

# *Proposal on the Organisation of a Moot Court Summer School by Ali Masoudian*

*(23-25 August 2023, Tehran)*

## **Introduction:**

I have been working, for the past 3 years, on the recognition of moot competitions for law students in my country, Iran. To reach this end, I have organised and held many Instagram Lives with the Scientific Association of many Law Schools in Iran and I was the main contributor behind the organisation of summer schools, both online and in-person workshops on the issues related to moot competitions and the vital skills required in these competitions. I am the author of the only existent book on moot court competitions in Iran (reprinted in less than a year when it was published for the first time) and I have my own website on which my previous workshops and webinars are [available](#). Since in Iran, the *field of law* has the highest number of students<sup>1</sup> and graduates compared to all other fields, the duty of ‘public awareness’ of moot competitions and in particular, Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, becomes more and more vital. There is no other person in Iran having the sense of responsibility in the same way I do in the promotion of the culture of moot competitions and in particular, the Jessup Moot Court Competition. My previous experience and my estimation for the upcoming Moot Court Summer School, will prove that there will be more than a hundred of students willing to attend this summer school.

## **Subject-Matter of the Summer School**

As it is evident in its title, the ‘Moot Court Summer School’ focuses on the most important skills and information every future participant must know about. After having more than 20 times of contributions to various moot competitions, I tried my best to suggest/use the topics which will be of the most significance. The subjects have been chosen twofold: **first**, those focusing on the skills required such as the oral and written skills and the correct way of conducting research etc.; **second**, those concentrating

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<sup>1</sup> The number of Iranian law students, according to statistics, exceeds 400,000.

on the most important legal issues in the ICJ-related moot competition and other moots simulating other international courts and tribunals or a proceeding. At the end, I will try to convince the audience on how they can form a team and subsequently register in a moot competition (especially Jessup). So, we have a future view of getting the students involved in moot competitions so that it could seem practical and efficient for them.

### **The Platform**

The Summer School will be held both in-person (in Tehran) and online. The venue has yet to be determined. The online platform for the Moot Court Summer School is 'Skype'. All sessions will be recorded online and will be accessible by the participants after the end of the School.

### **Date**

According to our initial plan, the Summer School will take place in three days, 23-25 August, 2023. The time has been chosen after a precise assessment (by making a poll) of possible dates and we believe this date is the best possible option for a couple of reasons: first, the date fits completely before the registration deadline of the most well-known moot competitions so that they will have the sufficient time to register; second, the date is chosen after the organization of the Iranian Bar Exam, so we will not lose a considerable number of people; and third, since the date is less than a month prior to the start of the university semester, the students from outside Tehran (the Capital) will have the higher chance of coming to Tehran to attend the Summer School.

### **Registration Fee:**

To cover the expenses of the organization (a Meal per day, and refreshments: coffee, tea, and sweets); venue rental fee; payment to some of the speakers; technical staff (cameraman, graphic designer, editor, etc.) we need to set a reasonable fee for the

applicants to register. The fee will be sth around 200 USD for the in-person participants and less than a 100 USD for online attendants.

### **List of Courses**

- **First Day - Wednesday (23 August 2023)**

08:00-10:30

**Speaker:** Ali Masoudian

**Subject:** Thorough Introduction to Moot Court: Key Tips to Enhance Written and Oral Advocacy Skills

**Subject in Farsi:** مقدمه‌ای جامع بر موت کورت: نکات کلیدی به منظور تقویت مهارت‌های کتبی و شفاهی وکالت

11:00-12:30

**Speaker:** Dr. Mojtaba Asgharian

**Subject:** Arbitration and other ADR Moot Competitions

**Subject in Farsi:** موت‌های داوری و سایر روش‌های جایگزین حل و فصل اختلافات

14:00-15:30

**Speaker:** Dr. Hamideh Barmakhshad

**Subject:** Politics of Moot

**Subject in Farsi:** خط مشی موت

16:00-17:30

**Speaker:** Hannah Zigelski (Team Member of University of Amsterdam, Champion of Philippe C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2023)

**Subject:** How to Build your Oral Presentation throughout the Competition

**Subject in Farsi:** نحوه ساخت و طراحی ارائه شفاهی در طول فرآیند مسابقات

- **Second Day - Thursday (24 August 2023)**

09:00-10:30

**Speaker:** Dr. S. Mohammadali Abdollahi

**Subject:** Sports Law and Moot Competitions

**Subject in Farsi:** حقوق ورزشی و مسابقات موت

11:00-12:30

**Speaker:** Dr. Reza Ayazi

**Subject:** 10 Essential Negotiation Techniques useful in Moot Competitions

**Subject in Farsi:** ده تکنیک ضروری مذاکره برای حضور در موت کورت

14:00-15:30

**Speaker:** Shayan Ahmad Khan (Legal Attaché - Delegation to the United Nations; Coach of the Philippe C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2022 Champion representing Harvard University)

**Subject:** Oral Advocacy in the Jessup Competition

**Subject in Farsi:** فن دفاعیه شفاهی در مسابقات جساپ

16:00-17:30

**Speaker:** David Roghair (Judge for the Superior Court of the State of Alaska)

**Subject:** Role of Judge in Moot Competitions: How the oralists effectively communicate with the Judges

**Subject in Farsi:** نقش قاضی در مسابقات موت: اورالیست‌ها چگونه با قضات ارتباط برقرار کنند؟

- **Third Day – Friday (25 August 2023)**

09:00-10:30

**Speaker:** Mehran Tarhi (PhD Candidate at Shahid Beheshti University – Coach of SBU Teams in the Jessup, CRM and ICC Moot Courts)

**Subject:** Enhancing Advocacy Skills in Cases Related to the Violations of Human Rights and International Criminal Law Through Moot Competitions

**Subject in Farsi:** تقویت مهارت‌های دفاع در پرونده‌های نقض حقوق بین‌الملل بشر و بشردوستانه از طریق مسابقات موت

11:00-12:30

**Speaker:** Sivarnjani Pillai (JD at Singapore Management University)

**Subject:** Best Oralist Approach in Q & A part'

**Subject in Farsi:** رویکرد بهترین اورالیست در قسمت سوال و پاسخ

14:00-15:30

**Speaker:** Tihao Zeng (Research Assistant at International Law Commission)

**Subject:** Jurisdiction & Admissibility of the ICJ

**Subject in Farsi:** صلاحیت و قابلیت استماع در دیوان بین‌المللی دادگستری

16:00-17:30

**Speaker:** Sadra Pirniakan (PhD Candidate at Tarbiat Modares University in International Trade and Investment Law)

**Subject:** The Role of ICJ-based Moot Competitions in Tackling the Most Important Contemporary Challenges in International Law

**Subject in Farsi:** نقش مسابقات شبیه ساز دیوان بین‌المللی دادگستری در طرح مهم‌ترین چالش‌های معاصر حقوق بین‌الملل

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