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INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

2022 REVIEW REPORT



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NILOS Moot Court Competition The Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (NILOS) Moot Court Competition is the first moot court simulating proceedings under Part XV of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

This year marked the third edition of the NILOS Moot Court Competition, simulating proceedings before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS). The competition took place entirely online due to COVID-19

The Organising Committee of NILOS wishes to express its gratitude to the NILOS staff for their assistance and support throughout the competition.

The Organising Committee also extends thanks to Jus Mundi, the official research partner of the Competition. As part of the partnership, all participating teams were granted free access to Jus Mundi Legal Research for the duration of the Competition. An additional one-year free access to Jus Mundi Legal Research was awarded as a Prize to the winner and runner-up team.



NILOS MCC 2022 Organising Committee:

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The Authors of the case - The RV Vilhelmina

The Organising Committee would like to thank the authors of the case:

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Dr Arron Honniball, Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and Rule of Law, Germany



Source: https://www.shutterstock.com/video/clip-1068349862-container-ship-animation-sailing-near-industrial-port

This year's Competition Problem, entitled 'The RV Vilhelmina case', between the Republic of Freitas vs. the Kingdom of Selden concerns, inter alia, legal issues on the laying of submarine cables, marine scientific research, establishment of outer limits of the continental shelf, port access in the time of a life-threatening pandemic and historic rights



Source: https://www.alliedmarketresearch.com/submarine-cables-market-A07396

2022 PARTICIPATING TEAMS: INTERNATIONAL ROUND

The Netherlands – Utrecht university

Team Participants: Lou Mcdonough Monroy, Tamara Abdelwahed, Amy Youngman, Giuseppe Parisi, María Ignacia Amtmann Lange

Coaches: Baine Kerr, Matti Hendrik Luc Warnez





Greece - National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

Team Participants: Iris Aikaterini Kamperoglou, Marilia Platsa, Angeliki Konstantara, Evridiki Lilitsi, Konstantinios Psevdos

Coaches: Efthymios Papastavridis, Dimitrios Panousos, Konstantina Meletiadou



China – Wuhan University

Team Participants: Zhiyuan Cai, Zixuan Wang, Li Lu, Shi Yao, Wang Yuanfei

Coaches: Otto Spijkers, Chuxiao YU



Vietnam – Hanoi Law University

Team Participants: Nguyen Thi Phuong Thao, Nguyen Thu Trang, Duong Yen Nhi, Tran Minh Phu

Coaches: Dr. Nguyen Toan Thang, Dr. Nguyen Thi Hong Yen

Cyprus - University of Cyprus

Team Participants: Maria Asimakopoulou, Panayiotis Antoniades, Stefanos Charalampous, Anastasia Hadjiangeli, Stefani Messiou

Coaches: Lykourgos Kappas, Nikolaos Tampoukos, Lito Theodorou





Indonesia - University of Indonesia

Team Participants: Fahira Arifin, Athallah Zahran Ellandra, Ashyla Naila, Sulthan Hanif, Verina Marcillia

Coaches: Amirah Bilqis, Kenneth Nicholas, Dominique Virgil

2022 PARTICIPATING TEAMS: NATIONAL ROUNDS

This year marked the first time that the NILOS Moot Court Competition had national rounds before the international round could proceed. National Rounds take place in countries where more than one university applies to the competition. National Rounds took place in China and Vietnam this year.

The NILOS Organising Committee would like to thank the National Administrators for the national rounds who volunteered to run the respective national rounds.

China

National Administrator: **Professor Lijiang Zhu**, the Vice-Director of the School of International Law, China University of Political Science and Law

Participating Universities: Wuhan University, China University of Political Science and Law, The Law School (Intellectual Property College) of Jinan University

National Round Winner: Wuhan University

Vietnam

National Administrator: **Ms. La Minh Trang**, International Law Department, Hanoi Law University

Participating Universities: Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Vietnam National University, Hanoi - School of Law, Hanoi Law University

National Round Winner: Hanoi Law University

2022 AWARDS & WINNERS

Winner of the Moot Court Competition:

National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

Runner up of the Moot Court Competition:

University of Cyprus

Best Applicant Memorial:

National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

Best Respondent Memorial:

University of Cyprus

Best oral pleadings for the Applicant:

Wuhan University

Best oral pleadings for the Respondent:

Utrecht University

Highest score overall:

Utrecht University

Best Oralist:

Giuseppe Parisi from Utrecht University

COMMITTEE OF APPOINTED JUDGES

The Committee of Appointed Judges is composed of two Judges appointed by each team participating in the Competition.

