# Information Event Willem C. Vis (East) Moot Court 2024/25

8 May 2024

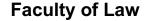
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### **Outline**

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### **Background**

- Largest and best-known international moot court in civil law in Vienna and Hong Kong
- One case, two sister competitions
- Duration: Fall (October) Spring (Easter)







## **Written Phase**



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## Written Phase (October – January)

#### Vis Moot School Switzerland:

- Introduction to international arbitration, CISG and mooting by experienced practitioners
- 4 full day sessions with other Moot teams from Switzerland and abroad before the release of the case
- Only open to Vis Moot team members and coaches





## **Written Phase (October – January)**

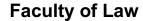
#### Tasks during the written phase:

- Request for Clarification (RfC)
- Memorandum for Claimant (MfC)
- Memorandum for Respondent (MfR)

#### Weekly tasks:

- Weekly team meeting with the coaches
- Weekly team meeting with the team
- Regular English lessons
- Weekly submission of memorandum drafts
- "Beamer Session" towards the end of each memorandum.
- Additional meetings as required







## **Written Phase (October – January)**

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- Conclusion («What is the argument?»)
- Rule (legal test; article; case law; scholars' and practitioners' opinions in literature)
- Application («In the present case»; exhibits)



Conclusion («What is the argument?»)



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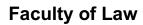
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## Written Phase (October – January)

#### How we worked:

- Worked in our office, the library or at home.
- Two people collaborated on one issue.
- Initially, we rotated between different issues.
- Towards the end, each person focused on a specific issue and others cross read the issues.

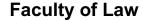






## **Oral Phase**







## **Oral Phase (January – April)**

#### **English Lessons:**

- Language Coach Paschal
- Practicing and working on our pleadings

#### **Practice Rounds:**

- ZMAA (Zurich Moot Alumni Association)
- Swiss Day at University of Basel
- Pleadings at 19 law firms

#### **Pre-Moots:**

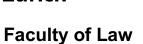
- Istanbul
- Riga
- Munich

#### **Conclusion of the Oral Phase:**

- Sharpened our presentation skills
- Exchange of arguments and ideas with people from Switzerland and all over the world
- We made amazing connections with other law students and lawyers

# Hong Kong & Vienna







## **Hong Kong**

#### What we did:

- General Rounds for the first 4 days of the competition: 2 people pleaded, 4 people supported (e.g. researching the arbitrators)
- Social gatherings (e.g. Moot Bar)
- Sightseeing







## **Hong Kong**

#### Awards Banquet:

- David Hunter Award (1st place) for Best Memorandum for Claimant
- Fali Nariman Award (1st place) for Best Memorandum for Respondent
- 16<sup>th</sup> finalist in the oral rounds
- 1 Honourable Mention for Best Oral Advocate





### **Vienna**

#### Awards Banquet:

 Werner Melis Award (1st place) for Best Memorandum for Respondent

## Why should you apply?



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## **Advantages**

- Unique opportunity to learn about the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) as well as international arbitration in a practice-oriented manner
- Supervision and support by four experienced coaches, a language coach and the moot court assistant
- Participation in various test hearings at law firms in Zurich and pre-moots abroad
- Travel costs (flights and accommodation) will be covered by sponsors (at most small - contribution to expenses by the team)







### **Recognition & Application**

#### Recognition:

- Bachelor (if 150 ECTS are already reached now): 18 ECTS Elective Module Master
- Master:
  - 18 ECTS Elective Module or
  - (if you are enrolled in the Master now:) 12 ECTS Master's thesis + 6 ECTS
     Elective Module

#### **Application:**

- Applications are possible until <u>22 May 2024</u>.
- Please consult the website of Prof. Heiss or Prof. Loacker in advance.

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