

# 13th International Rounds

PRICE MEDIA  
LAW MOOT COURT  
COMPETITION



2019-2020

# welcome

The Extraordinary 13th Year Of The Price Media Moot

Ordinarily, I would be writing on behalf of Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, the organiser of the Price Media Moot, to welcome the teams that qualified for the final rounds to Oxford. Instead, I am writing in the aftermath of the extraordinary 13th year of the Price Media Moot to record my thanks and admiration to all who made this 13th year of the Price Media Moot as memorable as it has been.

*Kate O'Regan*

This year there were six successful Regional Rounds in Beijing (Asia Pacific), Budapest (South East Europe), Delhi (South Asia), New York (Americas), Kyiv (North East Europe) and (for the first time) Paris (Northern Europe). Unfortunately, the African and Middle Eastern regional rounds were judged on memorials only this year, but we plan oral rounds in both regions again next year.

At the conclusion of the regional rounds in early February, the stage was set for the final rounds in Oxford which were due to be held from 30th March – 3rd April. However, in mid-February we came to realise that the spread of COVID-19 constituted a real threat to our ability to host the final rounds in Oxford and so we consulted the members of our Advisory Council and all qualifying teams for their views on how we should go forward.

Although most teams wanted the final rounds to take place in Oxford as planned, by the end of February the clear public health advice we were getting was that we would not be able to host the rounds. Advice that has since been proved to be quite correct. And upon receipt of that advice, we took the hard decision at the beginning of March to cancel the final rounds.

All was not lost, however. The extraordinary dedication of the organising team comprising Nevena Krivokapic Martinovic, Sarah Norman, Kamille Adair Morgan and Sanya Samtani, went to work immediately to devise an online moot. Within a week the new moot rules had been formulated, and teams had been invited to submit their arguments in a digital format for judging by panels of judges. 28 of the 40 qualifying teams entered the online moot.

Four semi finalist teams were identified by our teams of volunteer judges, and two semi final moots were held online, followed by the Grand Final on 3rd April.

That the moot continued to operate in these trying times was a mark of the dedication not only of our wonderful organising team, who were awarded the Spirit of the Moot prize for 2020, but also the commitment of all the qualifying teams and their coaches, and all the volunteer judges who viewed the moot entries. A sincere thanks to you all.

The level of commitment and dedication shown by competitors, coaches, judges and the organisational team demonstrated, if it were necessary, that the Price Media Law Moot Court Programme is more than a moot court. It is a global community.

The Bonavero Institute of Human Rights at the University of Oxford is very proud to be the home of this wonderful mooting community, even if in 2020 that was a virtual home. We thank you for the spirit of co-operation and commitment that you showed in this the extraordinary 13th year of the Price Media Moot. We look forward to a time when the Price Media Moot community can meet together in regional rounds all over the world and in the final rounds in Oxford once again but we remain delighted by the spirit of community that was so palpable during the virtual final rounds of 2020.

Until next year, stay safe and well.

**Professor Kate O'Regan,**  
Bonavero Institute of Human Rights,  
University of Oxford



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# meet the team



## Ms Kamille Adair Morgan

Kamille, Attorney-at-Law and Jamaica Rhodes Scholar, is reading for the DPhil in Law at Hertford College, University of Oxford. She describes herself as a moot court enthusiast, having participated in various moots as a competitor, judge, coach, and organiser. Kamille provides technical support for the Price Moot Court Regional Rounds and co-ordinates the International Rounds in Oxford.



## Ms Nevena Krivokapic Martinovic

Nevena, Attorney-at-Law, is the Moot Court Co-ordinator for the Regional Rounds of the Price Moot Court Competition. She was a member of the University of Belgrade winning team of the Price Moot in 2011. In addition, she holds the position of co-ordinator for online media and freedom of expression in the digital environment at SHARE foundation, Serbia. Her activities are mostly focused on the regulation of online media and free speech in digital environment.



## Ms Sarah Norman

Sarah has been involved in education for the past 21 years, first as a history teacher and head of department, and then as an Assistant Principal Examiner on public examinations. She has also worked in digital resources for schools and higher education institutions. Based in Oxford, she works with the team on the organisation of the International Rounds, as well as providing support for the Regional Rounds.



