

# ANNUAL MEETING

18. - 19. OCTOBER 2024



HAMBURG

## Invitation & Programme



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# INVITATION

## TO THE ANNUAL MEETING AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dear members and friends of the Geneva-Society,

We cordially invite you to this year's annual meeting in Hamburg! The annual meeting and general assembly will take place from Friday, 18 October to Saturday, 19 October 2024, for the first time in the far north. As already announced in our save-the-date e-mail, the conference will not take place in Geneva until next year.

The **general meeting** with a **presentation by Prof. Dr Mehrdad Payandeh, LL.M. (Yale)**, Bucerius Law School, and a joint lunch will take place on Saturday, 19 October 2024, from 10:00 am at the premises of the law firm **Lupp + Partner Partnerschaft von Rechtsanwälten, Steuerberater und Solicitor mbB**. We are very excited and grateful to learn more about the work of Prof. Dr Payandeh in the UN Anti-Racism Committee! Participation will be possible both in person and via livestream.

The annual conference will be accompanied by a **Hanseatic social programme**. You can look forward to guided tours of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS/ISGH) and - as a reflection of last year's conference - of Hamburg City Hall. On Saturday evening, we will round off the conference with a three-course dinner on "Das Feuerschiff" in the Hamburg harbour. Please see the following pages for the invitation to the general assembly and the conference programme on the following pages.

Before the start of the actual general meeting on Saturday, we would like to invite you to our **2. mentoring kickoff-session** at 9:00 am. Here we would like to share with you the experiences and feedback from our new programme launched last year and give the new programme participants the opportunity to introduce themselves and exchange ideas. On the following pages you will find further information, in particular on how to register for the 2024-2025 mentoring programme.

For better planning, we kindly ask you to **register bindingly online by 30 September 2024, 24:00 CEST**. You can choose whether you would like to attend the entire annual meeting or just individual days. Please contact us by e-mail ([info@genf-gesellschaft.de](mailto:info@genf-gesellschaft.de)) if you have any questions about this year's annual conference or need help with registration.

We look forward to welcoming many of you in Hamburg!

The Board of the Geneva-Society

# REGISTRATION

## TO THE ANNUAL MEETING AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A binding registration is possible until **30 September 2024 (24:00 CEST)** under the following link. You can choose whether you and your companion would like to participate in person or via livestream.

<https://genf-gesellschaft.de/registration-annual-conference/?lang=en>

### 1) Information on participation in presence

If you wish to attend in person, you can choose which days you would like to attend:

- Only on Friday, 18.10.2024;
- Only on Saturday, 19 October 2024; or
- Both on Friday, 18 October 2024, and Saturday, 19 October 2024.

The following **participation fees** apply - depending on the selected event days - for attendance. Please note that the meals and drinks on Friday and the drinks on Saturday evening must be paid for individually.

- Participation only on Friday 18 October 2024: free of charge
- Participation only on Saturday, 19 October 2024: € 55
- Participation on Friday and Saturday: 55 €
- Of course, you can also attend the general assembly on Saturday in person without any participation costs. For better planning, however, we kindly ask you to register via the link above.

For **students**, there is a limited possibility of financial support from the Geneva-Society for participation in presence on Saturday. In this case, the participation fee is only 20 €. Please indicate the number of students when registering.

### 2) Information on participation via livestream


Please note that participation via livestream is only possible for the general assembly and the presentation by Prof. Dr Mehrdad Payandeh, LL.M. (Yale) as well as the 2nd Mentoring Kickoff- on Saturday, 19 October 2024, starting at 9:00 am.

