2nd NOVA Law Debate
6 May 2019
19h30-20h00
Room 007

ABOUT:
The NOVA Law Debates take place each month throughout the academic year and are designed to offer undergraduate students the opportunity to develop their legal debate techniques and engage in a constructive legal discussion on a specific topic. Students will only be informed of the side of the topic they will be arguing moments before the start of the debate. All debates are held at NOVA Law School and are conducted in English.

APPLICATIONS:
Applications must be submitted before 3 May 2019, at 19h00m, by e-mail to: vasco.weinberg@fd.unl.pt
The speakers and the side of the argument they will be presenting are selected five minutes before the start of the debate.

STRUCTURE OF THE DEBATE:
1. Opening statement – 3’ each
2. Reply – 3’each
3. Counter-reply – 3’ each
4. Closing statement – 3’ each
5. Q&A – 5’
6. Voting

RULES OF THE DEBATE:
1. Prepare!
2. Write your main arguments and try to anticipate those of your opponent.
3. Your opening statement should be clear, succinct and precise in framing your view of the topic and highlight your main arguments.
4. Your reply and counter-reply must focus on responding to the opposing view of the topic and the main arguments supporting it. You can also address specific arguments made by your opponent.
5. Be courteous and respectful to your opponent and be thorough in your views.

PRIZE:
The selected speakers of the debate will receive 10 ITUS points. The winner of the debate will be exempt from payment of tuition fees of one Jurisnova course of his or her choice. This prize is valid for the current and the subsequent academic years.