## Ms Sanya Samtani

Sanya is a DPhil (Law) candidate at Magdalen College, University of Oxford. She is a Graduate Research Resident at the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights. In addition to having coached, judged, and participated in the Price Moot in previous years, she is presently the Assistant Moot Coordinator for the International Rounds of the Competition. Her research is in the area of access to education and copyright in international and comparative law and subsequently coached whilst at Oxford on the Rhodes Scholarship. Her research areas include international human rights law, and

## SECTION 2

# meet the judges



### **Gehan Gunatilleke**

Gehan is a Sri Lankan lawyer specialising in human rights and constitutional law. He is currently a doctoral candidate in law at the University of Oxford, and a graduate tutor in human rights at St Catherine's College, Oxford. His research focuses on state authority to limit free speech and the freedom of religion under international law. Gehan is a former advisor to the Sri Lankan Foreign Ministry, where he specialised in international treaty compliance. He is also Research Director at Verité Research, an independent think tank based in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



### **Richard Danbury**

Richard is an academic lawyer, a journalist and a former practicing barrister. He directs the MA in investigative journalism. A long while ago, he practised - briefly - as a criminal barrister, before joining the BBC, where he worked for about a decade. He was based in news and current affairs, and specialised in interviews and investigations. He spent extended periods on programmes such as Newsnight and Panorama. His first job was as a researcher on the investigative documentary series Rough Justice, and his last staff job was as Deputy Editor of the 2010 BBC Prime Ministerial Debate.



### **Kate O'Regan**

Kate is the inaugural Director of the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights and a former judge of the South African Constitutional Court (1994 - 2009). In the mid-1980s she practiced as a lawyer in Johannesburg in a variety of fields, but especially labour law and land law, representing many of the emerging trade unions and their members, as well as communities threatened with eviction under apartheid land laws. In 1990, she joined the Faculty of Law at UCT where she taught a range of courses including race, gender and the law, labour law, civil procedure and evidence.

# semi finals judges



## Thiago Alves-Pinto

Thiago holds an LLB (Hons.) from Centro Universitário Curitiba (Brazil) and a Master's Degree in International Human Rights Law from Åbo Akademi University (Finland).



## Paolo Cavaliere

Paolo joined the University of Edinburgh Law School in September 2014. He researches on, and teaches courses in freedom of expression, media law and communications law.



## Maksym Dvorovyi

Maksym works as a lawyer for Kyiv-based NGO Digital Security Lab Ukraine aimed at advocacy of Internet freedom in Ukraine, as well as the parliamentary assistant in the Ukrainian Parliament.



## Alina Pravdychenko

Alina is a media lawyer and legal adviser of 1+1 media group, one of the biggest Ukrainian group of companies in media sphere. She also is a member of the Ukrainian Bar Association.



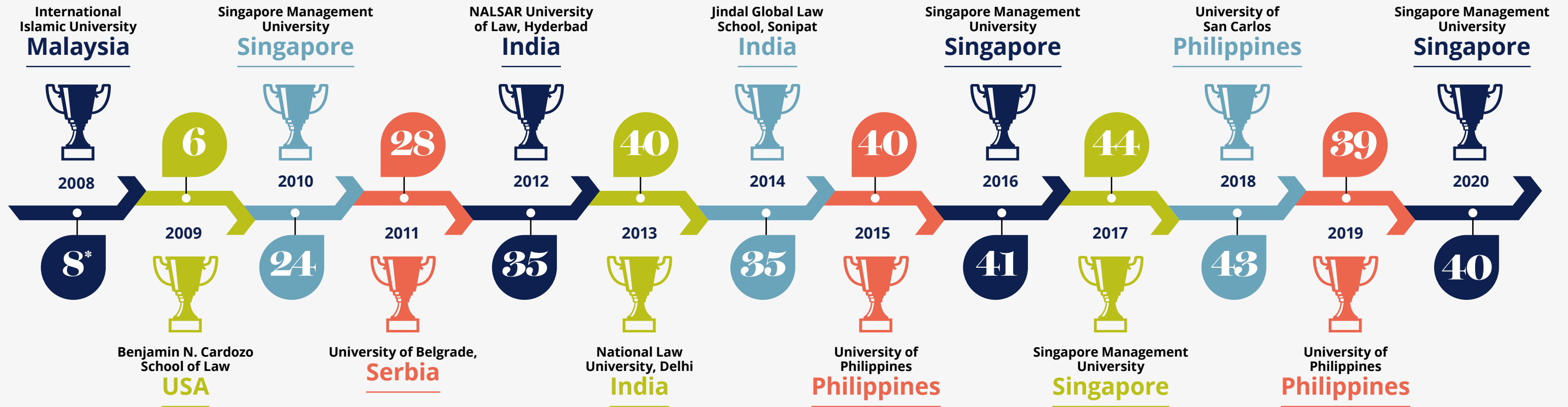
## Chaani Srivastava

Chaani is an International Attorney, with a multi-disciplinary practice spread between US and India. She is involved with advising clients on a range of Intellectual Property and Technology related issues.