Daniela Bühler	Specialist in Parliamentary Business, Zurich, Switzerland
Christina Fernandez	PhD Candidate, Tilburg Law School
Dr Sofia Galani	Panteion University of Athens
Dr Sophia Kopela	WWF
Dr Ahmad Almaududy Amri	Foreign Service Officer, Directorate of Legal Affairs and Territorial Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia
Dr Gulardi Nurbintoro	First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Canberra
Dr Nicholas Ioannides	Adjunct Professor at the University of Nicosia
Youli Stylianidou	PhD candidate in international law, EUI, Florence
Lei Wang	Vice Dean, Law Faculty of Southwestern University of Finance and Economics
Yun Lei	Professor, Law Faculty of Southwestern University of Finance and Economics
Jiayu Bai	Professor, Nankai University Law Faculty
Yubingg Shi	Professor, Xiamen University Law Faculty
He Tiantian	Associate Research Fellow, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Qin Binwu	Associate Professor, Xiangtan University Law School
Nguyễn Thu Giang	Official, National Boundary Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam
Nguyễn Hữu Phú	Apprenticeship Deputy Director, Department of Laws and International Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam

Dr Tran Hoang Yen	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam
Dr. Vu Hai Dang	Senior Research Fellow at the Center for International Law, National University of Singapore

JUDGES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY ROUND

University of Edinburgh, School of Law
JSPS, Kobe University
Research Fellow, Ocean Law and Policy, Centre for International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore.
Senior Research Associate at NILOS; post-doctoral researcher at the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ)
Assistant Professor, Xavier Law School, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata
PhD Candidate at Universidade Católica Portuguesa; Researcher at the Institute for Internet & the Just Society; Columnist and Editor of the Instituto Brasileiro de Direito do Mar
Director of Legal, International and Environmental Affairs at APMF Madagascar
The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMO International Maritime Law Institute
Assistant Professor of Law, City University of Hong Kong
Senior Research Associate at NILOS and Utrecht Center for Water, Oceans and Sustainability Law; Assistant Professor of Public International Law at Utrecht University Law School

Millicent McCreath	Scientia PhD Scholar at UNSW
Vu Hai Dang	Senior Research Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore
Trang Pham	Research Fellow, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and Rule of Law, Germany
Chiara Pavesi	Project Coordinator and Research Assistant for ASCOMARE
Dr Youri van Logchem	Senior Lecturer, Swansea University
Dr Ekaterina Antsygina	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Hamburg
Carlos Antonio Cruz Carrillo	PhD fellow, University of Basel
Dr Gerasimos Rodotheatos	Assistant Professor of International Law and Security, the American University of Emirates
Dr Zhen Sun	Research Officer, WMU - Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute
Matina Papadaki	Research Fellow, Athens Public International Law Centre
Suriya N Sundararajan	Legal Office intern at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
Dr Hilde Woker	Assistant Professor of International Law at Leiden University
Danae Georgoula	PhD Candidate, NILOS and Utrecht University Center for Water, Oceans, and Sustainability Law

JUDGES OF THE FINAL ROUND



HE Judge Tomas Heider, Vice President of The International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea



Dr Nilufer Oral, Director of the Centre of International Law (National University of Singapore), Member of the United Nations International Law Commission



Professor Alfred Soons, Emeritus Professor of Public International Law, Utrecht University The recordings of the final match and the award ceremony are available on NILOS Moot Court Competition's Facebook page at this link:

https://facebook.com/NILOSMCC/

The NILOS Organising Committee wishes to thank all teams, judges and participants for joining us online for this third edition of the moot court competition.

We look forward to meeting you in person in 2024!

Report prepared by the NILOS Organising Committee.

