	37.50	36.50	37.00	37.00	34.00	30.00	34.30	32.63	
16	James Sinatra	38.00	37.25	38.25	37.83	35.50	37.00	35.50	36.00	36.92
	7									
17 17	Denislav Marinov Zineti Yetim	20.00	36.00 35.00	32.50 31.75	29.50 30.58					
17	Yoanna Chenalova	25.00	33.00	31./3	30.36	30.00	34.75	32.75	32.50	
17	Viktoria Barchinkova					30.00	30.50	31.75	30.75	
		25.00	27.75	24.25	24.22	00.00		0.1110	00,,0	
18	Everts Krauklis	35.00	27.75	31.25	31.33					
18	Emīlija Branda	35.00	26.75	32.25	31.33	27.75	20.05	27.25	25.55	
18	Beāte Petrone Artūrs Šuspāns					37.75 35.75	38.25	37.25 37.50	37.75 35.83	
	•									44.55
19	Elisabeth Sophie Adam	34.75	30.25	35.00	33.33	25.00	31.50	35.00	30.50	31.92
19	Ruth Stienen	34.50	28.50	30.00	31.00	27.00	30.00	31.50	29.50	30.25
19	Eva Maria Rößler	34.25	30.75	33.00	32.67	30.00	31.75	28.00	29.92	31.29



20	Eliane Lisibach					24.00	27.25	26.00	25.75	
20	Malin Bolliger	27.25	26.50	26.75	26.83					
20	Livia Keller					25.75	28.50	24.00	26.08	
20	Rebecca Carla Ricci	28.50	27.00	29.50	28.33					
22	Andre Barrette-Moore	21.50	18.00	20.00	19.83					
22	Prune Recoules	28.75	26.50	23.00	26.08					
22	Ella Higgs-Sharrock					32.00	38.00	36.50	35.50	
22	Lucy Stock					32.00	38.00	36.50	35.50	
25	Victoria t'Serstevens	33.00	30.75	36.50	33.42					
25	Kaat Goossens					35.00	34.25	28.00	32.42	
25	Luísa Rodrigues Rocha					26.25	30.00	31.00	29.08	
25	Tugba Güney	35.00	31.75	37.00	34.58					
27	Anne Kleine-Möllhoff	30.00	32.00	34.75	32.25					
27	Emily Dukat	30.00	35.00	35.25	33.42					
27	Annalisa Romano					28.00	34.25	34.00	32.08	
27	Sara Weber Martin					25.00	31.75	31.00	29.25	
33	Emma Reitg Gil	32.25	33.00	32.50	32.58					
33	Carlos Vázquez Parra					28.50	30.50	26.75	28.58	
33 33	Carlos Vázquez Parra Heidi López Herbert					28.50 25.75	30.50 29.75	26.75 26.25	28.58 27.25	
		30.00	34.00	33.75	32.58		_			
33	Heidi López Herbert	30.00 37.25	34.00 34.50	33.75	32.58		_			34.00
33 33	Heidi López Herbert Carmen Caballero García					25.75	29.75	26.25	27.25	34.00 33.96
33 33 35	Heidi López Herbert Carmen Caballero García Emma Rowland	37.25	34.50	36.25	36.00	25.75 26.00	29.75	26.25 32.25	27.25 32.00	
33 33 35 35	Heidi López Herbert Carmen Caballero García Emma Rowland Cassandra Somers-Joce	37.25 37.75	34.50 36.25	36.25 38.50	36.00 37.50	25.75 26.00 27.00	29.75 37.75 36.50	26.25 32.25 27.75	27.25 32.00 30.42	33.96
33 33 35 35 37	Heidi López Herbert Carmen Caballero García Emma Rowland Cassandra Somers-Joce Aimilia Tsachalidou	37.25 37.75 32.00	34.50 36.25 25.25	36.25 38.50 22.75	36.00 37.50 26.67	25.75 26.00 27.00	29.75 37.75 36.50	26.25 32.25 27.75	27.25 32.00 30.42	33.96
33 33 35 35 37 37	Heidi López Herbert Carmen Caballero García Emma Rowland Cassandra Somers-Joce Aimilia Tsachalidou Theodoros Doukas	37.25 37.75 32.00	34.50 36.25 25.25	36.25 38.50 22.75	36.00 37.50 26.67	25.75 26.00 27.00 34.75	29.75 37.75 36.50 34.50	32.25 27.75 38.50	32.00 30.42 35.92	33.96
33 33 35 35 37 37 37	Heidi López Herbert Carmen Caballero García Emma Rowland Cassandra Somers-Joce Aimilia Tsachalidou Theodoros Doukas Anastasia Pouliou	37.25 37.75 32.00 20.50	34.50 36.25 25.25 19.25	36.25 38.50 22.75 23.00	36.00 37.50 26.67 20.92	25.75 26.00 27.00 34.75 33.50	29.75 37.75 36.50 34.50 29.75	32.25 27.75 38.50 35.50	32.00 30.42 35.92 32.92	33.96 31.29
33 33 35 35 37 37 37 37	Heidi López Herbert Carmen Caballero García Emma Rowland Cassandra Somers-Joce Aimilia Tsachalidou Theodoros Doukas Anastasia Pouliou Maria Emmanouil	37.25 37.75 32.00 20.50	34.50 36.25 25.25 19.25 31.25	36.25 38.50 22.75 23.00 30.25	36.00 37.50 26.67 20.92 28.92	25.75 26.00 27.00 34.75 33.50 40.00	29.75 37.75 36.50 34.50 29.75 35.75	32.25 27.75 38.50 35.50 36.00	32.00 30.42 35.92 32.92 37.25	33.96 31.29 33.08
33 33 35 35 37 37 37 37 39 39	Heidi López Herbert Carmen Caballero García Emma Rowland Cassandra Somers-Joce Aimilia Tsachalidou Theodoros Doukas Anastasia Pouliou Maria Emmanouil Eirini Theoni Bougonikolou	37.25 37.75 32.00 20.50	34.50 36.25 25.25 19.25 31.25	36.25 38.50 22.75 23.00 30.25	36.00 37.50 26.67 20.92 28.92	25.75 26.00 27.00 34.75 33.50 40.00 39.00	29.75 37.75 36.50 34.50 29.75 35.75 35.00	32.25 27.75 38.50 35.50 36.00 33.00	32.00 30.42 35.92 32.92 37.25 35.67	33.96 31.29 33.08
33 33 35 35 37 37 37 39 39	Heidi López Herbert Carmen Caballero García Emma Rowland Cassandra Somers-Joce Aimilia Tsachalidou Theodoros Doukas Anastasia Pouliou Maria Emmanouil Eirini Theoni Bougonikolou Marina Devotto	37.25 37.75 32.00 20.50 25.25 27.75	34.50 36.25 25.25 19.25 31.25 31.75	36.25 38.50 22.75 23.00 30.25 27.50	36.00 37.50 26.67 20.92 28.92 29.00	25.75 26.00 27.00 34.75 33.50 40.00 39.00	29.75 37.75 36.50 34.50 29.75 35.75 35.00	32.25 27.75 38.50 35.50 36.00 33.00	32.00 30.42 35.92 32.92 37.25 35.67	33.96 31.29 33.08