## Alexander Willingham

Alexander is a practising Commercial and Corporate Lawyer. He holds an undergraduate LLB degree, and an LLM in Commercial and Corporate Law from Queen Mary, University of London.



# History of the Competition

\*Number of participating teams that year.

# events as they unfolded



...a note from the Team.

This year began with the excitement of a new North European Regional Round scheduled to take place in Paris in early February. For the first time every single team that was to qualify to come to the International Rounds in Oxford would qualify through one of the eight regional rounds. No teams would qualify solely on the basis of their written Memorials.

By the **end of 2019**, rounds had been successfully completed in New Delhi, Budapest, Beijing and Kyiv and these rounds were followed in February 2020 by rounds in Paris and New York.

In **early 2020** it became apparent that due to unforeseen circumstances the rounds due to take place in Johannesburg and Beirut were not going to be able to go ahead as planned, and it was decided

that teams that had been due to compete in those rounds should have the opportunity to qualify on the basis of their written Memorials. A pre-moot did take place in Beirut for Lebanese teams.

Little did anyone know, that as our Regional Rounds were going on, events were taking place that were to change the course of the competition and bring us new challenges that we could never have anticipated. **See the 'Route to the Final' diagram on the next page.**

In this context, and having sought expert advice, on 2nd March 2020 the final decision was taken to cancel live rounds of the 13th Monroe E Price Media Moot Court Competition. The decision was an extremely difficult one, and at the time it was made, the Price Moot Team also made the decision

that we should endeavour to take the competition online in some way, in order to give all those teams who had worked so hard to qualify to come to Oxford some sort of competition. At this time, we had no experience of how to run a remote Moot, what form this might take, or how it might work.

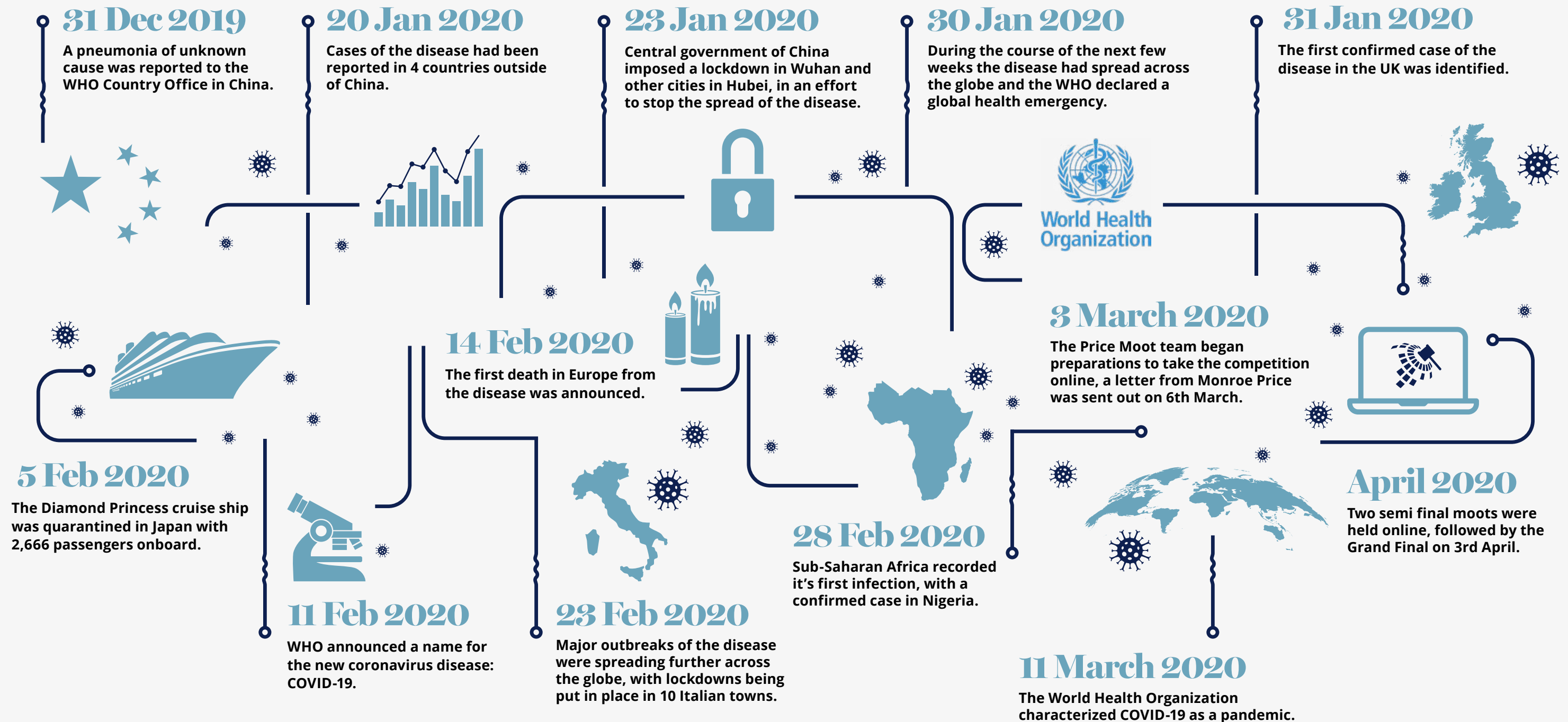
On the **3rd March 2020** the Price Moot team began preparations to take the competition online, and stage a Virtual Moot. Just over a week later, the WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

