

31st Willem C. Vis Moot Court 2023/2024





19.06.23 Infoveranstaltung - Vis Moot Court







What is the Vis Moot?

An international mooting competition

- in the Vis Moot
- International in the sense that the applicable law is international commercial law
- Dispute takes place before an Arbitral Tribunal
 - Tribunal consists of 3 lawyers/professors
 - Arbitration rules rotate each year
- All teams go to Vienna, no qualification rounds





• International in the sense that approximately 370 universities from roughly 90 countries are represented

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• Problem simulates a fictitious commercial dispute arising out of a sales contract between business entities.

Timeline

What happens during your Moot Semester?

- The Semester consists of a written stage and an oral stage:
- Writing your Memorandum: > Memorandum for Claimant: 6 October 2023 – 7 December 2023
- Oral phase: > Preparation for Vienna: 26 January 2024 – 21 March 2024 > Oral Phase in Vienna: 22 March 2024 – 28 March 2024





> Memorandum for Respondent: 8 December 2023 – 25 January 2024

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What can you expect from your Moot Semester

- Working closely with your teammates
- Improving your English skills
- basis
- Networking and meeting professionals and peers from across the globe
- And most importantly lots of fun!





Learning about International Arbitration for a whole semester on a practical

The Memoranda

- Both Memoranda may not exceed 35 pages each
- Usually 4 questions that have to be addressed (2 procedural questions, 2 questions regarding) the merits)











The only other interpretation of 'this contract' is that these words refer only to an 15 and thus that Cl. 15 does not govern disputes arising out of the rest of the Sales Agreement. This is clearly an absurd interpretation, and should be rejected [Carter, p. 574]. Thus, the wording of Cl. 15 defeats RESPONDENT's argument that its mere separation from Cl.14 shows that the parties did intended Cl. 15 to be governed by a separate law [ANoA, para. 15].

It is said that 'some clauses deserve to be prisoners of the document in which they are found' [Paulsson, p. 618]. Cl.15 is such a clause. Therefore, by virtue of Cl. 14, Cl. 15 is governed by Mediterranean law.

II. In any case, Mediterranean law is the law applicable to Cl. 15 under Art. V(1)(a) NYC

Art. V(1)(a) of the New York Convention ("NYC") and Art. 34(1)(a) DAL contain an implied choice of law rule requiring the Tribunal to apply the parties' express or implied choice of law to the arbitration clause, before turning to the law of the seat [Born, p. 506; Nacimiento in Kronke/Nacimento/Otto/Port, p. 224; Bredin, p. 1020; AP 1219/2014]. RESPONDENT is therefore jumping the gun, or the starting gate, in seeking to apply Danubian law

31 There are two reasons why Mediterranean law is the parties' implied choice. First, this is demonstrated by their pre-contractual negotiations (a). Second, the selection of Mediterranean law to govern is a reasonable reading of the Sales Agreement which best reflects the expectations of commercial parties (b).



The Memoranda

- Memoranda will be written from the perspective of the Claimant and Respondent respectively
- Memorandum for Respondent: Reply to a Memorandum for Claimant from another university (e.g. Cambridge, Duke University)



