SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE MANFRED LACHS SPACE LAW
MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2020

Oral part of the selection process

The oral part of the selection process will be split up into three parts:

1. A short summary presenting your understanding of the most important facts of the Selection Process Problem 2020. (1 – 2 min, very briefly, point out the most important aspects and critical points of the case)
2. A short pleading of the claims submitted. (10 min)
3. A personal interview with the coaching staff. (8 min)

The oral selection process will last for 20-30 minutes per candidate

How you should prepare:

Ad 1. Read the Problem carefully and multiple times. Assemble the facts you deem crucial for the legal assessment of the case. This shall be done thoroughly, but concise. Try to identify possible issues for both sides but keep your presentation structured, as to explain it to someone who has not read the problem.

Ad 2. The task is to present your arguments orally in front of a panel acting like judges of the International Court of Justice. You should be prepared to talk for 10 minutes. You will be indicated the remaining time and due to questions you will not be able to present all your arguments, so choose the most convincing ones!

The judges will interrupt you with questions in order to, first, test your ability to react to stressful situations and secondly, to test your existing knowledge of public international law and space law. The most important thing is to remain calm and polite when answering the question. You are not expected to be able to answer everything, but you will be judged based on your ability to work with such questions. Please consult the documents “Mooting – Golden Rules” and “How to address the Court” to prepare your presentation.

You should be prepared to receive basic questions on space law, the law of treaties and state responsibility. It should be sufficient if you are familiar with the primary sources we will provide you, even though a display of further knowledge is considered a plus.
Ad 3. The last step is an informal talk about your time commitment, your exposure to int’l law and your motivation to participate in the MLMC.

You will be assessed based on all contributions, both written and oral.

Good luck!