Whilst we recognise that the Moot of 2020 was not as we had planned, and that it was a huge disappointment for Teams and Judges alike not to be able to come to Oxford, we were bowled over by the response of Teams and Judges to our solutions. The Price Moot Court community

supported the Virtual Moot more than we could ever have hoped for. Teams and judges embraced the new format, often grappling with difficult technical and connectivity issues in order to fulfil their part and make the Moot happen. The live Semis and Finals were not without their challenges, but it is safe to say that they were triumphs in terms of quality of arguments and judgments. Perhaps in these strangest of times, more than that, they were a reminder of the power of community coming together to face and overcome new and sometimes difficult challenges.



# the **VIRTUAL** route to the final







# Meet Semi finalists and Finalists





# Reflecting on Covid-19 and the Price Moot

As I write this reflection, we are in the throes of a massive public health crisis - the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. As many as 87 countries have imposed some form of 'lockdown' - restrictions on movement, economic activity, expression - on the basis that mass quarantine and stay-home orders will reduce its spread, or, at the very least, prevent healthcare systems being overwhelmed (15 April 2020).

At a time where 'social distancing' and 'self isolation' are the prescribed ways of expressing our shared humanity, we must remember that we are all connected. If Covid-19 has done one thing, it has thrown prevailing inequalities into stark relief. As human rights lawyers, we have a duty, now more than ever, to society's most vulnerable, most marginalised, to work towards a more just world for everyone. We have a duty to hold our governments to account for their priorities, and our police forces to account for their actions. We also have the responsibility of imagining a world post-Covid-19 - rather than rushing back to an unequal 'normal'.

This is where the Price Moot comes in. I know that it sounds rather trivial. Why run a moot court competition about a fictional case when the world around you is frightened, people are fighting for their lives and everything is suddenly uncertain?

Why? Because the Price Moot aims to build generation upon generation of human rights activists, who learn how to use law to secure freedoms and challenge unfreedoms. The case, albeit an imagined one, is based on real situations. Teams work hard on consolidating jurisprudence from the regional systems of the African Court of Human Rights, the Inter American Court of Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights, as well as international treaty bodies such as the Human Rights Committee to construct their argument. In times of crisis, as in our contemporaneous moment, a working knowledge of human rights law is crucial.

Media law has acquired a particular salience. The use of information and communication technologies to track and trace contacts of those

suspected of having contracted Covid-19 as well as a concerted shift of most educational institutions to online classes has only intensified our dependence on these technologies.

It has also highlighted the divide between those who have access and those who do not. Moreover, the use of these ICTs throws up questions concerning privacy and security of data that governments (and corporations) are presently collecting, to act quickly and prevent the transmission of the virus. Do these laws, authorising such widespread surveillance, contain sunset clauses - a guarantee that this too shall pass? Is it proportionate to impose severe criminal sanctions for spreading misinformation regarding the Covid-19 crisis?

We are often reminded that governments are weighing public health *against* other human rights to keep us secure. But what would it look like for governments to secure our collective public health *through* the realisation of human rights? How can we support governments' responses to Covid-19 while challenging abuses and excesses of power that impinge on human rights? Teams participating in the Price Moot *can* actually point us to legal tools that answer that question. They would apply a variant of the proportionality test in international human rights law (that they will have applied to their fictional case) - that the restrictions in question must be prescribed by law (and sufficiently precise), in pursuit of a legitimate aim, and necessary and proportionate in a democratic society (and there are no other less restrictive means available).

