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IIMC Colombo 2024

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**INTERNATIONAL
INVESTOR-STATE
MEDIATION
COMPETITION**

**COLOMBO,
SRI LANKA**

THE WORLD'S FIRST



IIMC
INVESTOR-STATE MEDIATION

What is IIMC?

The **International Investor-State Mediation Competition (IIMC)**, initiated by the MCB, is an opportunity for university students, experts, and young and aspiring professionals in mediation, to build their knowledge and skills in Investor-State Mediation (ISM). This is an area of Alternate Dispute Resolution that is set to dominate the field of Investor-State dispute resolution globally with the rising number of disputes, especially in the Asia-Pacific region.



The **Moot Court Bench (MCB)** is Sri Lanka's first fully integrated legal advocacy training platform. The main aim of the MCB is enhancing the standard of the legal profession, by delivering education of global standards for Sri Lankan law students focusing on International Commercial Mediation and Negotiation, International Commercial Arbitration and International Trade Law. Further, we aim to reach students and young professionals globally by welcoming students from international universities and diverse panels of case drafters, trainers, assessors, to our Programs.

[Please click here for more on our past editions.](#)

Our First Step

2022

The first and only one of its kind, **IIMC was introduced in 2022**, aiming to contribute to the development of a community of young and skilled mediators, budding professionals, learned experts, and all interested contributors competent in Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), by enabling them to learn from veterans in the world of mediation to create future leaders of the field – locally, regionally and internationally



24 Teams



**250+ Students
& Professionals**



**1 Keynote Address
on ISM**



**International
Forum for ISDS**



**3 Panel
Discussions**

This was just the first step.

2023: Beyond a Competition

Having established IIMC virtually in 2022, the MCB accelerated the journey in 2023, by contributing to the firm placement of ISM in the ISDS framework. We made progress from being 'the World's First' to 'Beyond a Competition,' and it was a privilege in bringing about the largest assembly of ISM aficionados.

We went beyond a competition to discover **elements of ISM in-person**, in the form of live panel discussions, and conducted training for students providing, more insight into the subject matter, helping them further hone their skills, equipping them to become pioneers in ISM.



14 Negotiator Teams



07 Mediator Teams



60+ Students



20+ Expert Assessors



15 Volunteers



12+ countries

2023: Supporting Organizations



Research Partner



Free access to
Jus Mundi Legal Research
for students for up-to 1 year

Education Partners



The Winners of the Competition
were awarded **scholarships** for
Mediation Training courses offered
by our Education Partners

Our Success



Ian Velásquez

Case Drafter for IIMC Colombo 2023

“The work done by the MCB is **incredible**. IIMC Colombo is organized with care and attention to detail, to provide students with the best academic experience in the context of a competition based on international standards. This **one-of-a-kind** event has the privilege to be the first and most relevant International Investor-State Mediation Competition. An amazing opportunity for students and participants to network, while enhancing their knowledge of mediation and Investor-State conflicts. I invite students from all over the world to participate and develop their negotiation skills!”

Teresa Sihler

University of Vienna

Winner of the ‘Best Speaker’ Award, and Member of the Winning Negotiator Team at IIMC Colombo 2023.



“When comparing IIMC Colombo 2023 to other international competitions, two aspects undeniably set it apart. First, the entire competition was **impeccably organized** and **thoughtfully executed from start to finish**. From the pre-event information flow to the assistance in reaching Colombo and the guidance provided during the event, there was a remarkable level of care invested in every detail, always accompanied by warm words and friendly smiles. Secondly, the problems presented were expertly crafted, profoundly engaging, and addressed cutting edge challenges in today’s ISM field. It has been a **once-in-a-lifetime learning experience** for me – professionally, culturally, and personally!”



IIMC 2024

Ready for what's in store?



Timeline*

19TH AUG - 24TH AUG



*The events on the timeline are tentative and may be improved upon requests of supporting organisations to propose and organise any additional events on Investor-State Dispute Settlement for the IIMC Calendar.

What to expect in Colombo:

Connect with a **Global Network of over 300+** students, young professionals & experts in-person in Sri Lanka



Live Panel Discussions on recent developments on ISM



Travel to Sri Lanka, among the best destinations to travel to in 2024 - 'Travel Off Path'



Exchange ideas and learn from new perspectives at **networking events**

Winners benefit from **scholarships and internships** from leading institutions



The **only ISM competition experience** for students and professionals



How to Apply

A university may submit an application for one Negotiator Team and/or an application for one Mediator Team. The application and selection process for these two Teams will be completely independent.

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Step 01

Refer the IIMC Colombo Rules found [here](#) for further details regarding participant eligibility.

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Step 02

Register through the following Google forms;

1. [Registration form for Negotiator Teams](#)
2. [Registration form for Mediator Teams](#)

Head over to our website iimc.themootcourtbench.com for more details on the competition.

Registrations Open: 2nd Apr 2024 - 29th Apr 2024

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MEET THE TEAM



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THANK YOU



**WE LOOK FORWARD
TO RECEIVING YOUR
APPLICATION!**
