

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 2023/24. This time, **students from the University of Erfurt can also apply to become a part of the team.**

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 concern traitors and crooks. It will raise issues related to the right to political expression, statelessness, the right to nationality, and the scope of the United Nations Security Council's authority in the pacific settlement of disputes.

The competition is held entirely in English and is **a priceless opportunity** to develop your research, legal writing, and public speaking skills and to connect with many people who share a passion for international law. Students are expected to have the opportunity to concentrate on the competition for the entire semester without negatively impacting their academic progress. As a result, participation in Jessup will be subject to evaluation and approval for recognition through academic certificates and ECTS credits.

The Jessup competition consists of two parts: 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 undergo intensive training to effectively represent their assigned 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, held in Washington D.C.

The team will be **coached** by Maira Müller, Maximilian Beyer and Polina Kulish, based at the Chair of International Law at the University of Jena and mentored by Prof. Dr. Alejandro Rodiles-Bretón.

To apply for Jessup, please send your **CV** (which should include a functioning phone number for easy communication) to polina.kulish@uni-jena.de. In addition, we ask you to provide us with a short **essay** (no more than 2000 words) with a legal analysis concerning a fictitious case which you can find [here](#).

The deadline for applications is **31st August, 11:59 pm**. Applicants should be interested in Public International Law and have a good command of the English language. Previous experience in public speaking is an asset.

Feel free to email us in case you have any further questions. We are looking forward to your applications and a new Jessup season.

Kind regards,

Maira Müller, Maximilian Beyer and Polina Kulish (Jessup Coaches)