The Price Moot is, importantly, a community. In a time where all of us have been touched by Covid-19, some worse than others, social

solidarity is key. Teams, having worked on this case for roughly a year and having demonstrated excellence in their regions, are uniquely joined in the intellectual world of A, B and X in the fictional countries of Surya and Chandra. They share a vocabulary unique to them, and yet a human rights education applicable to the world in very real ways.

As the Organising Committee, we are intimately connected with building this community. When we realised that it would no longer be possible to physically host the international rounds of the Price Moot in Oxford, we were crestfallen. But not for long. We took the decision early enough to attempt an online moot. Nevena Krivokapic (in Serbia at the time), Sarah Norman (in Oxford at the time), Kamille Adair Morgan (in Jamaica at the time) and I (also in Oxford at the time) racked our brains to design a complicated set of new rules to take the Price Moot online while preserving its spirit. To our delight, 28 teams competed through recorded pleadings dispatched from 21 countries around the world.

On the very day when the finalist teams were delivering their oral pleadings via Zoom, the Director of the Bonavero Institute and presiding judge - Kate O'Regan - was appointed by the South African Government as the designated Covid-19 judge, to provide judicial oversight over government data-gathering efforts, safeguarding the right to privacy. There is, in the end, not such a great distance between the Price Moot and the 'real world'.

Thanks to everyone who made the first ever Virtual International Rounds of the Price Moot possible - through illness, displacement and technological hiccups. May we emerge from this crisis with a renewed commitment to a more just world for all.



**Sanya Samtani**

**Member of Organising Committee  
Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot  
Court Competition**



SECTION 5

# case summary



**shine a light on Suryans**

# seeing is believing

Surya is a country with a population of approximately 25 million people. 90% of Surya's population identify as 'Suryan', and a majority of Suryans adhere to the 'Suryan' faith, which is the official religion in Surya. Chandra is a small island nation approximately 200 miles from the coast of Surya. Many families from Chandra have sought asylum in Surya due to an ethno-religious civil war in Chandra. A majority of these asylum seekers are 'Tarakan', which is a belief minority in Chandra. By 2019, Surya had a population of approximately 10,000 registered Tarakan asylum seekers.

Hiya! is a free online messaging application ('app') popular in Surya. The app has two basic functions: (1) a 'bilateral chat' function that permits users to chat with other users on a one-to-one basis, and (2) a 'broadcast' function that permits users to 'live stream' or stream pre-recorded audio and video content to any user who 'subscribes' to their 'broadcast channel'. Hiya! has developed an upload filter called 'first Artificially Intelligent test of hatred!' (fAlth!), which automatically screens any broadcasts and blocks them if

they contain content considered to be 'hate speech' as per Hiya!'s 'Standards on Hate Speech'. In January 2019, an independent university study found that, if properly trained, the upload filter could detect 87% of 'hate speech' content correctly.

**In January 2019**, a campaign was launched by Suryan nationalist groups, including a group called SuryaFirst. The campaign demanded that the government introduce laws to ban any blasphemy in relation to the Suryan faith, and prevent proselytism and conversion of

Suryans into andha, a Tarakan philosophy. SuryaFirst maintains a broadcast channel on Hiya! called 'Seeing is Believing', which has over 100,000 subscribers in Surya. In its campaign, SuryaFirst has focused on the Tarakan philosophy of andha, which is associated with the symbolic wearing of blindfolds. Only a handful of Tarakans have adopted the practice of literally wearing blindfolds in public, and even when such blindfolds are worn, it is in the context of public meditation or during processions. SuryaFirst

nevertheless demanded that Tarakans be prohibited from wearing blindfolds in public.

**On 15 February**, the government amended section 220 of Surya's Penal Act to prohibit conversion of or attempt to convert any person from one faith to another faith by the use of force. However, the Act specified that 'voluntarily returning to the forefathers' original faith or to one's own original faith shall not be construed as conversion under this Act'. Section 300 of the Act already prohibited advocacy or recklessly causing the advocacy of hatred against any group in a manner that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence.

**On 16 February**, SuryaFirst broadcast a live video to approximately 30,000 subscribers and a further 5,000 viewers. The

broadcast began with a video message by a masked individual who identified himself as the 'Sun Prince'. His message included the words: 'the true Sons of Surya must rise against the unlawful actions of the sightless'. The video then showed a group of masked persons harassing a blindfolded individual. The video depicted the group chanting at the individual and eventually removing his blindfold. The video then returned to the 'Sun Prince' who stated: 'Immediately go shine a light on Suryans who have adopted the andha blindness. Seeing is believing'.

The upload filter 'fAlth!' did not identify the SuryaFirst broadcast as 'hate speech' because it had been trained by Hiya! staff to accommodate the special position of Suryan faith under the law.





