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# introduction

Għaqda Studenti tal-Liġi – Malta Law Students' Society is a faculty-based non-governmental organisation at the University of Malta that represents all law students within the Faculty of Laws.

GħSL was set up by a group of law students in 1943, led by Joseph Ganado, an honorary GħSL President who later became a Professor of Civil Law at the Faculty of Laws at the University of Malta. Our organisation plays a pivotal role in law students' academic and social life at the University of Malta.

The organisation is the sole distributor of authoritative law notes and past papers at the University of Malta and also organises several seminars and conferences addressed by leading local and foreign legal professionals.

Nowadays GħSL is at the forefront of student activism by releasing multiple statements every year, delving into the legal perspective of issues of public policy, organising several moot-court competitions, presided over by some of Malta's top legal minds. GħSL also publishes the only peer-reviewed legal academic journal, *Id-Dritt*, along with the Online Law Journal (OLJ) and several other publications such as the prestigious Policy Paper which are of immense help to all law students throughout their studies.

GħSL has recently undergone a complete revamp, with new blood giving a fresh image to the organisation's already solid foundation. The yearly social calendar focuses on organising a variety of social events, academic events and charitable events. Hosting such events enabled GħSL to establish an intrinsic link not only with the law student body but also with Maltese society as a whole. As part of its holistic approach to university life, GħSL also makes sure to keep in close contact with the various organisations on campus.

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# international student exchange

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Perhaps the most successful and exciting event organised by GħSL was the student exchange in collaboration with the Law Student Society of Cambridge!

This project had been in the pipeline for quite some time, and it required a joint effort from all the executive team to bring it to life. The first part of this trip was in December, when the Cambridge students came over to Malta. GħSL gave the students a tour of Campus grounds and Faculty, and they were also given a lecture on the Protection of Human Rights in the UK and Malta delivered by Chief Justice Emeritus Vincent A. De Gaetano and Dr. John Stanton.

Furthermore, they were given an extensive look into the life of a Maltese legal practitioner. This was facilitated by a tour to the Fenech & Fenech offices situated in Valletta, a tour of the Law Courts and of Parliament. The students also had the opportunity to watch a Criminal Court case preceded over by Madam Justice Consuelo Scerri Herrera.

In order to truly immerse the students into the local student experience, the students were also given an excursion of the Maltese Islands, in order to showcase our rich culture and history. Students were taken to landmarks such as Valletta, Ғагар Qim, Imdina and Gozo.



Subsequently, in March, Maltese law students were given the once in a life time opportunity to slip into the shoes of a Cambridge Law Student. Following a call for interested students, an incredible 165 students applied, and naturally not all could be chosen. The students who had come down to Malta a few months prior hosted the students in their dorm rooms.

GhSL had the pleasure of a tour around the various colleges as well as the Cambridge Law Library, where older copies of our prestigious law journal Id-Dritt were found. Furthermore, there was a lecture organised, where Lady Hale, former President of the UK Supreme Court, engaged in a discussion relating to Human Rights Law. This was followed by a Formal Hall Dinner at Fitzwilliam college. The following day a local production of Twelfth Night was organised, which a majority of students attended. GhSL facilitated a walking tour around the Temple area and the Royal Courts of Justice, the Inner Temple, and the Supreme Court.





# 'the last resort' an għsl moot court

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# 'the last resort'

## A European Court of Human Rights Moot Court

This moot court, held in December, is the first of its kind with a daring new concept. In collaboration with the Law Student Society of Ireland, it was modelled on the European Court of Human Rights- specifically freedom of expression.

The panel of judges consisted of former and current Maltese judges to the European Court of Human Rights; Judge Giovanni Bonello, Chief Justice Emeritus Vincent De Gaetano and Madam Justice Lorraine Schembri Orland.

Teams consisted of 2-5 students and were required to submit a written memorial prior to the competition of circa 8,000 words, which was graded on criteria used internationally as well as graded oral representations of 45 minutes per team. The sitting was held in the prestigious Constitutional Court. All participants received a certificate and the Irish winners took home a trophy, as well as copies of *Id-Dritt*.

This moot will hopefully serve as a stepping stone to more international competition collaboration. The Irish students were also given a tour of the Parliament and Law Courts in Valletta, as well as some of our traditional rural landscape, helping to strengthen connections overseas.





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leisure trip  
to

**BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA.**



# annual leisure trip – bratislava

Every year, the International Office is tasked with creating an Annual Leisure Trip. This year it was held after the January examination sessions to let students blow off steam. This trip was characterized by its taste for adventure. The organisation did not only explore Bratislava, but other neighbouring towns and cities such as Vienna, Burno, Znojmo, Breclav and Vranov!

Furthermore, it was jam-packed with activities such as paintball, gun range, an escape room and site seeing! GhSL strives to keep up its traditional annual leisure trip and increase its outreach and versatility to its members!



## OUR VISION 2023/2024

The study of law is dynamic and integral to every aspect of life. Whilst Maltese Law is already a very unique and endemic to our Islands, it is important to create lasting international relationships with other student bodies to obtain a greater understanding and appreciation of alternative legal regimes in view that our world has become ever more globalized.

GhSL is driven to provide the best services for our members, and in today's day and age, it inevitably involves a taste of the international experience.

Whilst GhSL is proud to have created new international friendships this year, we strive to continue to broaden our horizons and increase our outreach in order to input fresh and diverse air into campus.



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