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With immense pleasure His Highness The Mahara-
jas Government Law Col-
lege, Ernakulam in asso-
ciation with Lex Erudites
hereby announces the
first International Media-
tion Competition which is
scheduled to be conduct-
ed from 13th - 15th August
2021. Mediation is an ever
growing legal procedure
and one of the most effec-
tive forms of Alternative
Dispute Resolution (ADR)
in the contemporary
world. It is important to be
equipped with mediation
and negotiation skills in
this new and evolving civ-
il justice system. Through
this competition, we are
aiming to help students to
get an understanding of
the procedure and also to
be accustomed with the
same.

About Us

His Highness The Maharajas Government Law College, Ernakulam is an institution for undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate legal education in Kochi, Kerala, India. Founded in 1874, it is the first law college in the state of Kerala and also one of the oldest law colleges in India. It is affiliated to the Mahatma Gandhi University in Kottayam. The college is a recognised Research Centre in Law under the Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam since 2010. The college's alumni includes Honourable (Retired) Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan, Justice K. M. Joseph, Judge, Supreme Court of India and N. R. Madhava Menon, Indian civil servant, Lawyer and Legal educator.

Lex Erudites is a humble initiative by a few undergraduate students of law with a primary vision to provide a platform for socio-legal discourse and scholarship. Lex Erudites volunteers to act as a stimulus to exhort the young aspiring minds from distinct fields of study to ink their free-spirited, reasoned thoughts and opinions, thereby, contributing to informed and participative citizenry. We as an e-journal seeks to advance knowledge across the borders in the field of law. Lex Erudites seeks to bridge the gap between the legal fraternities around the world and also to build a meritorious community of law students and legal professionals.

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Patron of IMC 2021

Professor Bryan Clark

Professor Bryan Clark is a Professor of Law and Civil Justice and the deputy head of academic affairs at the Newcastle Law School, United Kingdom. He had also spent 15 years as a professor at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. Professor is a socio legal scholar with interests in mediation and alternative dispute resolution and in particular how these processes interact with formal civil justice and the workings of lawyers and judges. He is presently the Chair of the Validation and Accreditation Panel of Relationships Scotland, former Board Member of Scottish Mediation and former Member of the Civil Mediation Council's Academic Committee. Professor was also a Member of the Expert Group for the recent Members Bill on promoting Mediation in Simple Procedure for the Scottish Parliament.



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The Objectives

- Widen the appreciation of mediation beyond the consideration of it's as a mere alternative to legal proceedings.
- To help students become habituated with the procedures of mediation.
- Provide students a chance to encounter kindred individuals from different parts of the world.
- Help overcome the obstacles in the course of a virtual mediation competition.
- To equip you with basic Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism skills.
- Help you in building cooperation and synergy to work as a team.



Definitions



- ◇ “Competition” refers to the International Mediation Competition 2021 (IMC 2021)
- ◇ “Virtual Mediation Rooms” refers to the separate meeting sessions on Zoom through which the competition will be hosted.
- ◇ “Judge” refers to a professional selected by the Organizing Committee to evaluate and score the Teams’ performance during a mediation session in accordance with the judging criteria.
- ◇ “Mediating Pair” refers to the client and counsel pair of the participating Team.
- ◇ “Organizing Committee” refers to the body of volunteers and includes any other person, appointed for the administration and functioning of the Competition.
- ◇ “Participants” refers to and includes only the bona-fide representatives of the University/College/Institute who have applied and registered for the Competition by complying with the procedure prescribed
- ◇ “Team” refers to the Mediating Pair and Mediator representing their Institute.
- ◇ “Requesting Party” and “Responding Party” refer to the competing Team which argues on behalf of the party requesting the Mediation and the party responding to the request for Mediation at any given point in the Competition.
- ◇ “Team Code” refers to the unique number allotted to the Team which would be used to identify them throughout the Competition.

Who All Can Participate

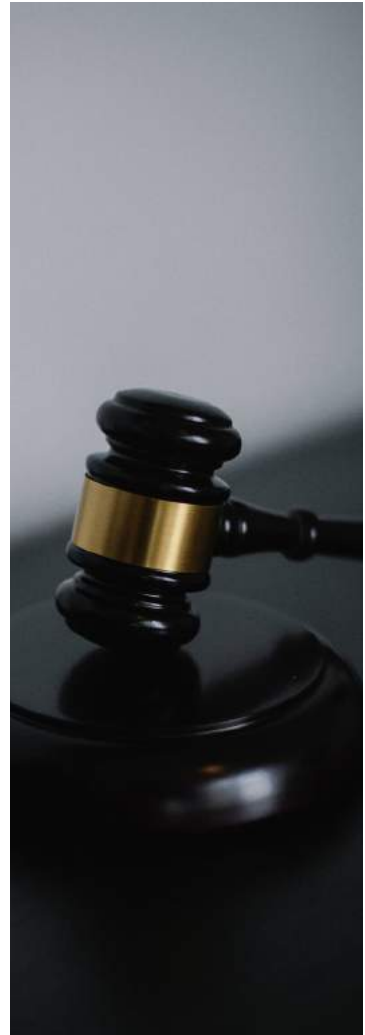
- ◇ The registered contestants must be full time or part time law students.
- ◇ Students enrolled and pursuing post-graduate diploma or short-term certificate courses in law are not eligible to apply.
- ◇ Cross-Institute Teams shall not be eligible to participate in this Competition.
- ◇ A single Team per Institute shall be allowed to register for this Competition.

Fee Structure

- ◇ Indian Teams: INR 1500
- ◇ International Teams: \$30

The payment of registration fees shall be made through the payment gateway and the link for the same will be attached with the email.