# hostility and exclusion

**By 17 February**, over 250,000 users had viewed the video and sharing continued over the next few days. From 18-28 February, similar videos were shared on Hiya! depicting groups of persons accosting blindfolded individuals on the streets of the capital. In one video, a group of men were seen shining bright flashlights into the face of a young woman, who appeared to be visually impaired. The men jeered 'seeing is believing'. None of these videos featured on the SuryaFirst broadcast channel. However, on 28 February, a short 'pre-recorded' broadcast was launched on the SuryaFirst channel in which the Sun Prince thanked 'faithful followers for taking the message of light to the dark streets of Surya'.

**On 1 March**, two complaints were made under the Penal Act. The first complainant, S, claims to be the person depicted in the SuryaFirst live broadcast of 16 February. He complained that the broadcast humiliated him and subjected him to hostility and exclusion from his ethnic

community. He claimed the incident was an attempt to 'forcibly convert him from his belief'. The second complainant, T, a person of Tarakan origin who was visually impaired since birth, complained that since mid-February 2019, she had been experiencing a high level of anxiety over an environment that was 'hostile and demeaning' towards persons with visual impairments. T furnished an affidavit from a witness who claimed that on one occasion, a group of persons shone flashlights at her face as she was travelling in public.

The government launched an investigation and sent Hiya! a formal request for the personal data of the broadcasters of the SuryaFirst broadcast channel, and the user identifying himself as the 'Sun Prince'. The Hiya! legal team responded 24 hours later with the mobile phone numbers of the two broadcasters associated with the SuryaFirst channel. The police then tracked down A and B (the SuryaFirst broadcasters),

and during interrogations, A and B revealed that X was in fact the 'Sun Prince'.

**On 1 May 2019**, the prosecutor's office indicted X under section 220 of the Penal Act and A and B under section 300 of the Act. The Criminal High Court convicted X and sentenced X to two years imprisonment but suspended the sentence for two years on the condition that no repeat offences are committed during such time.

It also convicted A and B under section 300 of the Act, and directed each of them to pay a fine of USD 2,000. A, B and X appealed their convictions before the Appellate Court on the basis that the conviction violated one of the rights guaranteed under the Suryan Constitution. They claimed that their right to privacy and freedom of expression had been violated by the government. However, the Appellate Court decided to uphold the convictions of A, B and X, and confirmed the sentences issued by the High Court.

## The Court has certified four discrete issues:

A, B and X then filed applications before the Universal Court of Human Rights alleging violations of article 17 and article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

**1.** Whether Surya's decision to obtain personal data from Hiya! and from certain other users violated X's rights under **article 17** of the ICCPR.

**2.** Whether Surya's decision to obtain personal data regarding A and B from Hiya! violated their rights under **article 17** of the ICCPR.

**3.** Whether Surya's prosecution and conviction of X violated his rights under **article 19** of the ICCPR.

**4.** Whether Surya's prosecution and conviction of A and B violated their rights under **article 19** of the ICCPR.

A, B and X sought from the Universal Court of Human Rights: (1) declarations that their rights under the ICCPR have been violated, and (2) directions to Surya to take immediate measures to fulfil its obligations under the ICCPR.

# freedom of expression



SECTION 6

# regional results



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# South Asia

**The 10th Annual South Asia Regional Rounds**, hosted in partnership with the Centre for Communication Governance at National Law University, Delhi, was successfully concluded on 17th November 2019. The results are as follows:

**Winner** National Law School of India University, Bangalore

**Runner-up** National Law University, Delhi

**Semi Finalists** Gujarat National Law University and National Law Institute, Bhopal

**Best Oralist** Vishu Surana, National Law School of India University, Bangalore

**Best Memorial** National Law University, Delhi

**Teams Qualifying to the International Rounds**  
National Law School of India University, Bangalore  
National Law University, Delhi  
University of Dhaka



# Asia Pacific

**The 7th Annual AsiaPacific Regional Rounds**, hosted in partnership with Law School & Asia Pacific Institute of Law, Renmin University of China, was successfully concluded on 13th December 2019, in Beijing. The results are as follows:

**Winner** Singapore Management University

**Runner-up** University of Malaya

**Best Memorial**  
Singapore Management University

**Memorial Runner-up** University of Malaya

**Best Oralist**  
Phoon Wuei from National University of Singapore

**Oralist Runner-up**  
Yin-Ing Low from National University of Singapore and Peh Qi Hui from University of Malaya

**Teams Qualifying to the International Rounds**  
Singapore Management University  
University of Malaya  
National University of Singapore  
Lyceum of the Philippines University  
University of the Philippines  
China University of Political Science and Law





