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ABOUT US



Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) is a premier Indian Institute of legal education, set up in 2003, with the intent of raising the bar of legal education in the country. GNLU has constantly strived to make its mark in the legal fraternity through numerous initiatives, the organization of an international moot court competition being one of them. GNLU is proud to have successfully conducted the Asia Pacific Regional Rounds of the 34th Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, 2025.

The GNLU International Moot Court Competition (GIMC) was launched in 2009, with the objective of creating a platform for testing the legal acumen and potential of law students globally. For a decade, GIMC has served as a unique platform for law students to explore the nuances of international trade law and hone their research and advocacy skills.

The competition boasts of successful past collaborations with the World Trade Institute, University of Bern; IELPO LLM Programme, University of Barcelona; Borden Ladner Gervais LLP; Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan Attorneys (L&S); Trade Law Guide; Centre for WTO Studies and Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade; Lex Witness; Westlaw; Thomson Reuters India and Manupatra, and aims to further build on these relations. Previous editions of the competition saw the WTI provide the winners an opportunity to attend their Summer Academy on Trade Regulation and Global Governance. L&S has also offered internship opportunities to the winners of the previous editions of the competition.

The background of the page features a stylized, isometric illustration of a port scene. In the foreground, a large cargo ship is docked, its deck filled with numerous stacked shipping containers in various shades of brown, tan, and grey. A yellow crane is positioned on the ship's deck. To the left of the ship, a long pier extends into the water, also lined with stacks of containers. In the background, a city skyline with several tall buildings is visible under a dark, overcast sky. The entire scene is rendered in a muted, dark color palette, giving it a sophisticated and industrial feel.

Each edition of the GIMC sees enthusiastic participation not only from Indian universities, but also universities across the globe, from countries including Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Hungary, Indonesia, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Vietnam.

After a stellar 15th edition, we cordially invite your institution to be a part of this experience and participate in the 16th Edition of GIMC!

PRIZES

The following prizes and opportunities were awarded in the previous editions of the competition:

S. NO.	CITATION	PRIZES AND AWARDS
1.	Winning Team	Trophy + INR 50,000 (cash prize)
2.	Runners-Up Team	Trophy + INR 25,000 (cash prize)
3.	Best Written Submissions	Trophy + INR 10,000 (cash prize)
4.	2 nd Best Written Submissions	Trophy
5.	Best Orator in the Preliminary Rounds	Trophy + INR 10,000 (cash prize)
6.	2 nd Best Orator in the Preliminary Rounds	Trophy
7.	Best Orator in the Final Rounds	Trophy + INR 10,000 (cash prize)
8.	Best Researcher	Trophy + INR 10,000 (cash prize)
9.	2 nd Best Researcher	Trophy



PAST JUDGES

In every edition, GIMC has always offered panels comprising of the best minds in International Trade Law. This ensures that the participants' arguments are analysed in depth and with utmost meticulously. Some of the notable Panelists from the past editions are:

1. Mr. Sanjay Notani (Senior Partner and Head of International Trade, Customs and Sustainability Practice at Economic Law Practices)
 2. Mr. James Nedumpara (Professor and Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law)
 3. Ms. Anuradha RV (Partner, Clarus Law Associates)
 4. Dr. Werner Zdouc (former Director of WTO Appellate Body Secretariat)
 5. Mr. Atul Sharma (Co-Founder of Sarvada Legal)
 6. Mr. Ujal Singh Bhatia (WTO Appellate Body Member)
 7. Dr. Carlo Gamberale (Appellate Body Secretariat, WTO)
 8. Mr. Shishir Privadarshi (Director, Development Division, WTO)
 9. Prof. Michael Hahn (Director, World Trade Institute, University of Bern)
 10. Dr. Ilaria Espa (Senior Research Fellow, World Trade Institute, University of Bern)
 11. Mr. Greg Tereposky (Founder, Trade Law Guide and Partner, Tereposky deRose LLP)
 12. Prof. Rodrigo Polanco (Academic Coordinator, Advanced Masters Programmes, World Trade Institute, University of Bern)
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13. Ms. Victoria Donaldson (Legal Deputy Director, Department of International Trade, UK)
 14. Mr. V. Lakshmikumaran (Founding Partner, Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan Attorneys)
 15. Prof. Krista Nadakavukaren Schefer (Co-head, Legal Services, Swiss Institute of Competitive Law)
 16. Prof. Rafael Leal-Arcas (Professor of European and International Economic Law, Jean Monet Chair in EU, International Economic Law, Queen Mary, University of London)
 17. Dr. Franziska Sucker (Senior Lecturer, Oliver Schreiner School of Law, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg)
 18. Mr. Christian Melischek (Dispute Settlement Lawyer, WTO)
 19. Mr. Sagnik Sinha (Dispute Settlement Lawyer, WTO)
 20. Dr. James J. Nedumpara (Executive Director, Centre for Trade and Investment Law)
 21. Mr. Andrea Aldo Schlapfer (Lecturer and Research Fellow at the Institute of European and International Economic Law. University of Bern)
 23. Ms. Altagracia E. Cuevas Arthur (Manager of Trade Consulting, International Economics Consulting Ltd.)
 24. Ms. Wakako Oshima (Head, Asteri Co., Ltd.)
 25. Ms. Tetyana Payasova (Associate, Van Bael and Bellis).

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AHMEDABAD

India's first UNESCO World heritage city Ahmedabad combines historical and culinary delights amongst others and possesses a vibrancy which is sure to leave any visitor impressed. Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar being twin city are perfect blend of cultures and traditions. From Famed 'Pols' in the walled city to lattice work at Sidi Saiyyed Mosque, to Calico Museum and to Akshardham Temple depict its journey of textile hub and modern architecture style. There lie a range of places both traditional and contemporary to observe. On the bank of Sabarmati River, the Sabarmati Ashram offers an unparalleled insight into life of Mahatma Gandhi as well as riverfront is a great setting for pleasant stroll. The city abounds with delightful option to savour the local cuisine with the night street food market at Manek Chowk being a unique experience. For those who do not wish to exert themselves, the Step Well at Adalaj close to University Campus is good option to indulge in slice of history.



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