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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)



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Written Phase



Written Phase (October – January)

Vis Moot School Switzerland:

- Introduction to international arbitration, CISG and mootings 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)

Vis Moot School Switzerland:





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Tasks during the written phase:

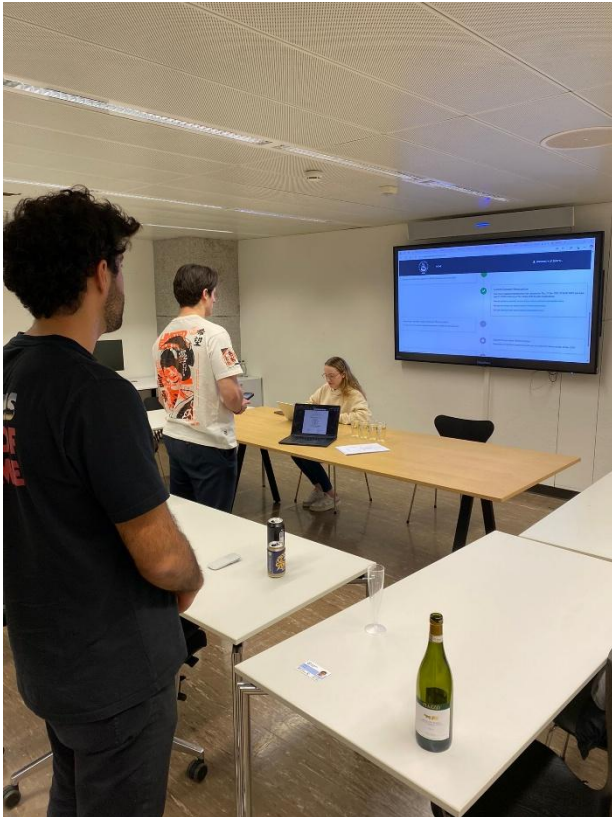
- Request for Clarification (RfC)
- Memorandum for Claimant (MfC)
- Memorandum for Respondent (MfR)

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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How we worked:

- Worked in the library or at home, but primarily the Moot Room
- Three 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.





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Oral Phase

Oral Phase (January – April)

English Lessons:

- Language Coach Paschal
- Practicing and working on our pleadings

Practice Rounds:

- Swiss Day at University of St. Gallen
- Pleadings at 23 law firms

Pre-Moots:

- Helsinki
- Berlin
- Prag

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





Pre-Moot Helsinki





Pre-Moot Riga





Pre-Moot Munich





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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



Hong Kong

Awards Banquet:

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





Vienna





Vienna

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





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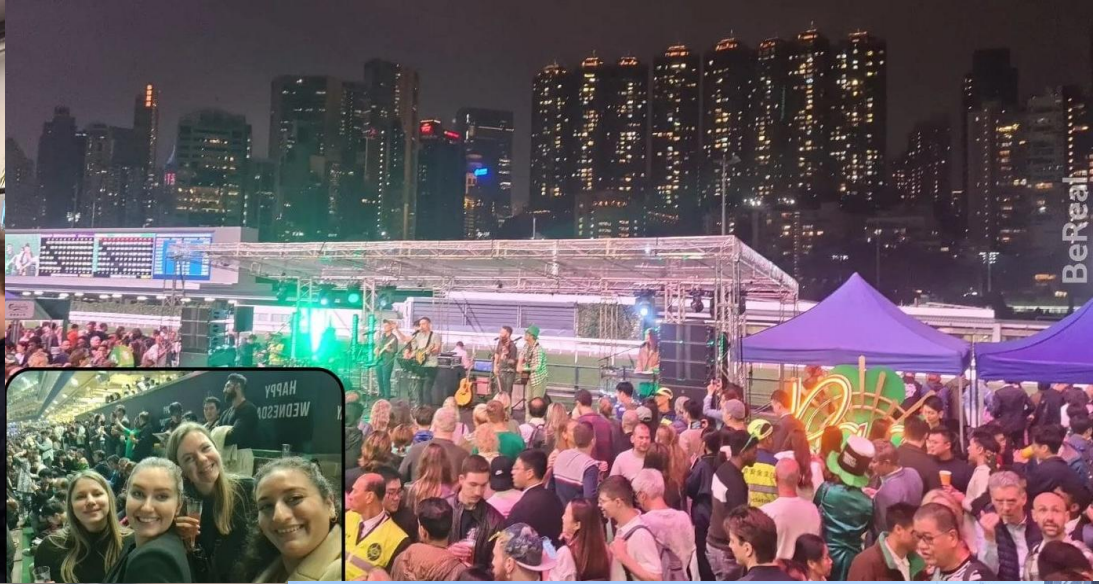
Advantages

- 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)



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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 **10 March 2025**
- Please consult the website of Prof. Heiss or Prof. Loacker in advance.

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