Based on their scores during the Preliminary Rounds, James Sinatra from Team 16 from Maastricht University (the Netherlands) was awarded the prize of Best Orator of the Preliminary Rounds.



Quarter-Finals

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

Team No.	Team Members	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	Score
19	Elisabeth Sophie Adam	31.25	38.00	36.50	37.50		35.81
19	Ruth Stienen						
19	Eva Maria Rößler	33.75	36.00	34.75	37.00		35.38
16	Benedetta Talpo	35.00	37.00	37.50	34.50		36.00
16	Sadie Kinnersley						
16	James Sinatra	38.00	37.00	37.50	35.75		37.06
16	Saskia Von Landenberg						
27	Anne Kleine-Möllhoff	37.25	30.00	30.00	33.50	35.00	33.15
27	Emily Dukat	37.25	29.75	30.00	31.50	31.00	31.90
27	Annalisa Romano						
27	Sara Weber Martin						
35	Justin Winchester						
35	Rivu Chowdhury						
35	Emma Rowland	30.00	34.00	31.25	39.50	36.25	34.20
35	Cassandra Somers-Joce	32.00	36.00	31.25	40.00	36.25	35.10
18	Everts Krauklis	30.00	25.75	30.50	30.00	33.25	29.90
18	Emīlija Branda	28.75	26.25	27.50	26.00	30.00	27.70
18	Beāte Petrone						
18	Artūrs Šuspāns						
39	Maria Emmanouil	35.00	28.00	32.50	30.00	29.75	31.05
39	Eirini Theoni Bougonikolou	35.00	26.00	31.50	30.00	29.75	30.45
15	Rositsa Toneva	40.00	36.00	34.00	32.00	36.00	35.60
15	Ileya Rashid						
15	Elina Kostadinova						
15	An-Nikol Voynska	40.00	36.00	31.00	35.00	37.00	35.80
58	Marina Devotto	37.00	36.75	32.25	35.75	37.75	35.90
58	Ana Paula Martinez						
58	Maria Antonia Campos	38.00	34.75	36.00	36.25	38.00	36.60
58	Matilde Carrara						

^{*} As a result of a last-minute cancellation, the Quarter-Final between Team 19 and Team 16 was judged by 4 Judges instead of 5.