### 3) Regulation on partial reimbursement of participation fees in the event of cancellation

If you are unable to attend at short notice and unexpectedly, there is the possibility of a partial refund of the three-course menu on Saturday evening after cancellation. The amount of the refund is based on the terms and conditions of the restaurant "Das Feuerschiff" and depends on the time of your cancellation (e.g. up to the 7th day before the day of the event, 60% of the menu price will be charged, i.e. in this case you will receive 40% of the menu price back). If the restaurant does not charge us in the event of cancellation, we will of course refund the full amount for the three-course menu of € 42.50 or € 12 for students. The remaining participation fees, which consist of the tour of the town hall and the visit to the platform of the Elbphilharmonie, are part of group packages and unfortunately cannot be refunded. Cancellations should be sent by email to [info@genf-gesellschaft.de](mailto:info@genf-gesellschaft.de) or directly to our treasurer, Mr Philipp Oberberg ([treasurer@genf-gesellschaft.de](mailto:treasurer@genf-gesellschaft.de)). In this case, we will also send you the restaurant's terms and conditions.

# Programme

Friday, 18.10.2024

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| Starting at<br>14:00 pm   | Welcome<br>to Fischbrötchen!  | Imbiss<br>"Die Kleine Rast an der Elbe"<br>Elbuferweg 85<br>22609 Hamburg                                |
| 15:30 - 17:00 pm  | Guided tour of the International<br>Tribunal for the Law of the Sea<br>(in English) | Am Internationalen Seegerichtshof 1<br>22609 Hamburg<br><i>Please remember an identity<br/>document!</i> |
| Starting at<br>18:00 pm   | Dinner at L'Osteria Hamburg<br>Bleichenbrücke                                       | Bleichenbrücke 9<br>20354 Hamburg  |



**For late travellers:**  
You can also  
join us here!

# Programme

Saturday, 19.10.2024

From 8.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. we would like to welcome you to the premises of the law firm **Lupp + Partner Partnerschaft von Rechtsanwälten, Steuerberater und Solicitor mBB**, 9th floor, Großer Burstah 3, 20457 Hamburg. **Please note that this address differs from the postal address of the law firm (Großer Burstah 1, 20457 Hamburg).**

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| <b>Starting at 8:30 am</b>  | Cosy arrival with coffee and snacks at Lupp + Partner   |
| <b>9:00 – 10:00 am</b>  | 2. Mentoring kickoff-session  |
| <b>10:15 – 10:30 am</b>   | Introductory words from the law firm Lupp + Partner   |
| <b>10:30 – 12:00 am</b>   | General Assembly  |
| <b>12:00 – 13:15 pm</b>   | Lunch break   |
| <b>13:15 – 15:15 pm</b>   | Presentation by Prof. Dr Mehrdad Payandeh, LL.M. (Yale) with Q&A session, coffee break and group photo  |
| <b>15:45 – 16:45 pm</b>   | Guided tour of Hamburg City Hall<br><br><i>Rathausmarkt 1<br/>20095 Hamburg</i>   |
| <b>16:45 Uhr – 18:00 pm</b>   | Walk from Hamburg City Hall to "Das Feuerschiff". Stopover on the visitor platform of the Hamburg Elbphilharmonie with a view of Hamburg harbour. |
| <b>From 18:00 Uhr</b>   | Three-course menu on "Das Feuerschiff"<br><br><i>City Sporthafen, Vorsetzen<br/>20148 Hamburg</i>   |

# Call

## for the 2024-2025 mentoring programme

Dear members of the Geneva-Society,

Our **mentoring programme launched last year is entering its second round!**

The mentoring programme serves as an opportunity for more in-depth career information and exchange within our society members. To make the programme more attractive to you, you will find below an overview of the programme as well as an FAQ on the most important questions. We would be delighted to welcome you as a mentor or mentee!

### Overview

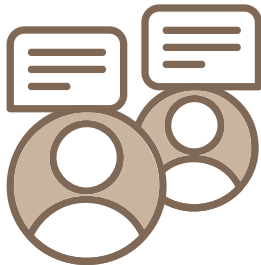
- Matching mentors and mentees as precisely as possible using questionnaires.
- The specific organisation of the mentoring relationship is the responsibility of the respective tandem (e.g. digital or personal meetings, monthly/once a quarter, possibility of an internship with mentors).
- Duration of the mentoring programme: October 2024 to October 2025.
- Would you like to take part? Then please register by 30 September 2024 by completing the relevant form at the following link.

