



Dear students,

Being a lawyer means to be able to argue your case. What better opportunity is there to learn advocacy than a moot court? This semester, you have the chance to practice your legal skills in the **Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition!**

The Jessup Moot Court is the world's largest moot court competition in the field of international law with more than 550 law schools worldwide participating. The competition simulates a **fictional dispute between two States before the International Court of Justice**. The teams consist of four to five law students and each represent both the Applicant and Respondent State of the dispute. The Jessup Moot Court usually deals with current issues related to international law; this year's Jessup Problem addresses questions on transboundary aquifers, basic human rights including the rights to food and water, and refugee outflows. under international law. The competition is held in English.

The Moot Court takes place from **September 2016 until April 2017** and consists of two stages. Each team first composes two written pleadings (Memorials) both for the Applicant and Respondent (September 2016 – January 2017). In the second stage, the team presents its arguments in an oral pleading before judges. In February, there will be National Rounds where the UNIGE team competes against other Swiss Jessup teams in order to qualify for the International Rounds. The winning Swiss team then advances to the **International Rounds held around April 2017 in Washington, D.C.** In Washington, the team has the chance to plead against other teams from all over the world in front of famous international law scholars and judges from the International Court of Justice.

The particularity of the Jessup at the UNIGE, the participation will be like the past year driven entirely by students. Since the Jessup Moot Court is no official course at the UNIGE, please be aware that you will not be able to earn credits for participating in the competition.

The Jessup Moot Court is a great opportunity for students who would like to develop their interest in public international law beyond the regular academic schedule. Besides expanding your knowledge in public international law, you will have the chance to improve your advocacy skills and gain insight in the work of a lawyer. During the competition, you will get in contact with famous experts in international law. Ultimately, the Jessup is a unique team experience as you will develop your memorials and pleadings in close collaboration with other students for several months.

The team will be coached by one to three students. Application for coaches follows the same process.

If you are interested in participating this year's Jessup Competition, as mooties or coach please send your CV and a letter of motivation (one page maximum) **until Sunday, 30 October 2016** to the following address: jessup-unige@outlook.com

Requirements are: enrollment in the law faculty of the UNIGE, advanced English skills, ability to work in a team. Knowledge in public international law is not mandatory.

Further information on the Jessup Moot Court can be found here: <https://www.ilsa.org/jessuphome>.

If you have any queries regarding the competition, feel free to contact us under the above email address.

Kind regards.