

14th International Rounds

Price Media Law Moot Court Competition

2020-2021

Welcome

Another Extraordinary Year – The 14th Of The Price Media Moot

Ordinarily, I would be writing on behalf of Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, the organiser of the Price Media Moot, to welcome the teams that qualified for the final rounds to Oxford. Instead, I am writing to congratulate all the qualifiers for the final international rounds, which this year, once again will take place online.



We are sorry not to be welcoming you to Oxford this spring but I do congratulate you all on your great achievement in reaching the final rounds. May the competition be both fierce and fun, and may it deepen our understanding of the importance of freedom of speech and the media in these difficult times.

I would also like to record my sincere thanks and admiration to all who made this 14th year of the Price Media Moot possible. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, all our regional rounds and our final round have been online this year – made possible by the wonderful regional teams in Beijing (Asia Pacific), Budapest (South East Europe), Cairo (the Middle East), Delhi (South Asia), Kyiv (North East Europe), Johannesburg (Africa), New York (the Americas) and Paris (Northern Europe) and by the stellar team in Oxford (well at least virtually!) who organised the final rounds.

We are also grateful to the members of our Advisory Council whom we consulted on how to plan this year in August last year. The decision to move online has once again proved to be the right one, as at the time of writing, many of us are still working in lockdown conditions, and travel restrictions are prevalent everywhere.

That the moot has continued to operate during this difficult year is a mark of the dedication not only of our wonderful organising teams in all the regions and in Oxford, but also to the commitment of all of you who entered as well as your coaches, and all the volunteer judges who have made the moot possible all around the world. The Price Media Moot is, at the end of the day, about teamwork and that teamwork is evident in the participating teams, as well as in the organising teams, many of whom are Price Media Moot alumni. Congratulations to you all.

As I said last year, the level of commitment and dedication shown by competitors, coaches, judges and the organisational team demonstrated, if it were necessary, that the Price Media Law Moot Court Programme is more than a moot court. It is a global community. The Bonavero Institute of Human Rights at the University of Oxford is very proud to be the home of this wonderful mooting community, even if in 2021 that was a virtual home. We hope that you have been able to attend some of the online events that we hosted at the Bonavero to enrich your experience as mooters this year. We also hope you will take time to attend this year's Barendt Memorial Lecture which will be delivered by Professor Damian Tambini speaking on A Theory of Media Freedom on Tuesday 23rd March at 14:00h GMT. If you miss it, a recording of the lecture will be posted on the Bonavero website soon after.

We thank you for the spirit of co-operation and commitment that you have shown in this the 14th year of the Price Media Moot. We look forward to a time when the Price Media Moot community can meet together in regional rounds all over the world and in the final rounds in Oxford once again but we remain delighted by the spirit of community that has been so palpable during all the rounds in 2021.

Until next year, stay safe and well.

Professor Kate O'Regan,
Bonavero Institute of Human Rights,
University of Oxford

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Meet the team



Kamille Adair Morgan

Kamille, Attorney-at-Law and Jamaica Rhodes Scholar, recently completed her DPhil in International Law at Hertford College, University of Oxford. She describes herself as a moot court enthusiast, having participated in various moots as a competitor, judge, coach, and organiser. Kamille provides technical support for the Price Moot Court Regional Rounds and co-ordinates the International Rounds in Oxford.



Nevena Krivokapic Martinovic

Nevena, Attorney-at-Law, is the Moot Court Co-ordinator for the Regional Rounds of the Price Moot Court Competition. She was a member of the University of Belgrade winning team of the Price Moot in 2011. In addition, she holds the position of co-ordinator for online media and freedom of expression in the digital environment at SHARE foundation, Serbia. Her activities are mostly focused on the regulation of online media and free speech in digital environment.



Sarah Norman

Sarah has been involved in education for the past 21 years, first as a history teacher and head of department, and then as an Assistant Principal Examiner on public examinations. She has also worked in digital resources for schools and higher education institutions. Based in Oxford, she works with the team on the organisation of the International Rounds, as well as providing support for the Regional Rounds.



Sanya Samtani

Sanya is a DPhil (Law) candidate at Magdalen College, University of Oxford. She is a Graduate Research Resident at the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights. In addition to having coached, judged, and participated in the Price Moot in previous years, she is presently the Assistant Moot Coordinator for the International Rounds of the Competition. Her research is in the area of access to education and copyright in international and comparative law and subsequently coached whilst at Oxford on the Rhodes Scholarship. Her research areas include international human rights law, and constitutional law. She is also a Graduate Teaching Assistant for Public International Law at the Law Faculty.