Registration for mentors:

<https://genf-gesellschaft.de/registration-mentoring-program-for-mentors/?lang=en>

Registration for mentees:

<https://genf-gesellschaft.de/registration-mentoring-program-for-mentees/?lang=en>



# FAQ

## for the 2024-2025 mentoring programme

### Why mentoring?

Our society members have an invaluable diversity of experience and a special international orientation. We want to make a contribution to promoting exchange among ourselves and especially between the "generations" by bringing together younger and more experienced members. The focus is on the exchange of experience and support in the reflection, concretisation and planning of professional goals, also in the course of legal training and, if necessary, with a special international orientation.

### Who can take part?

The mentoring programme is open to all members. You can participate as a mentor if you have completed your studies with the first state examination or similar and may have gained initial professional experience (desirable, but not necessary), are in professional life or are retired. Mentees can be all members who have completed their studies in Geneva, i.e. in particular students, doctoral candidates and trainee lawyers.

### What is expected of mentors?

Above all, the willingness to exchange ideas with a young society member approximately every two months for one year from October 2024. Each team determines the goals and framework conditions of a mentoring relationship itself - with our support, of course, including at the 2nd Mentoring Kickoff Session during this year's annual conference. Every member, even those with less experience, should feel encouraged to become a mentor - through suitable matching, the mentee will definitely benefit from the exchange!

### What is expected of mentees?

Active organisation of the mentoring relationship and meetings, willingness for self-reflection and constructive feedback, openness to new input and personal responsibility.

### How does the programme work?

The mentoring programme was launched for the first time in November 2023 and will enter its second round in 2024-2025 based on the initial positive feedback. The 2nd mentoring kick-off session will be offered on 19 October 2024 (hybrid), in which we will share experiences from the past year with you and give new tandems the opportunity to introduce themselves and get to know each other. If we have found a suitable match for you, we will contact you in good time before the 2. Mentoring Kickoff-Session with all further information. The key details of the mentoring relationship will then be finalised within the tandem. As a rule, several digital or face-to-face meetings take place, for example monthly, every other month or once a quarter.

### How can I take part?

Quite simply: By filling out the relevant application form linked above **by 30. September 2024**. The Board will choose a for a suitable match for you and we expect to contact you with all further information at the beginning of October 2024.

### Can you be a mentee and a mentor at the same time?

Yes, this is possible for graduates of the first state examination or trainee lawyers, for example. If you are interested, please complete both questionnaires.

### *We are again asking all members who are already in professional life for their support!*

The Geneva Society thrives on the commitment of its members - join us and support a young member of the society in their career orientation or their start in their profession. Thank you for your commitment! We look forward to a lively participation and a successful continuation of the programme.

If you have any **questions**, please send us an e-mail to [mentoring@genf-gesellschaft.de](mailto:mentoring@genf-gesellschaft.de).

# Invitation

## to the General Assembly 2024

**Date:** 19. October 2024, 10:30 bis 12:00 am

**Where?** Kanzlei Lupp + Partner Partnerschaft von Rechtsanwälten, Steuerberater und Solicitor mbB, Großer Burstah 3, 20457 Hamburg

**Please note that this address differs from the postal address of the law firm (Großer Burstah 1, 20457 Hamburg)!**

**Participation in hybrid form is possible (see registration link above).**

By resolution of the Board of Directors, we cordially invite you to the Annual General Assembly of the Geneva-Society 2024 with the following agenda:

1. Welcome by the Chairwoman
2. Annual report of the Executive Board
3. Treasurer's report for the 2023 financial year
4. Report of the cash auditor
5. Approval of the reports of the Executive Board and the Treasurer
6. Resolution on the discharge of the Executive Board
7. Election of the auditor
8. Other business

We would also like to draw your attention to the relevant provisions of our Statute regarding the General Assembly (Art. 6 of the Statute).

The Board of the Geneva-Society

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