



# EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

## Regional Round to the European Human Rights Moot Court Competition

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## Maastricht University and the Faculty of Law

With about 50% of its students and 40% of its academic staff coming from abroad, Maastricht University (UM) is the most international university in the Netherlands. The majority of programs taught at UM embrace international themes and are taught either entirely or partly in English. Moreover, UM provides students with the unique opportunity of experiencing an 'international classroom': by working in small tutorial groups with people from different cultural backgrounds, and approaching problems from a variety of perspectives, students are well acquainted with using novel approaches to enhance the quality of the discussion.

The Faculty of Law (FdR) is young and innovative, with an open, inclusive and diverse academic community that strives for a unique and high-quality legal education. It offers a stimulating study and work environment for talented students and staff and is the home to approximately 3000 students and 250 staff members. Surrounded by numerous cafes, bars and restaurants, the faculty forms an integral part of UM's inner-city campus. In the spirit of UM, the faculty's education is truly international: considerable attention is devoted to European, international and comparative law in all bachelor's and master's degree programs. Its student body and staff are composed of many different nationalities. Moreover, the faculty is actively and successfully involved in several national and international moot courts.

Interior of the FdR-gebouw

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Vrijthof Square, with view onto the Sint-Janskerk and Basiliek van Sint Servaas

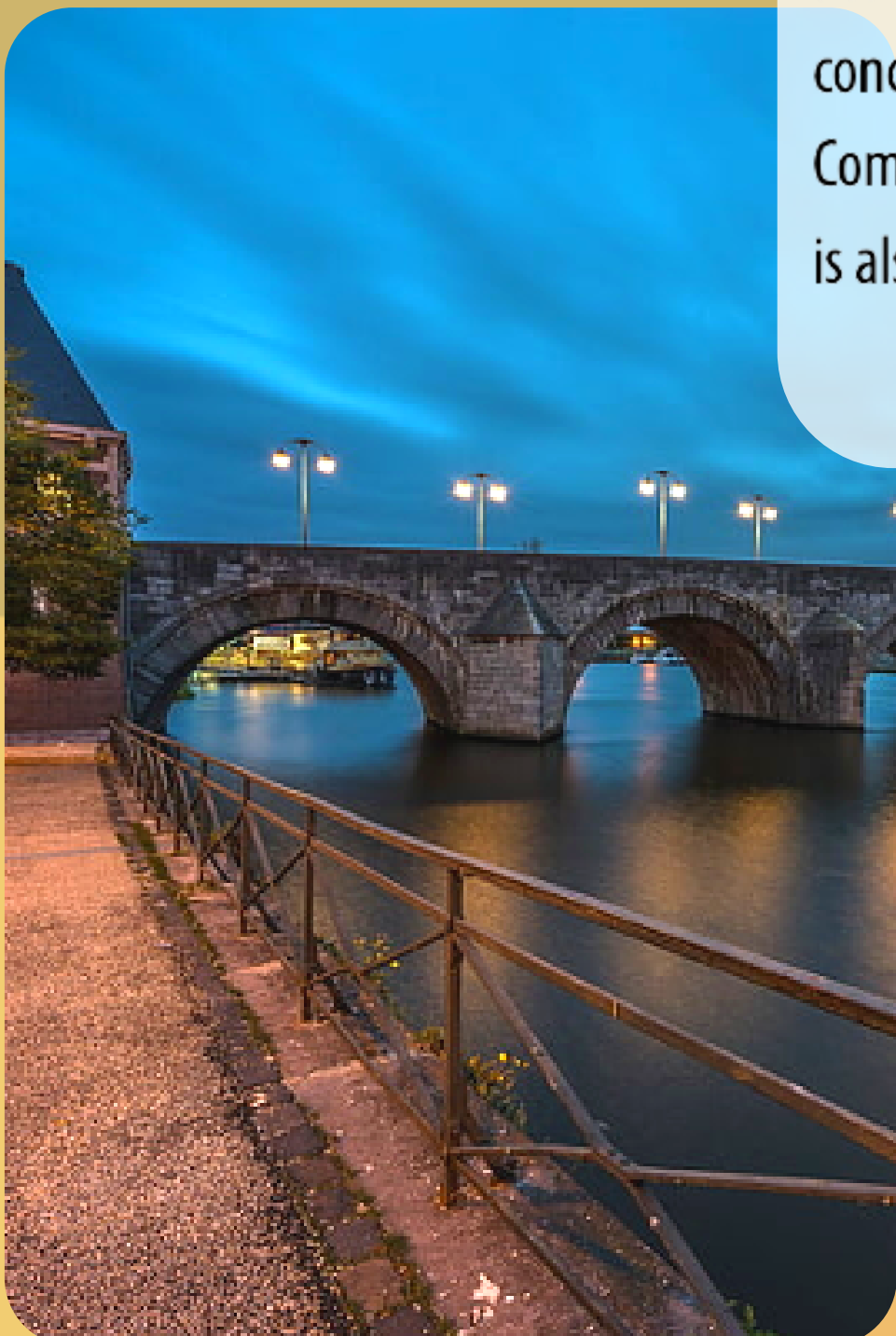
## The City of Maastricht

Maastricht is a city and municipality located in the south-eastern Netherlands. With a population of more than 120,000 inhabitants, it is the largest city of the province of Limburg, of which it is also the capital. It is also adjacent to the border with Belgium. Most of Maastricht borders Belgium's Flemish region, but it also has a border with the French-speaking Walloon region.

