

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF LEYDEN UNIVERSITY LEGATUM VISSERIANUM

The late Dr. S. J. Visser bequeathed his fortune to Leyden University under the proviso that the revenue should be used to promote the study of public and private international law. He especially inserted a clause that periodically a sum, up to a maximum amount of 15,000 guilders, should be destined for an international competition. Accordingly the Executive Board of Leyden University, acting as the administrative body of the foundation named Legatum Visserianum and in agreement with the Faculty of Law, organizes a competition on the following subject:

THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER IN PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION

Candidates for this prize are requested to submit entries written by themselves personally, which have not previously been published. The entries should take the three following points into consideration:

1. To what extent can the influence of the unequal economic development of states be recognized in the statutes of multilateral international organizations and in the rules elaborated by such organizations, as well as in the implementation of both the statutes and the rules?
2. To what extent does this unequal development exercise an influence on the substance of public international law in general?
3. What should be the main features of a charter for a new worldwide international organization with the object of forming a framework for the regulation of economic relations between states?

The following note is added for the purpose of elucidation:

Since the (unsuccessful) attempts to form a world trade organization (Havana 1948), a number of reasons and developments have led to the question of the regulation of economic relations between states being raised again and again in the context of international organizations, in particular in the context of the General Assembly of the U.N., the ECOSOC, the UNCTAD and the GATT. The questions posed above should be considered against this background. In the discussion of the first section, regional organizations of states may therefore be left out of consideration.

Entries, typewritten in English, French, German, South-African or Dutch, should be submitted to the Executive Board of Leyden University before January 31st, 1979. Each treatise should bear a short motto which is to be reproduced on a sealed envelope attached to the entry containing the name and address of the author or authors.

Prizes to a maximum of 15,000 guilders will be awarded to those treatises which, in the opinion of both the Board and the Faculty of Law of Leyden University, deserve an award. The Board reserves the right to divide the allocated amount among several candidates.

Moreover the Board reserves the right to put entries not published by the competitors or by the Foundation, at the disposal of the public in the University Library.