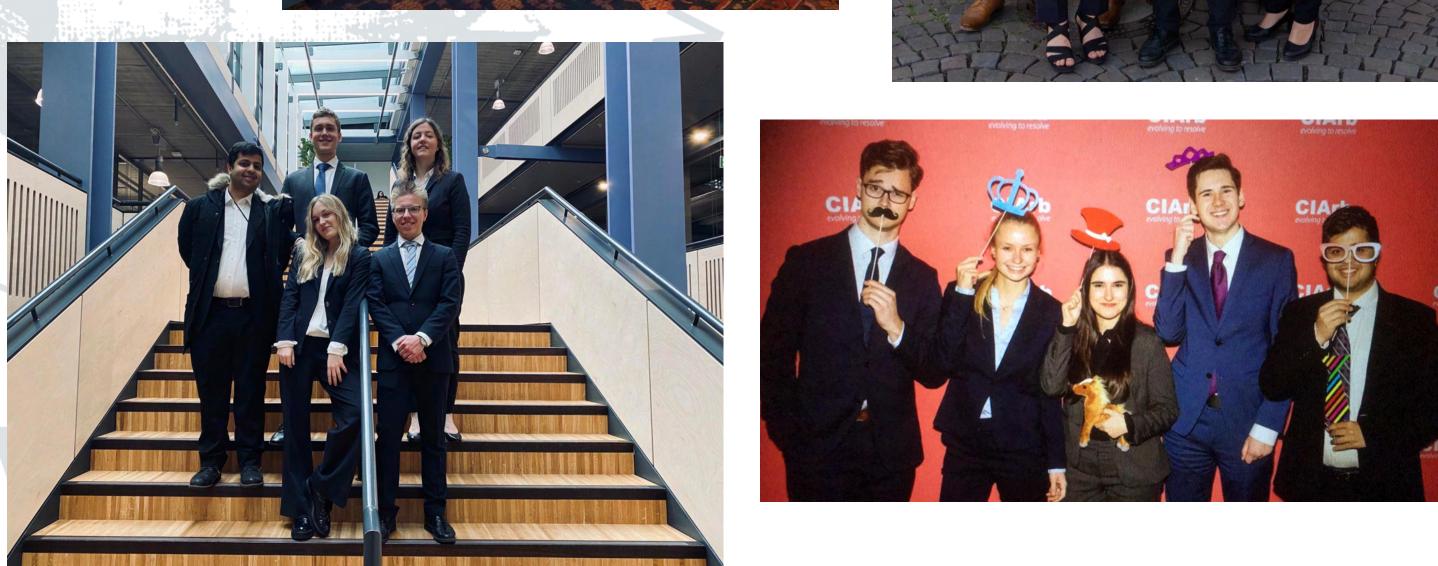




Pre Moots

Preparation for the oral hearings in Vienna

- Lots of travel (The Hague, Stockholm, London, Tbilisi, New York)
- Perfect networking opportunities
- Competing against international teams
- Gaining self-confidence and public speaking abilities











Law-Firm Hearing

Preparation for the oral hearings in Vienna

- Pleading your arguments in front of experienced lawyers
- Getting the opportunity to network
- Visiting law firms and meeting other teams
- Social get-together after the pleading
- Enjoying delicious food & drinks











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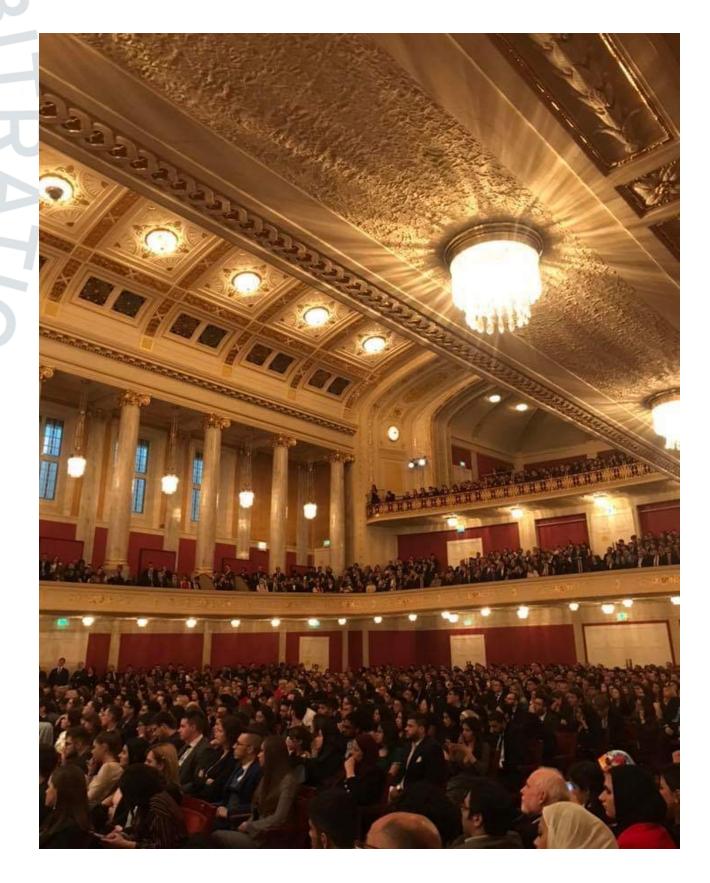
- Staying in an AirBnB together as your last travel with the team
- Experiencing the Moot Spirit during your whole week in Vienna











