

Dear students,

We are thrilled to announce that the Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena will once again send a team to the **Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition**, which will take place during the winter semester 2026/27.

The Jessup Competition is the oldest, most prestigious public international law Moot Court worldwide. Jessup challenges participants to assume the role of legal counsel for two fictitious states involved in a dispute before the International Court of Justice (ICJ). This year's case will raise issues concerning gender apartheid, mass influx of migrants seeking asylum, sanctions and AI, and all of this in the wake of a *coup d'état*.

The Jessup competition consists of two parts: The written memorial stage and the oral rounds. During the first months, students will write two memorials for Applicant (Kläger) and Respondent (Beklagter) for their States. Students will receive rhetoric training to represent their States in the oral pleadings. Finally, the team will participate in the German national rounds, from which some teams will proceed to the International Rounds in Washington, D.C.

The competition is entirely in English and a priceless opportunity to develop your research, legal writing, public speaking skills and connect with people who share a passion for international law. Additionally, participation in Jessup can be counted as a **Probeseminararbeit** and **Sprachenschein**. Students can earn up to **15 ECTS** by participating. Furthermore, participation can count towards the **International Legal Studies** program. The semester does not count towards the Studienzeit (**Freisemester**). Additionally, participation counts as a **Schlüsselqualifikation**. Apart from this, Jessup grants a unique opportunity to network and open up **internship opportunities**. During the season we will travel to perform pleadings at **law firms** across Germany and meet with **students from other Jessup teams**.

Malte Meyer, Evandro Süssekind, Balthasar Baumann, and Katharina Preller (Jessup Coaches), based at the Chair of Public Law, Public International Law and European Union Law, will coach Jena's team and be mentored by Prof. Dr. Isabelle Ley.

We will host an Info-Event on 2 June 2026 at 4 p.m. (s.t.) in the Fakultätssitzungssaal, 2.43 CZS 3. Feel free to stop by or join via Zoom to catch some more information and meet us in person!

To apply for Jessup, please send your **CV**, a **motivation letter** and your **transcript of records** to [jessup@uni-jena.de](mailto:jessup@uni-jena.de) by 22 June 2026 at 11:59 p.m. Applicants should be interested in Public International Law, yet no previous knowledge is necessary, and have a good command of the English language.

Feel free to contact us if you have any further questions. We are looking forward to your applications and to a new Jessup season!

Kind regards,  
Your Jessup coaches

*Zoom Log-In for the Info-Event on the 02.06.2026:*

<https://uni-jena-de.zoom-x.de/j/68114420989>

Meeting-ID: 681 1442 0989; Code: 833984