Meet the final bench



Gehan Gunatilleke

Gehan is a Sri Lankan lawyer specialising in international human rights and constitutional law. His research focuses on state authority to limit free speech and the freedom of religion under international law. He is currently a visiting fellow at Harvard Law School, where he is pursuing a book project on religious violence and constitutional practice in Sri Lanka. Gehan is also a founding partner of LexAG, a law firm based in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and a former advisor to the Sri Lankan Foreign Ministry, where he specialised in international treaty compliance. Gehan has a DPhil in law from the University of Oxford, and a LL.M from Harvard Law School.



Nani Jansen Reventlow

Nani is the founding Director of the Digital Freedom Fund, which supports partners in Europe to advance digital rights through strategic litigation. She is a recognised international lawyer and expert in human rights litigation responsible for standard-setting freedom of expression cases across several national and international jurisdictions. Nani is a Lecturer in Law at Columbia Law School and Adjunct Professor at Oxford University's Blavatnik School of Government.



Mark Stephens

Mark Stephens specialises in international, appellate and complex human rights and media litigation, Mark Stephens has undertaken some of the highest profile cases in the country and abroad. Mark is a solicitor with an expertise in constitutional, human rights, media & regulatory work, defamation, privacy, data protection and freedom of information. Mark has been a Judge on the Price Media Moot since it began and has travelled the globe judging regional rounds. He also sits on the Advisory Board of Oxford University's Programme in Comparative Media Law & Social Policy, at Wolfson College and is Chairman of Internews. Mark was made a CBE for his work in relation to law & human rights.

SECTION 2

Case summary

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Ized is a tropical country with a population of 20 million people. It has two major political parties: the National United Alliance (NUA), and the Democratic Socialist Party (DSP). The National Network is a privately-owned media organisation, and is estimated to have a virtual monopoly in the media sector in Ized. National Network hosts Ized's most popular social media platform, 'The Net', which has over 4 million users.

The DSP has accused National Network of supporting the NUA, which it has denied. However, the NUA's general secretary sits on the board of directors of National Network. The Net permits users ('Netizens') to post their opinions in 200 characters or less. It also permits Netizens to organise 'Net-Assemblies', where several users can gather to share their opinion and raise public issues.

The Social Democratic Workers Union ('The Union') is a trade union loosely affiliated to the DSP. Among its members are healthcare workers employed in the state healthcare service. The Union publishes a weekly magazine called 'Unite'.

In January 2020, fresh parliamentary elections were announced in Ized. One of the main election issues concerned the spread of a new viral disease called NIDV ('Novel Immuno-Deficiency Virus'), which affects the immune system of those infected. Medical experts agree that it is not as deadly as HIV. Some experts believe the virus is sexually transmitted, whereas others have argued that it is a vector-borne disease, and that it could be transmitted through mosquitoes. According to official statistics, nearly 30,000 cases of NIDV were recorded since September 2019, and 420 deaths were attributed to the virus.

On 15 January, two days prior to election day, the National Network released 'leaked information' that the actual death toll from NIDV was close to 2,000 persons. Such information rapidly spread on The Net. The 'leak' was contested by members of the DSP-led government as 'fabricated' and an act of 'fear-mongering'. Following the conclusion of the election, the NUA secured a clear majority in parliament, and established a new government. The new government introduced reforms including the privatisation of healthcare services. In its policy statement, the new government claimed that the state health sector was 'unprofessional', and

that the lack of professionalism had led to the NIDV crisis. The new government also enacted a new National Security Act (NSA), which under section 22 regulates the use of 'public sites', and authorises the state to declare public emergencies and designate specific sites that may be used to conduct 'gatherings' during emergencies. Section 23 of the NSA meanwhile authorises the state to regulate publications during a public emergency.

On 1 February, the Minister of Defence issued a regulation declaring a state of public emergency for a period of three months, and designated Ized's Central Public Park as the site on which gatherings may be held during the emergency period. The Minister justified the decision on the basis that the Park has ample space for gatherings and could be 'regularly fumigated' to mitigate exposure to mosquitos.

