

Debate: Is ICC an Effective Court?

Before the discussion session students will create three groups: the first one will have to answer the question positively (defenders), the second one, their opponents, negatively, and the third group will serve as referees.

Five days before the discussion the defenders and opponents will submit **seven-page report** in which main arguments will be outlined. Reports should be uploaded to the Information system of MU (section "Odevzdávárna). In these reports it is sufficient to mention the main points and sources of your arguments. Nevertheless, the report must be prepared in a systematic way; in its first section, more general and theoretical arguments should be developed, and in the second, larger section, you should apply these arguments on the subject matter. Taking into consideration the main arguments of your opponent group, **the two parties will prepare three questions for each other for a discussion session.**

Before The Debate:

Before the debate, one member of referees will be elected by referees as a president of the whole session. The president will preside over the discussion, assign parole. The role of referees is crucial. They need to oversee the discussion, clarity of arguments, time the parties, correct clear factual mistakes. The president of referees should take away the word from the party if the party is not answering given question / takes too long.

Referees need to carefully read the reports and prepare 3 questions for each group.

The debate

Defenders and Opponents: For the purposes of the debate itself, you need to split into two groups (e.g. Defenders 1, Defenders 2, Opponents 1, Opponents 2). Defenders 1 open the discussion in 10 minutes long speech, presenting the core idea of their report. Opponents 1 react with their criticism based on their report, again, they are assigned 10 minutes.

Defenders 2 follow up with 5 minutes reaction to what Opponents 1 said. Opponents 2 follow up with 5 minutes reaction to what Defenders 2 said.

After these speeches, president of the referees will start the discussion. He will call on both opponents and defenders to pose each other 2 questions. **Question must be clear.** Party has to answer within 3 minutes.

The same rule and timing applies for questions posed by referees. Referees have 3 questions prepared for each party, moderate the number according to the whole timing of the debate. Parties have maximum of 3 minutes per answer.

15 minutes before the end of the session, President closes the debate and referees leave the room to deliberate. After 15 minutes they return and announce the results. **They will write a report justifying their decision and submit it 7 days after the debate session.**

TIMING

18:00 Start of the debate. Referees elect their president.

18:05 Defenders 1 open.

18:15 Opponents 1 follow up.

18:20 Defenders 2 react.

18:25 Opponents 2 react.

18:30 The President of Referees opens closed debate. S(h)e calls on both parties to pose each other 2 questions.

18:45 General debate starts. Referees ask both parties their questions.

19:05 End of the debate, referees leave to deliberate.

19:20 Verdict and summary

Reports (parties and referees)

- you can write a full text, or in paragraphs / bullet points
- Introduction should contain: question, your position (argument), summary of what you are going to do (how you are going to proceed in order to prove your point)
- your arguments need to be supported by relevant literature or primary data
- don't forget to include references.