# South East Europe

**The 8th Annual South East Europe Regional Rounds** hosted in partnership with Eötvös Loránd University was successfully concluded in Budapest on the 6th December 2019. The results are as follows:

**Winner** Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary

**Runner-up** University of Rijeka, Croatia

**3rd Place** National Research University, Russia

**Best Memorial** Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary

**Memorial Runner-up** University of Rijeka, Croatia

**3rd Place Memorial** National Research University, Russia

**Best Oralist** Mr. Mihovil Miholić, University of Rijeka

**Oralist Runner-up** Mr. Olivér Németh, Eötvös Loránd University

**3rd Place Oralist** Ms. Alexandra Şipoteanu, University of Bucharest

**Teams Qualifying to the International Rounds**

Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary

University of Rijeka, Croatia

National Research University, Russia

University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

University of Tirana, Albania



# North East Europe

**The 4th Annual North East Europe Regional Rounds**, hosted in partnership with Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and Centre for democracy and rule of law, was successfully concluded on 15th December 2019, in Kyiv. The results are as follows:

**Winner** Belarusian State University, Belarus

**Runner-up** National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine

**Best Memorial** National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine

**Memorial Runner-up** Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine

**Best Oralist** Oleksandra Zmazhenko, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine

**Oralist Runner-up** Inna Ptitsyna, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine

**Teams Qualifying to the International Rounds**

Belarusian State University, Belarus

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine





# Middle East

The 8th Middle East Regional Rounds were based on Memorial scores of the teams.

## Teams Qualifying to the International Rounds

Mansoura University, Egypt

Cairo University, Egypt

Allameh Tabataba'i, Iran

Birzeit University, Palestine

The British University in Egypt, Egypt

Ain Shams University, Egypt

Istanbul Şehir University, Turkey

Phoenicia University, Lebanon



# Africa

The 3rd Africa Regional Rounds were based on Memorial scores of the teams.

## Teams Qualifying to the International Rounds

Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia

Moi University, Kenya

National University of Lesotho, Lesotho

Makerere University, Uganda

Kenyatta University School of Law, Kenya



# Americas

**The 8th Annual Americas Regional Rounds**, hosted in partnership with the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, was successfully concluded on 8th February 2020, at Cardozo School of Law in New York. The results are as follows:

**Winner** University of São Paulo, Brasil

**Runner-up** Regent University School of Law, USA

**Best Memorial** Cardozo School of Law, USA

**Memorial Runner-up** Regent University School of Law, USA

**Best Oralist** Grace Zhou, Cardozo School of Law, USA

**Oralist Runner-up** Tiffany Keung, University of Pennsylvania, USA

**Teams Qualifying to the International Rounds**

Brooklyn Law School

Cardozo School of Law

Columbia University

Georgetown University

Regent University School of Law

University of São Paulo



# Northern Europe

**The 1st Northern European Rounds**, hosted in partnership with University Paris Descartes, was successfully concluded on 7th February 2020, in Paris, France. The results are as follows:

**Winner** University of Oxford

**Runner-up** Humbolt University of Berlin

**Best Memorial** University of Oxford

**Memorials Runner-up** University of Luxembourg

**Best Oralist** Jonathan Ronen, Humboldt University of Berlin

**Oralist Runner-up** Ronan Finucane, Law Society of Ireland

**Teams Qualifying to the International Rounds**

University of Luxembourg

University of Oxford

Humbolt University of Berlin

The University of Law, UK

Law Society Ireland





# Regional Rounds





# This year's winners



## INTERNATIONAL ROUNDS 2019-20

### Overall Winner

Singapore Management University

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### Overall Runner-up

University of Oxford, UK

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### Semi Finalists

(in alphabetical order)

China University of Political Science and Law, China

University of Malaya, Malaysia

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### Top Teams

5th National University of Singapore

6th Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law, Hungary

7th National Law School of India University, Bangalore, India

8th University of Luxembourg

9th Birzeit University, Palestine

10th National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", Ukraine

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### Best Oralist

Ma. Angela Teresa G. Sebastian, University of the Philippines

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### Best Oralist Runner-up

Peh Qi Hui, University of Malaya

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### Top Oralists

3rd Nur Azra Batrisyia binti Fauzi, University of Malaya

4th Saradha Lakshmi Hariharan, University of Malaya

5th Taylor Carman, Cardozo School of Law

6th Paulo Romeo J. Yusi, University of the Philippines

7th Peng Yufei, China University of Political Science and Law

8th Jodi Siah and 9th Naomi Lim, both Singapore Management University

10th Wang Shen, China University of Political Science and Law

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### Best Oralist in the Finals

