Dear FDI team!

We are delighted to invite you to the III Annual St Petersburg FDI Pre-moot co-organized by St Petersburg University and International and Comparative Law Research Center and supported by Russian Arbitration Center at the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration.

**Dates:** October 4-5, 2019

**Venue:** Faculty of Law, St Petersburg University (7, 22nd Line of Vasilievsky Island, St Petersburg).

**Program:**

- **On October 4,** a global Conference will comprise of three sections and feature acclaimed scholars, governmental officials, in-house IT lawyers, investment arbitration practitioners and 2019 Problem drafters. This year Conference goes beyond the FDI Moot case and addresses whether FDI framework suits the e-commerce, IT business as well as social networks. As the III UNCITRAL Working group session will be held right after the Conference, we have also scheduled a thorough discussion of the ISDS reform as another key topic.

- **On October 5,** the Oral Rounds will provide teams with a valuable opportunity to test their arguments before experienced arbitrators from different jurisdictions and compete against opposing teams from all over the world. In 2018, the pre-moot hosted 12 teams and 45 arbitrators.

- A traditional moot court party in a bar on the beautiful Vasilievsky Island will be the social culmination of the oral rounds day: participants and arbitrators will discuss the results, celebrate the winner, make friends and enjoy a beautiful night before famous drawbridge.

**Why St Petersburg Pre-Moot?**

Apart from developing your pleadings and getting new ideas at the conference, you will:

- Enjoy beautiful autumn in St Petersburg with all its attractions, historic buildings, and a plethora of bars and restaurants
- Discuss and interact with fellow students, practitioners and scholars
- If you are coming from the EU or other countries with visa facilitation bilateral agreement with Russia, we will provide you with an invitation for a free of charge humanitarian visa.

😊 **Bonus:** With this year’s Case having some of its roots in Russia, get real-life inspiration for your pleadings (and receive first-hand experience of social networks blocking)

Follow all our latest updates and register your team [here](#).

Any questions? Write us at [mootcourts@spbu.ru](mailto:mootcourts@spbu.ru).

See you in St Petersburg!

Sincerely,

III St Petersburg FDI Pre-moot Organizing Committee