On 4 February, the Union announced that it was organising a demonstration on 14 February to protest the privatisation of healthcare services. In its statement, the Union claimed that the reforms would result in the loss of employment to more than 12,000 healthcare workers. It maintained that NIDV was a sexually transmitted disease and that a 'crisis' was created to justify privatisation of healthcare. During the next few days, Netizens who were also members of the Union published posts on The Net to raise awareness about the campaign and the planned demonstration.

On 13 February, the Union issued another statement calling upon all supporters to gather outside the capital's General Hospital. The Ministry of Defence immediately released a statement specifying that the planned demonstration was unlawful under section 22 of

the NSA, and that any person attending the demonstration would be arrested.

On 14 February, 400 persons, including state health sector employees, and members of the Union and its leader Jo Xana, demonstrated outside the General Hospital. During the demonstration, Xana used a loudspeaker to address the gathering. She claimed that the 'manufactured' NIDV crisis, the privatisation of healthcare, and the NSA were all part of a connected NUA plan to seize power and deprive people of their rights. During Xana's speech, and based on her encouragement, around 40 demonstrators blocked the entrance of the hospital and began to turn people away from the hospital. As Xana was finishing her speech, security forces stormed the demonstration site and began to arrest demonstrators.

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Xana was arrested and charged under section 22 of the NSA, and released on bail.

On 3 March, the Court found Xana guilty of conducting a gathering at a public site that was not designated. The Court sentenced her to three months imprisonment, but suspended the sentence for one year. On appeal, the Supreme Court upheld her conviction and sentence.

On 10 March, the Union launched a 'digital demonstration' on The Net. Netizens who were Union members launched a series of Net-Assemblies to criticise the government's healthcare reforms and to protest the use of the NSA. The campaign received endorsements from over 40,000 Netizens. On 15 March, several articles were published in the weekly magazine 'Unite' supporting the digital

demonstrations and calling for more people to join in the campaign. One article claimed that several medical experts had confidentially confirmed to the author that NIDV could only be transmitted sexually, and that there was no evidence that it could be transmitted in any other way.

On 16 March, the Ministry of Health issued a report that claimed that there was 'credible evidence' to suggest that the virus 'could be transmitted via vectors including mosquitos'. On the same day, the Minister of Defence issued a statement announcing that due to the spread of disinformation that posed grave risks to public health and public order, persons who organised unauthorised gatherings on social media platforms would be arrested under section 22 of the NSA.

The Minister also issued guidelines under section 23 of the NSA prohibiting the publication of any opinion of any medical expert or other person, with respect to NIDV, without obtaining prior authorisation from the Ministry of Health. The next day, the board of National Network met, and unanimously decided that the Net-Assembly feature of The Net would be temporarily discontinued until further notice.

On 20 March, both Xana and the Union filed petitions before Ized's Supreme Court complaining that their rights to the freedom of expression and peaceful assembly had been violated. However, the Supreme Court determined that none of Xana's or the Union's rights under the Constitution had been violated.

Xana and the Union filed applications before the Universal Court of Human Rights alleging violations of article 19 and article 21 of the ICCPR.

Their applications dealt with four discrete issues:

- 1.** Whether Ized's decision to enact section 22 of the NSA, and to designate the Central Public Park as the sole site to hold public gatherings, violated Xana's and the Union's rights recognised by **articles 19 and 21**
- 2.** Whether Ized's decision to convict Xana under section 22 of the NSA violated her rights recognised by **articles 19 and 21**.

- 3.** Whether Ized's decision to issue the statement of 16 March violated the Union's rights recognised by **articles 19 and 21**.
- 4.** Whether Ized's decision to issue guidelines under section 23 of the NSA on 16 March violated the Union's rights recognised by **article 19**.

Xana and the Union have sought: (1) declarations that their rights under the ICCPR were violated, and (2) directions to Ized to take immediate measures to fulfil its obligations under the ICCPR.

A 'crisis' was created to justify privatisation of healthcare.



SECTION 3

Events around the Moot

KEY: **D** Discussion. **P** Perspectives. **M** Masterclass. **N** Network.

SECTION 4

Regional results

2020-2021

Reflections

on the Regional Rounds 2020-2021

Hear what some of our Regional Partners have to say about what the Competition means to them.



"The Price Media Moot Court is not only a competition where students try to win, it is a formatting process; at least in the Middle East where I had the chance to see, over the past five years, how it transforms the participants' lives. It is a life experience that allows students to think critically, research, learn drafting and presentation skills and above all learn tolerance.

