

Statute

Hugo Sinzheimer Moot Court Competition

1. Institutional embedding and name

The Hugo Sinzheimer Moot Court Competition (HS MCC) is institutionally embedded at the Hugo Sinzheimer Institute at the University of Amsterdam.

2. Organisational structure of the moot court competition

The organisational structure of the HS MCC holds three bodies: Organising Committee; Case Committee and Advisory Board.

A. Organising Committee

A. The Organising Committee is responsible for the organisation of the Moot Court Competition (MCC) as such.

B. The chair of this Organising Committee is the director of the Hugo Sinzheimer Institute of the Amsterdam Law School.

C. The members of the Organising Committee are:
Antonio Garcia-Muñuz Alhambra, University of Castilla la Mancha;
Piotr Grzebyk, University of Warsaw;
Beryl ter Haar, University of Amsterdam;
Attila Kun, Karoli Gaspar University Budapest;
Zakaria Shvelidze, Tbilisi State University.

D. The Organising Committee will be supported by a secretary who is affiliated with the Hugo Sinzheimer Institute.

E. The tasks of the Organising Committee include:

- i. Finance
- ii. Location
- iii. Materials
- iv. Website/publicity
- v. Registration
- vi. Supervision and support for the two other bodies
- vii. Drafting 'Rule of the game'
- viii. Proposing topics for the case of the Moot Court to the Advisory Board and coordination of the selection of the topic (see Rules of the Game)
- ix. Nomination of the academic legal expert of the Case Committee and approval of the other members of the Case Committee proposed by the academic legal expert
- x. Nomination and inauguration of the members of the Advisory Board
- xi. Decisions on future developments (e.g. extension of participants; type of cases; etc.)

B. Case Committee

A. The Case Committee is responsible for the drawing of the case for the MCC.

B. The Case Committee is comprised by experts from the 'Law-Host Country' (see Rules of the Game) and includes:

- academic legal expert in the field of the topic of the case as proposed and decided upon by Organising Committee and the Advisory Board;
- one judge
- one lawyer/practitioner¹

C. The academic legal expert is the chair of the Case Committee.

D. The tasks of the Case Committee are:

- i. suggest topics for the case to the Advisory Board
- ii. drawing of the case upon proposition of the Organising Committee and approval of the Advisory Board;
- iii. providing all the necessary background documents (legislation; case law; other relevant documents);
- iv. brief introduction in the relevant national legislation as part of the case materials (e.g. video-lecture/slide cast lecture/written introduction);
- v. being members of the Jury (see Rules of the Game) of the MCC

C. Advisory Board

A. The role of the Advisory Board is to ensure the professionalism and contribute to the promotion and awareness of the HS MCC. Members of the Advisory Board are highly esteemed experts from academia and the practice.

B. The Advisory Board is comprised by:

- Takashi Araki
- Gerrard Boot
- Guy Davidov
- Teun Jaspers
- Claire Kilpatrick
- Tonia Novitz
- Lukasz Pisarczyk
- Mia Rönnmar
- Isabelle Schömann
- Jean-Michel Servais
- Manfred Weiss

C. The Advisory Board will be complemented by a member of the Organising Committee who will act as a procedural chair (based on rotation). The Advisory Board is supported by the secretary of the Organising Committee.

D. The tasks of the Advisory Board include:

¹ In principle this excludes representatives of social partners and/or the government

- i. Proposing topics for the Moot Court case and approval of the final choice of the topic;
- ii. Review and approval of the case drafted by the Case Committee;
- iii. Safeguard the quality of the moot court competition in general;
- iv. Being proactive and supportive in applications for funding and promotion of the HS MCC;
- v. Dispute settlement arising on whatever issue involved with the HS MCC.

3. Finance

The Organising Committee, in collaboration with the Advisory Board, will strive to provide full financial support for the HS MCC, including organisational, travel and accommodation costs. Till this is realised the following principles apply.

A. Costs Host Country

The HS MCC Host Country (see Rules of the Game) will be responsible for the costs involved with the event. These costs include, among others depending on the possibilities of the Host Country:

- i. costs for tea/coffee; two lunches and one diner for all participants and the Jury
- ii. travel expenses and costs for two nights accommodation for the Jury;
- iii. costs for the location the Moot Court takes place

B. Costs Participants

The participants pay for their own travel and accommodation costs. Participants are strongly advised to find sponsors for their participation, for instance by the university, a law firm, the government, a NGOs, social partners etc.

4. Participants

A. For the first three times the participation is limited to nine invited countries. These are:

	Country	Contact Person
1	Belgium	Alexander De Becker
2	Denmark	Nathalie Munkholm
3	Georgia	Zakaria Shvelidze
4	Germany	Bernd Waas
5	Hungary	Attila Kun
6	Italy	Matteo Borzaga
7	Poland	Piotr Grzebyk
8	Spain	Antonio Garcia-Muñoz Alhambra
9	The Netherlands	Beryl ter Haar

b. After the first two HS MCCs further considerations will be made to open up the HS MCC for a larger group of participants as from the fourth time onwards.

5. Website and promotion

A. General information about the HS MCC will be provided via the website of the Hugo Sinzheimer Institute.

B. Promotion and awareness of the HS MCC will be sought after through:

- social media;
- leaflet;
- promotional speeches at conferences, such as LLRN, ILERA, ISL&SSL, etc.;