** In case of any withdrawal after making the payment of the registration fee, the same shall not be refunded.



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General Instructions

The competition will be held via the Video Conferencing Platform – Zoom.

The competition will be held for 3 days which will consist of 3 stages:

Day 1 : Training session.

Day 2 : Prelims (2 rounds- including interchanging of roles).

Day 3 : Semi-Finals, Finals & Result declaration.

- ◇ 3 Members are required in a team.
- ◇ In a virtual mediation room, 2 teams, 2 judges and 1 organizer will be present.
- ◇ The IMC-V-2021 will be in the form of a co-mediated session and there would be weightage given to the individual performance of all the participants.

The provisional registration process can be done through the official website **[lexerudites.com/imc2021](https://www.lexerudites.com/imc2021)** on or before 4th August 2021.

- ◇ The Participants are required to register as a Team of 3 students viz, a Mediating Pair (Client and Counsel) and a Mediator.
- ◇ The Organizing Committee will communicate the acceptance of the provisional registration and e-mail the payment gateway link along with all other necessary details for the completion of registration formalities.
- ◇ The teams must also mention their team codes during the payment which was assigned after completing the provisional registration.

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- ◇ On successful completion of the payment, The Organizing Committee shall send a confirmation of participation email after verifying the entire process.
- ◇ The Participants may change their roles within their Team only after the prior intimation and approval of the Organizing Committee.

Mediation Prompts And Preparations

The case scenario and details of the allocated time slot will be provided in advance to the participating teams. This time can be used for preparation for the event. For the preliminary round, teams will receive the topic, and slot timings 72 hours before the start of the round.

Online Induction

This training session will include a general introduction to mediation and familiarise the participants with the format of the competition. The interactive session will cover the basics of using Zoom platform for the competition. Rules and evaluation patterns will be explained during the induction. Participants are welcome to raise any queries on the event and get them resolved.

Stages Of The Competition

The competition will take place in three stages. At each stage, there will be two rounds for one pair of teams.

Preliminary Rounds

- ◇ Each Team shall be once the Responding Party and once the Requesting Party in each session.
- ◇ No Team shall compete against the same team more than once in the Preliminary Rounds, nor will they compete before the same panel of judges.

Semi Finals

The 4 best teams from the preliminary stages will compete in pairs.

Finals

The best two teams from the semi-finals will face each other.

Team Composition

A team contains three members; a mediator, client and a counsel (mediating pair). Participating teams can decide on the role allocation between the members. Members can switch roles before the start of any round.

Clarifications

The Team(s) may submit queries regarding the mediation problem during the prescribed time frame. The response to the Clarifications is subject to the drafter's discretion. The Clarifications will not be accepted after the given time.

Virtual Mediation Room

The details of the virtual mediation room will be given to the participating team in advance. During the event, the room will consist of:

- ◇ Two Judges, Two mediators (from the opposing teams),
- ◇ Party A and the counsel (requesting team),
- ◇ Party B and the counsel (responding team),
- ◇ Two session supervisors

The members of the organizing committee may enter the virtual room. Anyone entering the room, other members listed above, must strictly turn off their audio and video to avoid any disturbance during the competition. Session supervisors shall take measures to ensure dignity of proceedings in the mediation room.

Dress code

- ◇ The dress code for the Competition shall be business formals.
- ◇ The above-mentioned dress code extends to the Inaugural and Valedictory Ceremony as well.



Language

The official and only language of the Competition shall be English.



Duration of The Session

- **Introduction + Problem Prompt - 5 minutes**
- **Mediation - 50 minutes**
- **Feedback and scoring - 10 minutes**
- **A caucus time of 5-7 minutes will be, on request, allotted to the teams.**



Private Caucuses & Conferences: Whenever the Mediator(s) calls for a caucus, the other party shall leave the room. The caucus shall take place between the Mediator and one party at once.

Equal opportunity shall be given to the teams in the competition. If any doubts arise with regard to the time allotment the concerned issue shall be raised to the judges and the competition committee members, and a decision shall be taken accordingly.

01 Team Prizes

- ◇ 1st Position- Rs 15,000/- & a certificate course package to the team members by our knowledge partner Enhelion Knowledge Ventures Pvt Ltd.
- ◇ 2nd Position- Rs 10,000/- & a certificate course package to the team members by our knowledge partner Enhelion Knowledge Ventures Pvt Ltd.

02 Best Mediator

- ◇ Cash prize of Rs 5000/- & a certificate course by our knowledge partner Enhelion Knowledge Ventures Pvt Ltd.

03 E- Certificate

- ◇ An E-certificate of participation will be issued to teams competing in both rounds of the preliminary stage.

Prizes

- ◇ E-certificate shall be issued to the first four position holders.

Power To Make Amendments; Modifications or Revocations

- ◇ The Organizing Committee shall have power to amend, modify or revoke the provisions of these rules, either in part or in whole, subject to the feasibility, transparency and smooth functioning of the Competition
- ◇ Any such amendment or modification shall come into force upon the notification of such amendment or modification as the case may be.
- ◇ Any such amendment or modification shall be deemed to be part of these rules.

The Code Of Conduct

Any behaviour of indiscipline with the Judges, Organizing Committee, any other staff member or student volunteer shall be dealt with strictly and may lead to immediate disqualification from the Competition without scope of appeal.

Any attempt to approach the framer(s) of the problem(s) or the panel of Judges of the Competition, prior to the Competition shall lead to immediate disqualification from the Competition without scope of appeal.

Registration Closes on 4th August 2021

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