The Moot engenders in the participants, in their very young age, the great lesson of realizing that life is a question of perspective where you can see everything from different angles and always carry part of the truth, while others from different perspectives may also carry another part of it. Mooting is not a competition, mooting is a life style."

Ahmed F. Khalifa Assistant Professor of Law, Ain Shams University and Ola Nagy LLM Queen Mary University



"Being part of the Price Moot community is something which I take a lot of pride in. Coaching the University of Paris team for the last three years has been nothing but a pleasure. As a fervent believer of the importance of mooting for the young talents, I can only reiterate my admiration and appreciation of what we have accomplished so far together."

Zyad Loutfi - Attorney-at-law - Egypt, PhD candidate and coach of University of Paris



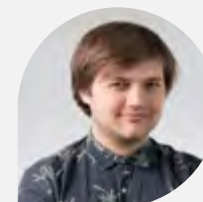
"For me, Moot court is not only about competition, legal disputes and new challenges, but first of all, it's about people. Price Moot connects media law beginners and highly qualified professionals from all around the globe, it's a great community you're happy to be involved in. Unfortunately, COVID 19 has changed everybody's plans and moved everything online, but I hope that usual format will return soon and we could meet each other in Oxford, Kyiv and other places, enjoying the special atmosphere of the Moot."

Alina Pravdychenko, North East Europe Competition Coordinator



"The Moot gives a unique opportunity for students all around the globe to engage with each other and high-level professionals in a - recently more than ever - virtual arena, where they can try out their skills and test their knowledge. During this time they not only progress and learn about the law, but about themselves as well, while they get part of a larger community that strives to insure fundamental human rights."

Szabolcs Zöldréti, South East European Round Regional Coordinator



"I see the moot as an opportunity to remain a part of the community: the community of mooters, the community of media law lovers, and the community of like-minded freedom-loving people. For years, the Price Moot has been gathering people all around the world to discuss the hot issues of Internet governance. It started my career in the field and brought me some friendships which, I hope, will be lifelong."

Maksym Dvorovyi, North East Europe Competition Coordinator



"The most fascinating part of Moot Court Competition to me is TEAMWORK, both the teamwork of each competing team, and the teamwork of organizing team. I really appreciate all the support and help received from everyone."

XU Fei, Regional Coordinator of Asia-Pacific Rounds (Deputy Director, International Office, Renmin University of China Law School)



For me mooting has been a very important extra-curricular activity in law school. The reason I value it is because it goes beyond what we just learn in our curriculum and allows us to learn and research about different issues and types of laws. Although the activity itself may not always be fully similar to the realities of courtrooms, it is a very good starting point to learn and practice important skills like researching, drafting and pleading.

It is also a very fun and intriguing activity especially if one is interested in research work or wishes to learn about new and different types of laws pertaining recent events and issues in the world.

Tejaswita Kharel, Coordinator, South Asia Regional Rounds of Price Media Law Moot Court Competition



"Moot Court is important to us because it allows us to be creative, zealous advocates by honing in on our oral advocacy, legal research, and writing skills. While moot problems can be challenging, the experience is intellectually rewarding and boosts our confidence in the courtroom. More importantly, Moot Court allows us to build camaraderie with co-counsel, coaches, opposing counsel, judges, and every person involved in the competition."

Regan Samson, Vincent Kappel and Nathaly Ramirez, Americas Regional Coordinators



Results

of the Regional Rounds 2020-2021

This year saw a total of 100 teams registering their participation across 8 regions (Africa, South East Europe, Asia Pacific, North East Europe, South Asia, Northern Europe, Americas, Middle East). Teams participated with enthusiasm despite the entirely virtual format and we received tremendous support from our regional coordinators and judges around the world, once again, without them the Competition could not take place.

A total of 30 teams qualified for the International Rounds of the Moot. But for the pandemic, we would have welcomed teams, coaches and judges from around the world to Oxford - but we hope that the experience remains just as valuable and exciting on our virtual platform.

South East Europe

The 9th Annual South East Europe Regional Rounds, hosted in partnership with the Eötvös Loránd University, was successfully concluded on 4th December 2020.

Results

Winner - National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Runner up - University of Bucharest

Best Memorial - University of Bucharest

Runner up Memorial - Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)

Best Oralist - Mr. Csaba Pásztor, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)

Runner up Oralist - Ms. María José Escobar Gil, University of Bucharest

Teams qualifying for the International Rounds

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

University of Bucharest

University of Sarajevo

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)

Asia-Pacific

The 8th Annual Asia-Pacific Regional Rounds, hosted in partnership with Law School, Renmin University of China was held online from 23 to 25 December, 2020.