Terence Yeo, Singapore Management University

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### Best Oralist Runner-up in the Final

Mustaqim Mohammad Iqbal, University of Oxford

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### Best Memorials

University of Oxford, UK

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### Best Memorials Runners-up

University of Malaya, Malaysia

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# International Rounds 2020





# Last year's winners



## INTERNATIONAL ROUNDS 2018-19

### Overall Winner

University of Philippines, Philippines

### Overall Runner-up

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla  
Academy, Ukraine

### Semi Finalists

(in alphabetical order)

Osgoode Hall Law School at York  
University, Canada

Singapore Management University,  
Singapore

### Quarter Finalists

(in alphabetical order)

Gujarat National Law University, India  
Lyceum of the Philippines University,  
Philippines

University of Malaya, Malaysia

University of Oxford, UK

### Octo Finalists

(in alphabetical order)

The British University, Egypt

Brooklyn Law School, USA

Belarusian State University, Belarus

City, University of London, UK

Eötvös Loránd University, ELTE,  
Budapest, Hungary

Law Society of Ireland, Ireland

National Law University, Odisha, India

National University of Singapore,  
Singapore

### Best Oralist

Mr Mark Xavier Libardo, University of  
Philippines

### Best Oralist Runner-up

Mr Rushal Shah, Gujarat National Law  
University

### Best Oralist in the Finals

Ms Julienne Angela del Rosario,  
University of Philippines

### Best Memorials

University of Malaya, Malaysia

### Best Memorials Runners-up

National University of Singapore,  
Singapore

### Jonathan Blake Spirit of the Competition Award

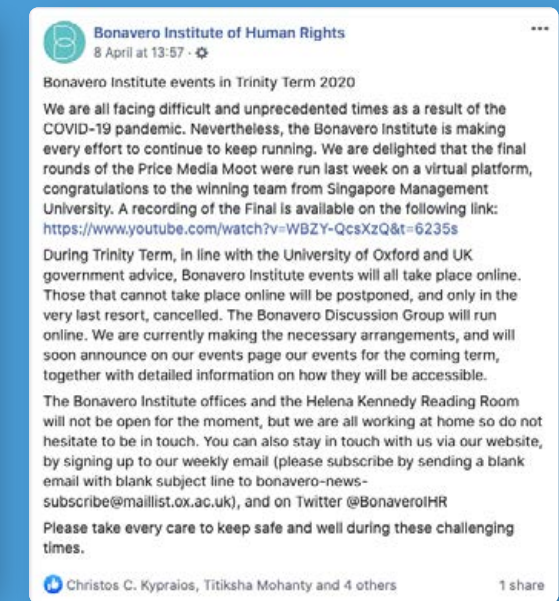
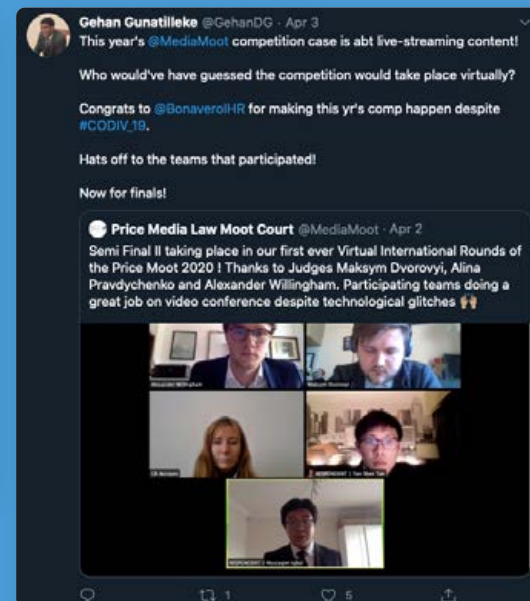
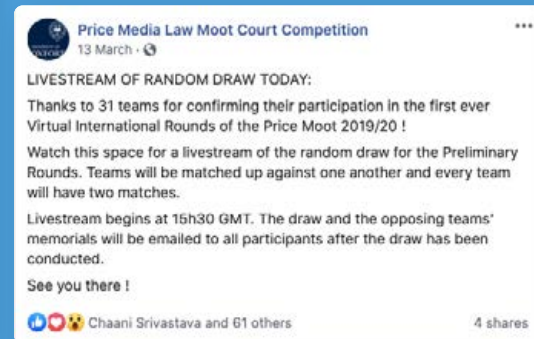
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