

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Competition is a simulated hearing of the WTO dispute settlement system. The teams prepare and analyse a fictive case and present their arguments both for the Complainant and the Respondent in front of a Panel which consists of WTO and trade law experts. The aim is to enhance knowledge of international trade law and WTO dispute settlement procedures as well as to enhance the capacity for meaningful engagement in multilateral trade in the long term.

The competition is organised by the European Law Students' Association, with the technical support of the World Trade Organization and counts with 6 Regional Rounds within 7 regions: 2 European Regional Rounds; the All-American Regional Round; the African Regional Round; the West & South Asia Regional Round and the East Asia & Oceania Regional Round.

The Final Oral Round of the Competition takes place in Geneva and is organised by ELSA International.

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THE JOHN H. JACKSON MOOT COURT COMPETITION

FINAL ORAL ROUND PROGRAMME

23rd - 27th June 2026

Geneva, Switzerland

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Tuesday, 23rd June 2026

from 16:00	Arrival + Registration of participants at the World Trade Organization (Rue de Lausanne, 154, 1202 Genève, Switzerland)
17:30 - 19:30	Academic Conference, Opening Ceremony & Draw (Room W at the WTO)
19:30 - 20:30	Welcome Reception (Atrium of the WTO)

Wednesday, 24th June 2026

08:15 - 15:00	Registration at the Geneva Graduate Institute (Chem. Eugène-Rigot 2, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland)
09:00 - 11:30	Preliminary Rounds 1 - 4 (Rooms S3, S4, S10, S11, Geneva Graduate Institute)
11:30 - 13:00	Lunch I (Cafeteria, Geneva Graduate Institute)
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch II (Cafeteria, Geneva Graduate Institute)
13:00 - 15:30	Preliminary Rounds 5 - 8 (Rooms S3, S4, S10, S11, Geneva Graduate Institute)
15:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break (Hall Interpetal, Geneva Graduate Institute)
16:00 - 18:30	Preliminary Rounds 9 - 12 (Rooms S3, S4, S10, S11, Geneva Graduate Institute)
20:30 - 23:00	Social Programme

Thursday, 25th June 2026

08:15 - 15:00	Registration at the Geneva Graduate Institute (Chem. Eugène-Rigot 2, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland)
09:00 - 11:30	Preliminary Rounds 13 - 16 (Rooms S3, S4, S10, S11, Geneva Graduate Institute)
11:30 - 13:00	Lunch I (Cafeteria, Geneva Graduate Institute)
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch II (Cafeteria, Geneva Graduate Institute)
13:00 - 15:30	Preliminary Rounds 17 - 20 (Rooms S3, S4, S10, S11, Geneva Graduate Institute)

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15:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break (Hall Interpetal, Geneva Graduate Institute)
16:00 - 18:30	Preliminary Rounds 21 - 24 (Rooms S3, S4, S10, S11, Geneva Graduate Institute)
19:00 - 19:30	Announcement of Quarter-Finalists (Hall Interpetal, Geneva Graduate Institute)
20:30 - 23:00	Social Programme

Friday, 26th June 2026

09:00	Meeting the Director-General & Group Photo
09:30 - 12:00	Quarter-Finals 1 - 4 (Rooms S2, S3, D, E of the WTO)
12:00 - 14:30	Sponsors' Fair, Lunch, Announcement of Semi-Finalists (SWR Lobby)
14:30 - 17:00	Semi-Finals 1 & 2 (Rooms D & E of the WTO)
14:30 - 16:00	Optional Geneva Tour
17:30 - 18:00	Announcement of the Finalists (Room D of the WTO)
19:00 - 21:00	Alumni Gathering (ACWL, Av. Giuseppe-Motta 31, 1202 Genève, Switzerland)

Saturday, 27th June 2026

10:00 - 10:45	Arrival of participants at the World Trade Organization (Rue de Lausanne, 154, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland)
11:00 - 13:30	Grand Final (Room W of the WTO)
13:30 - 15:00	Panel Deliberation and Apéritif (Entrance Hall of the WTO)
15:00 - 17:00	Award Ceremony (Room W of the WTO)
20:00 - 23:00	Closing Dinner (La Potinière, Le, Jard. Anglais, 1204 Genève, Switzerland)
23:00	Social Programme