As a result of its location bordering Belgium and its high international student population, Maastricht is a city of linguistic diversity. In addition to Dutch, German, French and English are commonly spoken by the residents.

Although it is relatively small, it is a very charming city full of history and activities to do. It is most famous for being where the Maastricht Treaty was concluded in 1992 by the twelve member states of the European Communities and which is the foundation treaty of the European Union. It is also known as the birthplace of the euro currency.

Sint-Servaasbrug (Saint Servatius Bridge) spanning over the river Maas (Meuse)  
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In addition, Maastricht has an amazing total of 1677 national heritage buildings. This is more than any other city across the Netherlands, except for Amsterdam. The entire city centre is even a conservation area.

Some of its most beautiful sights include the Sint-Servaasbrug (or the St. Servatius Bridge) or the two squares of Onze Lieve Vrouweplein and Vrijthof. It also contains a number of old churches and monasteries, as well as a nature reserve, the Sint-Pietersberg. The Dominicanen Bookshop is another beautiful sight. It is an old Dominican church where a bookshop was established.

For those wanting to learn more about the city's history, the city also has many museums, including the Bonnefanten Museum for old masters and contemporary fine art, the Treasury of the Basilica of Saint Servatius with its religious artifacts or the Derlon Museumkelder, a preserved archeological site in the basement of a hotel with Roman and pre-Roman remains.

Finally, for those wanting to experience Dutch culture, many events are held in Maastricht, such as a traditional three-day festival for the Carnival, Vrijthof concerts by the violinist André Rieu, the Amstel Gold Race, an international cycling race, and the Jazz Maastricht festival.



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# The Organising Committee



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Hi! My name is Charlotte Holderied and I am the Vice President in charge of Moot Court Competitions at ELSA the Netherlands. I grew up in Germany and moved to Maastricht in 2018 to pursue my bachelor degree in European Law. I am particularly interested in Business and Human Rights. In my free time, I play the cello and do a lot of cooking.

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Hello everyone! My name is Carina Schalhofer, I am 20 years old and I come originally from Cologne, Germany. I currently follow my second year of the European Law School in Maastricht pursuing my interest in EU and private law. In my free time, I enjoy going for runs, meeting friends (while respecting all Covid-19 restrictions of course;) and trying out new recipes.

I am the Vice President for Moot Court Competitions at ELSA Maastricht and therefore strongly involved in the planning of the first Regional Round of the 9th EHRMCC edition. Despite not being able to host you in Maastricht, I sincerely hope that you will enjoy being part of our RR. We will make all efforts to ensure an engaging and successful weekend!

Lastly, a fun fact about me: As a child, my dream career was becoming a fortune teller. I always had a lively imagination and loved coming up with stories about other people's lives. Making money with that seemed very appealing to me!

Stay healthy and I am looking forward to meeting all of you very soon!

Best, Carina



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I'm Louis Landsted (he/him). I'm 21 years old, born in Denmark, but grew up in Brussels. Currently, I am studying for an LL.B. in European Law and Dutch Law (double degree programme). During my bachelor, I have developed an affinity for criminal law— I think it's my calling, so I may end up working in the ICC or being the first European Prosecutor. Who knows?

P.S. I have a pet hamster called "Nemo Dat" (plus points to anyone who knows what that means).

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Hey everyone! My name is Maija Maunu and I am a third-year European Law student at UM. I am 22 years old and I come from South-West Finland. I am the Vice President for Academic Activities in ELSA the Netherlands and for the EHRMCC I am in charge of the Academic Program.

I keep myself busy with a couple of association positions, a traineeship and writing my thesis. My favourite quarantine activities have been playing with our two kittens, cooking new things and recently Christmas shopping for my family of 7 and other close people. I have been a member of ELSA since the introduction week of our Bachelor, and I would highly recommend getting involved with one of the Committees or projects!



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Hi everyone! I am Marie Cochet, a 22 years old a 3rd-year ELS students at Maastricht University. Also, I come from Bretagne in France! I am the Director for the ELSA STEP Programme and the Head of the Participant committee for this EHRMCC Regional Round. On a more academic side, I am deeply interested in intellectual property and will become a solicitor in the next couple of years. Since I am from Bretagne, I can make some serious good crêpes and I am crazy for bread. . . My team and I are excited to inform you the best we can about the competition; we are here for all questions you may have.

Since we won't be able to actually see each other this year, I will converse with most of you by email and I deeply hope you all stay healthy!!!

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Hi everyone! My name is Sena Karataş. I am a 21-year-old third-year European Law bachelor student at Maastricht University. Currently, I am following a Dutch Law Minor program, which will allow me to qualify as a lawyer in the Netherlands. I come from Turkey; Istanbul, which is the city that connects Asia and Europe. I am the head of Sponsors & Partners committee for EHRMCC Central European Regional Round. We would be happy to host you in Maastricht at our beautiful faculty, however, this year the EHRMCC taking place online for the well-being of our community and participants. But, my team members Zoe Morgan, Marion Revest, Palesa Riede, Adele Tanhuanpää and I are giving our best to bring a qualified moot court experience to you.

Please don't hesitate to connect me on LinkedIn so we can stay in touch! Stay healthy, stay positive!

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Hello! My name is Blánaid Sheeran. I'm a 3rd-year student at the European Law School in Maastricht. I am hoping to pursue a career in human rights law and I am very excited to learn more about the area through this competition!

Fun fact: my rabbit was called Rabbit as a kid.



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