Based on their scores during Quarter-Final Rounds, James Sinatra from Team 16 from Maastricht University (the Netherlands) was awarded the prize for Best Orator of the Quarter-Finals.



Semi-Finals

Semi-Finals only let teams plead on behalf of one party (Applicant or Respondent), as it was the case in the Quarter-Finals. Therefore, all the team members pleading during the Semi-Finals were eligible for the Best Orator of the Semi-Finals award.

Team No.	Team Members	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	J7	Score
15	An-Nikol Voynska	33.50	31.75	35.25	35.25	27.50	32.75	33.50	32.79
15	Rositsa Toneva	35.50	35.50	37.50	35.50	28.00	34.25	35.25	34.50
16	James Sinatra	35.25	35.75	36.25	37.75	28.25	37.00	39.50	35.68
16	Benedetta Talpo	35.00	31.25	35.00	36.50	27.50	34.75	39.00	34.14
35	Emma Rowland	36.50	30.25	34.00	36.75	37.75	32.75	36.00	34.86
35	Cassandra Somers-Joce	37.75	30.00	33.50	33.00	37.50	34.00	37.00	34.68
39	Eirini Theoni Bougonikolou	32.50	29.50	35.00	36.75	29.75	36.25	38.50	34.04
39	Maria Emmanouil	40.00	30.25	38.75	39.00	35.00	37.25	38.50	36.96

Based on their scores during Semi-Finals Rounds, Maria Emmanouil from Team 39 from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece) was awarded the prize for Best Orator of the Semi-Finals.

The Grand Final

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

Team	Team Members		Applicant									
No.	Team Members	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	J7	J8	J9	Total	
39	Eirini Theoni Bougonikolou	32.75	36.00	32.25	37.25	35.00	34.50	35.25	34.00	31.25	34.25	
39	Maria Emmanouil	31.75	34.25	30.50	35.75	32.00	34.50	31.50	31.00	32.50	32.64	

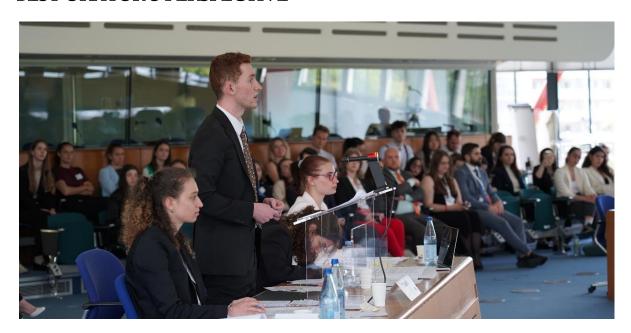
Team	Team Members		Respondent										
No.		J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	J7	J8	J9	Total		
16	James Sinatra	32.50	30.50	37.50	36.00	33.00	38.00	35.00	34.00	34.75	34.58		
16	Benedetta Talpo	33.25	34.00	36.00	32.00	30.00	31.75	28.75	22.50	31.50	31.08		

Based on their scores during the Grand Final, James Sinatra from Team 16 from Maastricht University (the Netherlands) was awarded the prize for Best Orator of the Grand Final.





BEST ORATOR'S PERSPECTIVE



It was a tremendous honour for me to participate in the 11th Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition as a member of the Maastricht University team. I've always been interested in the protection of human rights, so participating in the HPMCC provided me with the unique opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills I've gained through my studies to an authentic scenario.

When I entered the competition, I understood it was in addition to my academic pursuits, but I had no idea how much more work I had committed to! I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to have worked with my talented teammates. We shared many late nights, rewrites and tonnes of practice over the course of eight months, but I could tell that we were improving and gaining confidence with each session. I would also like to highlight the support and insightful direction of two exceptional coaches: Mateus Correia de Carvalho and Sejla Imamovic.

Throughout the competition, from the preliminary rounds in Tbilisi to the ultimate stage in Strasbourg, we encountered several outstanding teams, each of which challenged us to adapt and elevate our performance, forcing us to improve with each round.

For me, the highlight of the contest was making my case before a distinguished panel of judges in the European Court of Human Rights. Questions from the bench put my arguments to the test, as well as my ability to think fast and decisively. I learned an enormous amount from this, including how to adjust and how to remain calm under pressure. The ability to respond when challenged in this way is something I will carry forward with me throughout my career.



