

Dear students,

We are thrilled to announce that the University of Jena will once again be sending a team to the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition which will take place over the course of the winter semester 2022/23.

The Jessup Competition is the most prestigious and well-known Public International Law Moot Court Competition worldwide. Jessup challenges participants to assume the role of legal counsel for two fictitious states involved in a dispute in front of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). This year's case will deal with the interpretation of a peace treaty, deadly attacks in allegedly occupied territory, unilateral economic sanctions, and the legal consequences of failing to dispose of hazardous waste properly.

The competition is a priceless opportunity to develop your research, legal writing, and public-speaking skills. Additionally, participation in Jessup can be counted as a Probeseminararbeit and a language certificate. Erasmus students can earn up to 15 ECTS by participating. The semester during which one participates in Jessup will not be counted in the Studienzzeit and therefore does not affect deadlines regarding the Zwischenprüfung or the Freischuss.

The Jessup competition consists of two segments: the written memorial stage and the oral rounds. During the first months, students will write two fully referenced memorials for Applicant and Respondent suggesting compelling arguments for their States. Further, students will receive an intensive training to represent their respective States in the oral pleadings. The students' memorials and pleadings are evaluated by legal experts, including judges from the International Court of Justice, practising lawyers, and law professors. Finally, the team will participate in the German national rounds from where the best teams proceed to the International Rounds, traditionally held in Washington D.C.

Jena's team will be coached by Maximilian Beyer and Polina Kulish, based at the Chair for International Law and mentored by Prof. Dr. Alejandro Rodiles-Bretón.

To apply for Jessup, please send your CV and a motivational letter to polina.kulish@uni-jena.de until 10th July 11:59 pm. Applicants should be interested in Public International Law and should have a good command of the English language. Previous experience in public speaking is an asset.

Feel free to contact us via email in case you have any further questions. You can also ask your questions at the Information Event about Jessup that will be held on Monday, 13th June at 4:15 PM. The meeting takes place in room 308 (Carl-Zeiß-Str. 3) and can also be accessed via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://uni-jena-de.zoom.us/j/67376554477>

Meeting ID: 673 7655 4477

Passcode: 354511

We are looking forward to your applications and a new and wonderful Jessup season.

Kind regards,

Polina Kulish and Maximilian Beyer (Jessup Coaches)