Results

Winner - Singapore Management University

Runner up - University of the Philippines Diliman

Best Memorial - Singapore Management University

Runner up Memorial - University of the Philippines Diliman

Best Oralist - Hui Chen, China University of Political Science and Law

Runner up Oralist - Aloysius Francis M. Bresnan, University of the Philippines Diliman

Teams qualifying for the International Rounds

National University of Singapore

Singapore Management University

University of the Philippines Diliman

University of International Business and Economics

Regional Rounds results 2.

North East Europe

The 5th Annual North East Europe Regional Rounds, hosted in partnership with National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and Kyiv-Mohyla Moot Court Society, was held online from the 22 to 24 January 2021.

Results

Winner - National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Runner up - The University of Latvia

Best Oralist - Olha Bolotina, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Runner up Oralist - Beatrise Bensone, The University of Latvia and Inna Ptitsyna, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Teams qualifying for the International Rounds

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

The University of Latvia

Northern Europe

The 2nd Northern European Rounds, hosted in partnership with the University of Paris, was held online from 8 to 10 February, 2021.

Results

Winner - Law Society of Ireland

Runner up - Humboldt-University of Berlin

Best Memorial - University of Oxford

Runner up Memorial - City, University of London

Best Oralist in Finals - Vladimir Sint, Humboldt-University of Berlin

Best Oralist - Samuel Bailey, University of Oxford

Runner up Oralist - Luca Montag, University of Edinburgh

Teams qualifying for the International Rounds

City, University of London

Humboldt-University of Berlin

Law Society of Ireland

University of Luxembourg

South Asia

The 11th Annual South Asia Regional Rounds, hosted in partnership with the Centre for Communication Governance at National Law University, Delhi, was successfully concluded on 15th February 2021.

Results

Winner - Symbiosis Law School, Pune

Runner up - National Law School of India University, Bangalore

Best Memorial - National Law University, Jodhpur

Runner up Memorial - University of the Philippines Diliman

Best Oralist - Sumit Chatterjee, National Law School of India University, Bangalore

Runner up Oralist - Mayank Agarwal, O.P Jindal Global University

Teams qualifying for the International Rounds

Symbiosis Law School Pune

National Law School of India University, Bangalore

University of Dhaka

Regional Rounds results 3.

Americas
The 5th Annual North East Europe Regional Rounds, hosted in partnership with National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and Kyiv-Mohyla Moot Court Society, was held online from the 22 to 24 January 2021.
Results
Winner - University of Pennsylvania
Runner up - Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
Best Memorial - Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
Runner up Memorial - University of São Paulo
Best Oralist - Suzanne Dabage De La Espriella, Georgetown University Law Center
Runner up Oralist - Cory Soininen, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
Best Oralist presenting both sides of the argument - LaKisha Camese, Southern University Law Center
Best Oralist Runner-up presenting both sides of the argument - Jessica Zouter, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine
Teams qualifying for the International Rounds
Brooklyn Law School
Georgetown University Law Center
Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
University of Pennsylvania Law School

Africa
The 4th Africa Regional Rounds was successfully held online from 1 to 5 March 2021.
Results
Winner - University of Pretoria
Runner up - University Malaya*
Best Memorial - University of Oxford
Runner up Memorial - University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa and Kenyatta University, Kenya
Best Oralist in Finals - Leezzie John, University Malaya
Best Oralist - Robyn Helling, University of the Witwatersrand
Runner up Oralist - Julia Tosi, University of Pretoria
Teams qualifying for the International Rounds
Bowen University
Cavendish University
University Malaya
University of Pretoria
University of the Witwatersrand

Middle East
The 9th Annual Middle East Regional Rounds was held online from 6 - 10 March 2021.
Results
Winner - Birzeit University, Palestine
Runner up - University of Tehran, Iran
Best Memorial - Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK), Lebanon
Runner up Memorial - Phoenicia University, Lebanon
Best Oralist in Finals - Asala Mansour, Birzeit University
Best Oralist - Asala Mansour, Birzeit University
Runner up Oralist - Mohamed Ehab Safwat Elsayed Afifi, Cairo University
Teams qualifying for the International Rounds
Ain Shams University, Egypt
Birzeit University, Palestine
Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK), Lebanon
University of Tehran, Iran

*Pursuant to rule 3.1.4 of the Rules of the Competition 2020/21. '3.1.4 Qualification Process for International Rounds a) In order to qualify for the International Rounds, teams must compete from their respective region, where regional rounds are functioning. Teams are prohibited from competing in any other region unless they have extenuating circumstances that are confirmed by prior written permission from the members of the PA'.