For anyone thinking of entering the competition, my advice is to go for it. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain, from legal research and thinking deeply on a new topic to enhancing your advocacy skills and working within a team. It's also the perfect environment for getting a glimpse into the inner workings of the Court and networking with your peers and judges. It is an experience that I will never forget.

Written by James Sinatra





THE HELGA PEDERSEN MOOT COURT COMPETITION AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE 11TH HPMCC

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

Therefore, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the amazingly dedicated, competent, and lovely ELSA International Team members that have worked so hard to ensure the success of this year's edition:

Aušra Abraitytė, Director for the HPMCC
Danielė Giedraitytė, Assistant for Judges in the HPMCC
Seán Mulvaney, Assistant for Teams in the HPMCC
Patricia- Georgiana Dărăștean, Assistant for Regional Rounds in the HPMCC

Additionally, for the Final Oral Round, the ELSA International Team and I needed reinforcement to ensure the smooth organisation of the week in Strasbourg. I had the honour of having several members of the International Board of ELSA, my colleagues, come and support the team this week as well as some great ELSA members who also decided to help. I also had the great pleasure of having some ELSA International Board members of the Board 2023/2024 who were present to learn in preparation for next year, including my own successor Maciej. I want to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to all of them.

The International Organising Committee:





Yuri van Steenwijk, President of ELSA

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Adéla Chloupková, President of ELSA Czech Republic

Laura Cestaro, Assistant at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Thank you all for joining us on this adventure.



CONCLUDING REMARKS FROM THE HEAD OF THE ORGANISATION

What started in August 2022 has now come to an end. With the end of this report, we also finalise the 11th edition of the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition (HPMCC).

The aims of the European Law Students' Association (ELSA) are to develop professional and student relations of an international character in the field of Law, to prepare its members for professional life in an international environment, to contribute to the exchange of scholarly experience and to stimulate mutual understanding and friendship on the principle of equality of all its members.

As a Flagship Project of ELSA, the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition is one of our most established projects with a key importance for our Network, which perfectly aligns with the aims of our Association. It brings together past, current, and future lawyers and professionals of the Council of Europe, the European Court of Human Rights, and other professions to provide a platform for aspiring lawyers to learn about the protection of International Human Rights and develop their oral pleading skills. It creates opportunities for intellectual and cultural exchange in an environment meant to foster professional relationships and personal growth.

This was the first year since the introduction of Regional Rounds that both the Regional Rounds and the Final Oral Round were organised fully in person, due to the Covid-Pandemic preventing inperson events. This came with new challenges, but it also meant that the Competition could fully live up to its potential. In my role, I had the privilege of travelling around Europe, supporting our great Regional Round Organisers and meeting participants from all over the continent – seeing them plead in front of legal professionals within the Human Rights field. I got to witness great teamwork, excellent individual performances, and immense dedication from participants, coaches, Judges, and Organisers. These observations continued, at the Final Oral Round in Strasbourg in May. Seeing the teams grow and improve from when they first register, through the Written Submissions stage, the Regional Rounds, and finally the Final Oral Round is truly inspiring. It was an honour to follow the progression.

Each year, we see the Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition's impact on its participants and *vice versa*. We see participants come back as coaches and Judges, showing their dedication to giving back to the Competition. It is truly inspiring to see how the HPMCC can serve as an introduction to a career within the field of Human Rights and International Law and how our HPMCC community grows with time.

To the Academic Board, thank you for your unwavering support and participation in the $11^{\rm th}$ edition of the HPMCC. You were always there to offer advice and encouragement, and when a crisis hit, you were there to offer a helping hand. I am incredibly thankful for your participation this year.



To my ELSA International Team, Aušra, Gia, Danielė, and Séan: I could not have asked for a better group of people. Thank you to Gia for coming with me to Maastricht, to Séan for joining me in Birmingham, and to Aušra for going to Tbilisi in my stead. You are all so competent and have made invaluable contributions to the organisation. I am delighted to have had the opportunity to get to know you and to have worked by your side this year.



On behalf of ELSA and the HPMCC, I wish to offer our sincerest gratitude to the Permanent Representations of Latvia, Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom for their contributions, as well as to the City of Strasbourg for their support. Additionally, our thanks would be incomplete without thanking the Council of Europe, especially Ms Sophie Lobey and Ms Maria Dominguez, for their assistance, support, and guidance throughout this year.

The Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition means a lot to me and I will always be grateful for the experiences and knowledge it has given me. As I take a step back, the HPMCC continues to move forward and grow, and I cannot wait to see what the future has in store for us both.

Best wishes,

Linnéa Regnell

Head of the Organisation of the 12th Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition

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APPENDIX A - CALCULATION OF THE SCORES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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