Vienna is calling

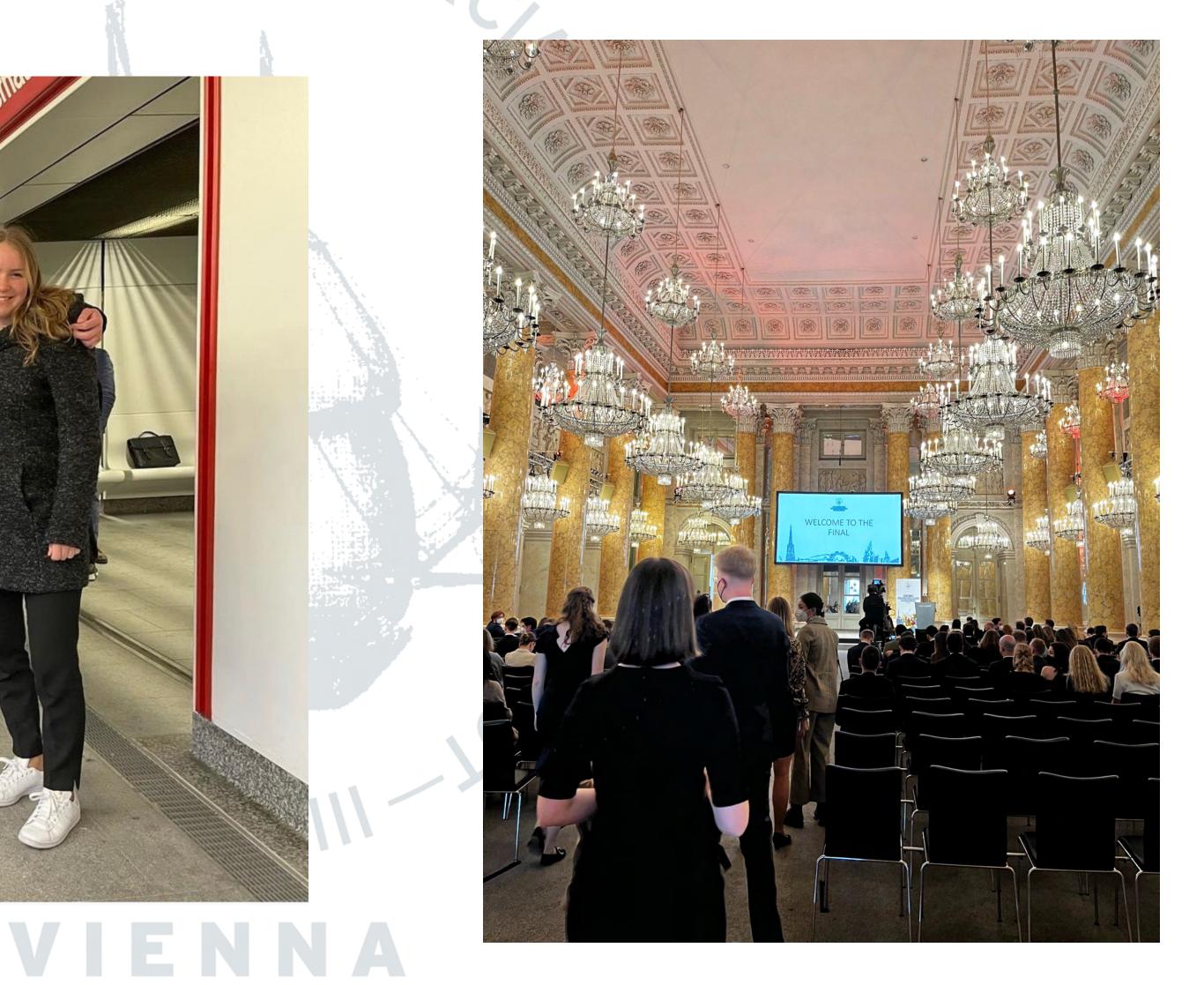




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Why should you participate?

- Meeting friends for life
- Improve your Legal English and strengthen your personality
- Network with lawyers (good opportunities for internships after the Moot!) and students from Germany and from all over the world
- Gain insight into an in-demand topic (international commercial arbitration) that gives you a head-start in your legal career
- Visit great places (Travel and accommodation paid by the University)
- "FREISEMESTER"/POSSIBILITY FOR "SEMINARARBEIT"!
- HAVING THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE AND LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCES!





How can you apply?

Applications via E-Mail: <u>mootcourt@jura.uni-bonn.de</u>

- Curriculum vitae (in English) 1-2 pages
- Letter of motivation (in English) 1-2 pages
- Certificates on further qualifications: Abitur, "Zwischenprüfungszeugnis" and transcript of records
- Other qualifications (language certificates, seminars and other)





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