Winners

Last year's



INTERNATIONAL ROUNDS 2019-20

Overall Winner

Singapore Management University

Overall Runner-up

University of Oxford, UK

Semi Finalists

(in alphabetical order)

China University of Political Science and Law, China

University of Malaya, Malaysia

Top Teams

5th National University of Singapore

6th Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law, Hungary

7th National Law School of India University, Bangalore, India

8th University of Luxembourg

9th Birzeit University, Palestine

10th National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", Ukraine

Best Oralist

Ma. Angela Teresa G. Sebastian, University of the Philippines

Best Oralist Runner-up

Peh Qi Hui, University of Malaya

Top Oralists

3rd Nur Azra Batrisyia binti Fauzi, University of Malaya

4th Saradha Lakshmi Hariharan, University of Malaya

5th Taylor Carman, Cardozo School of Law

6th Paulo Romeo J. Yusi, University of the Philippines

7th Peng Yufei, China University of Political Science and Law

8th Jodi Siah and 9th Naomi Lim, both Singapore Management University

10th Wang Shen, China University of Political Science and Law

Best Oralist in the Finals

Terence Yeo, Singapore Management University

Best Oralist Runner-up in the Final

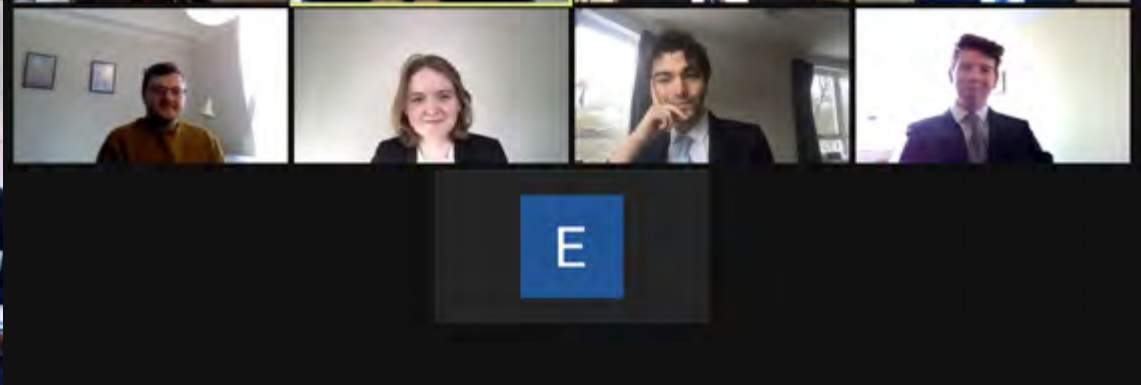
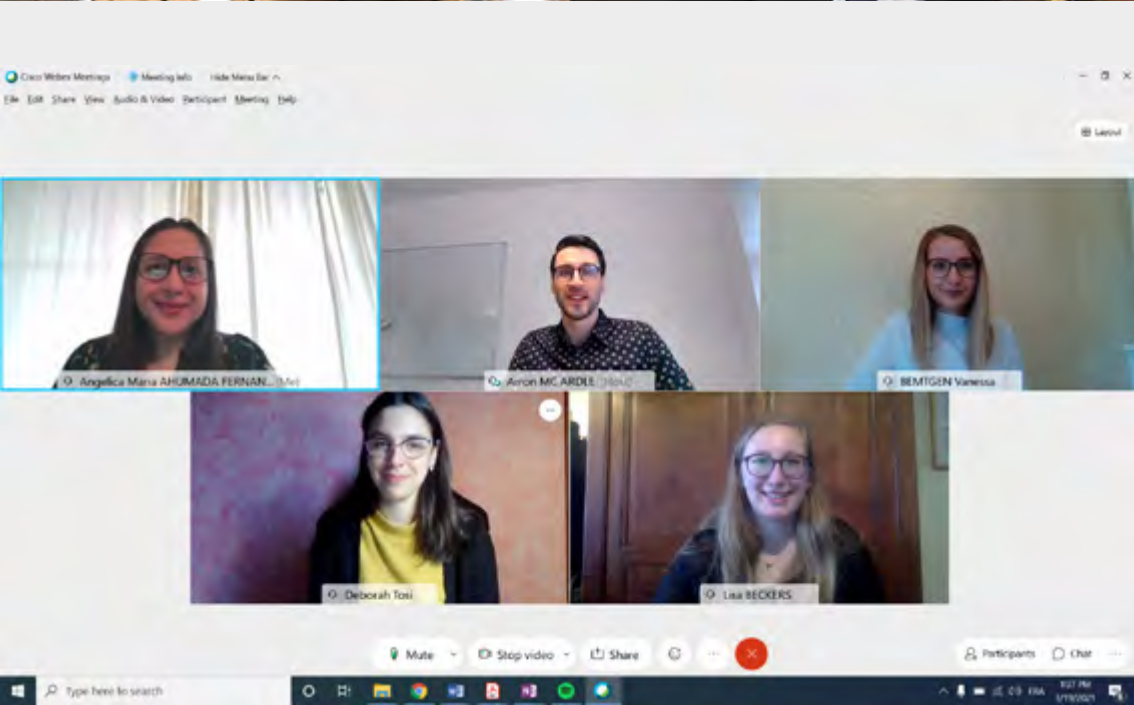
Mustaqim Mohammad Iqbal, University of Oxford

