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International Criminal Court Moot Court (HS 2017 / FS 2018)

We are looking for 3-5 highly motivated Master students to participate in the team representing the University of Bern in the 2018 International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition.

I. What is the ICC Moot Court?

The ICC Moot Court is a competition in the field of international criminal law simulating the proceedings before the International Criminal Court (ICC). It consists of a written round, in which teams submit written memorials, and an oral round, in which teams plead in front of judges. The oral round takes place in May 2018 in The Hague. The entire competition is held in English. Additional information about the competition can be found on the website of the Moot Court: <http://iccmoot.com/>

II. Time frame

- General preparation: October 2017. Moot Court introduction, research, extensive reading. There might also be a written national selection round in mid/end of October 2017, in case more Swiss teams apply than are allowed to participate. This selection round consists of problem-solving questions which the teams have to answer in writing within one week.
- Written memorials: November 2017 – February 2018. The teams are required to submit three memorials of approx. 20 pages each. Each memorial will address the case on behalf of a different party to the proceedings (e.g. Prosecution, Defense Counsel, Legal Representative of Victims).
- Oral pleadings preparation: March – May 2018
- Oral pleadings competition in The Hague: mid/end of May 2018 (approx. 6 days)

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III. What are we looking for?

For the University of Bern team we are looking for 3-5 highly motivated Master students. Exchange students are also encouraged to apply. Students should have a strong interest in and preferably also knowledge of international criminal law, international humanitarian law and public international law. Knowledge of the ICC and its proceedings is desirable. Students who have not yet attended any international criminal law classes have to demonstrate that they are particularly willing to invest time throughout the whole competition to make up for any potential lack of knowledge. As the competition is held in English, very good English language skills (written and oral) are required.

IV. Why participate?

Participating in a Moot Court competition has proven to be highly rewarding for students. During the ICC Moot Court you will gain extensive knowledge of international criminal law and international humanitarian law, improve your legal research and writing skills as well as your presentation and debating skills. Prof. Dr. Hans Vest and his team will assist and coach you to make sure that you are well prepared for the competition. During the oral pleadings stage you will meet distinguished international jurists and practitioners and benefit from their experience. It will also be a chance to meet students from around the world and to visit The Hague, the seat of many international courts and tribunals. Please note that participation in a Moot Court competition is very time-consuming, which is why you will earn 10 ECTS for the written round and an additional 5 ECTS for the oral round (provided that the team passes the possible national selection round in October 2017). Depending on the final number of team members, not everyone might be able to participate in the oral round, as only three members of each team are allowed to plead in The Hague.

V. Costs

Participants are expected to cover costs related to food/drinks for the approx. six days in The Hague. Coverage of travel and accommodation expenses will be arranged by us.

VI. Application

Your application should include 1) a motivation letter (1-2 A4 pages) outlining your motivation, your legal competencies and your English language skills, 2) your CV, and 3) your Bachelor diploma, list of university grades and any other relevant certificate/document. Please send your application until **Sunday, 24 September 2017** to Manon Simon (manon.simon@krim.unibe.ch). Suitable candidates will be invited for a short interview in the week of 25 September 2017. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Manon Simon via e-mail. We are looking forward to your application!