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Final Round Winner, National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"



Finalist Team, Comenius University in Bratislava

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Prof. Mr B.M. Telders (1903-1945)



The Telders International Law Moot Court Competition is named after Professor Benjamin Marius Telders, who first became a professor of international law at Leiden University in 1931. Telders was extremely interested in why and how law operated. He considered international law to be a unique study and challenge, since it was - and in many respects still is - undefined and interwoven with history and politics. Professor Telders was respected for his sharp mind and frequently had the honour to represent his country, The Netherlands, before the Permanent Court of International Justice, predecessor of the International Court of Justice.

His interests and activities were not, however, limited to international Law. Professor Telders was a man who enjoyed life to the full. He spent his time doing various other activities such as playing the piano, editing a literary magazine and leading a political party. These other activities complemented his duties as a professor and a lawyer.

His approach to law was a practical one. Problems were meant to be solved, but not in contravention with important legal principles such as the rule of law and civil society. Professor Telders stood and fought for those principles even in the most difficult of times during the Second World War. Even being imprisoned for four and a half years did not break him morally or mentally, but made his more determined. He continued to write about international law, using a small pencil and match sticks. His fellow prisoners had great respect for his ability to put moral guidance and leadership into practice. Professor Telders died in the concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen in April 1945.

Two years later, in 1947, former students of Professor Telders founded the Telders Students Society of International Law (Telders Dispuut) in commemoration of their Professor. The first Telders International Law Moot Court Competition was organised in 1977 on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Telders Students Society for International Law.

Now, 47 years after the first competition, the Telders Moor Court continues to maintain and live up to the legacy of the learned professor of international law.

Objective

Through the Telders Competition, law students learn about the practical side of courtroom law and gain experience grounded in the principles of the rule of law, civil society and fair play. Participants are students from all over Europe who have won the National Pre-Selection Round. Every year a new and challenging case is devised for the students to argue.

The main objective of the Telders Competition is to challenge students to excel in international law, consequently testing their creativity and powers of persuasion in a friendly competition. Students and academic staff throughout Europe consider participation to be a great honour and a wonderful experience. By attracting participants from universities all over Europe the Competition also encourages European interaction and integration

The Telders Competition is proud to be able to preserve the academic standards of the Competition and its prestige through the active involvement in this respect of the Judges of the International Court of Justice, the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal, the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, The International Criminal Court, professors of international law from all over the world and members of the corps diplomatique in The Hague. The Competition is organized by the Telders Organizing Office, which is part of the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Campus The Hague/Leiden University). At the Grotius Centre, the expertise of Leiden University's Faculty of Law is combined with the position of The Hague as City of Peace and Justice.

Structure

Each team participating in the Competition prepares an Applicant's Memorial (A) and a Respondent's Memorial (B). These Memorials are judged individually by three members of the International Board of Review.

At the International Semi-Finals in The Hague, each team presents an oral argument for the Applicant and an oral argument for the Respondent in four of the sessions of the Semi-Finals: twice as Applicant and twice as Respondent. The oral arguments are judged by a Moot Court consisting of three judges.

The Final Round is held between the best Applicant-team and the best Respondent-team. These are the teams with the highest total score on the Applicant-side and on the Respondent-side respectively, the highest total score being the sum of the final score for the Memorial and the final score for the oral argument on the Applicant-side and on the Respondent-side respectively.



Participating teams

The following teams have participated in previous editions:

University of Graz, Austria	The Hague University of Applied Sciences,
Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria	The Netherlands
University Of Cyprus, Cyprus	Tilburg University, the Netherlands
Palacky University Olomouc, Czech Republic	Utrecht University, the Netherlands
University of Southern Denmark, Denmark	University of Groningen, the Netherlands
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Université Catholique de Lille, France	Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia
Ilia State University, Georgia	Universidad Internacional de La Rioja (UNIR), Spain
Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia	Graduate Institute of International and Developmental
University of Cologne, Germany	Studies, Switzerland
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany	Koç University, Turkey
Demokritus University of Thrace, Greece	Maltepe University, Turkey
ELTE Law School, Hungary	National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", Ukraine
The Law Society of Ireland, Ireland	Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine
University of Latvia, Latvia	Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, Ukraine
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Final Bench, Judge Georg Nolte, Judge Ivana Hrdličková, and Ambassador Mario Oyarzábal



Speaker, National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"



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Receive an invitation to join us for the Final Round at the International Court of Justice.

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