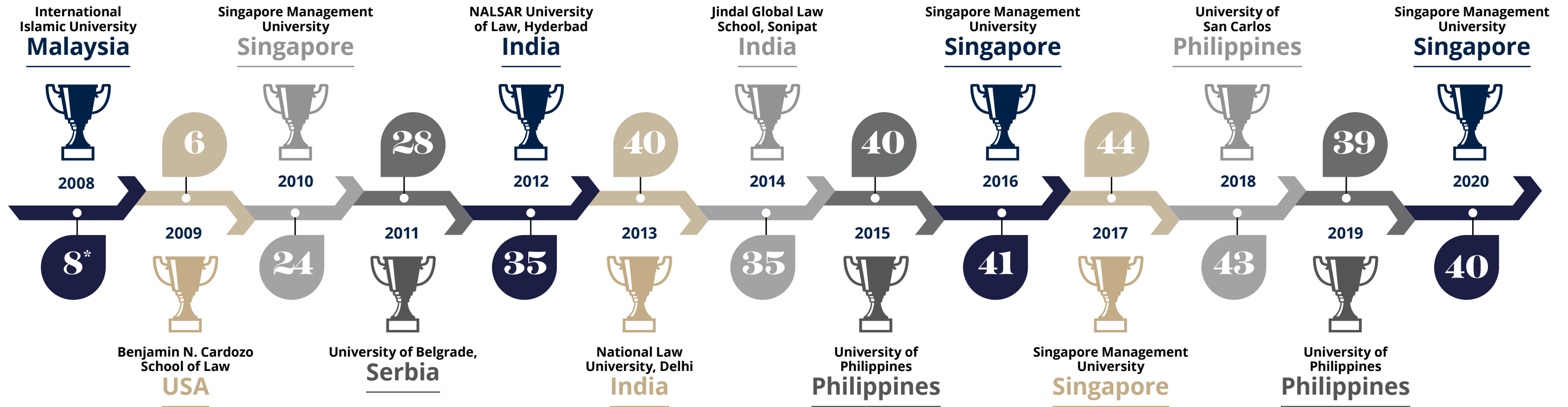
Best Memorials

University of Oxford, UK

Best Memorials Runners-up

University of Malaya, Malaysia



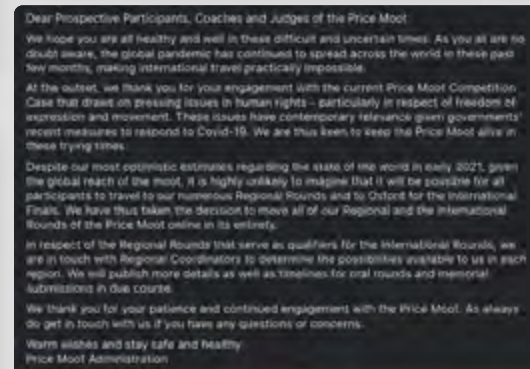
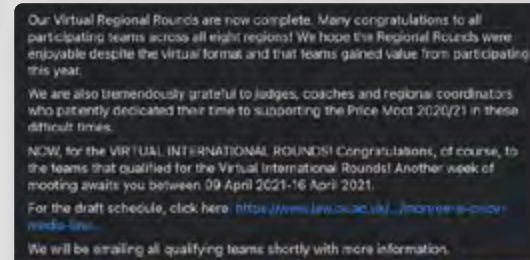
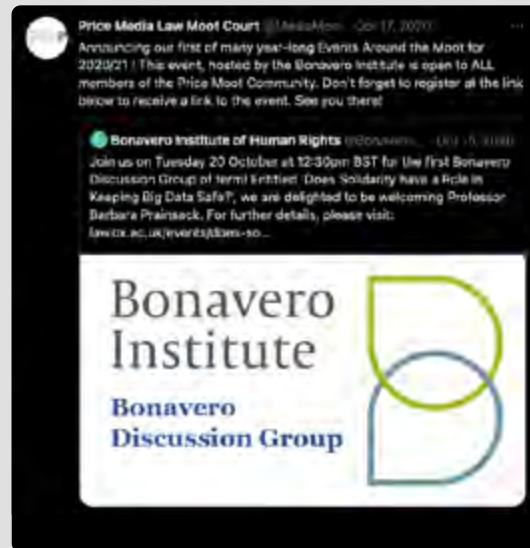
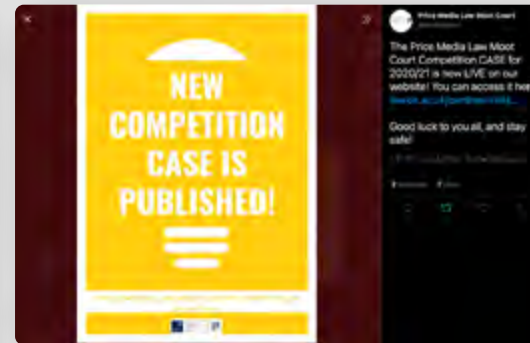


History of the Competition

*Number of participating teams that year.

SECTION 6

Social Media



Video content

Monroe Price explains the Competition (2 mins)

Annual Eric Barendt Law Lecture with Damian Tambini (1 hour)

Price Media Law Moot Court Virtual Finals (1 hour 55 mins)

Price Media Law Moot Court Competition introduction (9 mins)

Price Moot Mooting Masterclass 2020/21

Bonavero Institute YouTube video resources

Thank you

We are grateful for the support from our network of colleagues and sponsors.

Acknowledgments

We would like to extend an especially warm thank you to all of the judges who have given their time to judge the Moot Court Oral Rounds this year both in our 8 Regional Rounds and International Rounds, without them this 14th Edition, and second Virtual Edition of the competition could not have taken place. We would also like to thank all those who have contributed to our extensive schedule of additional events around the Moot, adding an important extra dimension to the Virtual experience in these most difficult of times.

Also, to those scoring the written memorials who invested their time and effort to evaluate and comment on each of the 100 memorials for the 8 Regional Rounds that we have conducted this year. To our International Rounds memo markers who re-marked all the memorials of the teams that qualified to the International rounds, Petar Radosavljev, Chaani Srivastava, and Raphael Pangalangan. We would also like to thank Gehan Gunatilleke for this year's case, and for his work on the Clarifications and Bench Memo.

This competition would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. We have many willing partners around the world, particularly lending support to the regional competitions.

In addition to many of our long-standing regional round sponsors we are grateful for the generous support of Jon and Liz Blake, Gill Phillips, Edward Barlow and Stanley Cohen. We are also very grateful to the University of Oxford for its role in facilitating the International Rounds of the Competition.

Last, but by no means least, we are very thankful to our Regional Rounds partner institutions Centre for Communication Governance at National Law University, Delhi, Law School, Asia-Pacific Institute of Law, Renmin University of China, Eötvös Loránd University, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and Kyiv-Mohyla Moot Court Society, the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, University Paris Descartes – and to all of our colleagues whose invaluable work makes the Regional Rounds possible: Sarvjeet Singh and Tejaswita Kharel (South Asia Regional Rounds), XU Fei (Asia Pacific Regional Rounds), Szabolcs Zoldreti (South East Europe Regional Rounds), Alina Pravdychenko and Maksym Dvorovyi (North East Europe Regional Rounds), Nathaly Ramirez, Regan Samson and Vincent Kappel (Americas Regional Rounds), Ahmed Khalifa and Ola Nagy (Middle East Regional Rounds).

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Ahmed F. Khalifa and Ola Nagy