



American Model United Nations Conference Preparation Newsletter

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Activities for Faculty and Permanent Representatives *Special Events at the AMUN Conference*

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Conference is a hectic time for representatives but we have a few special events planned for faculty advisors and permanent representatives, too.

Delegation Lottery for the 2019 Conference

AMUN will hold a lottery on the Monday morning of Conference to make initial country assignments for the 2019 AMUN Conference. The dates for next year's conference are 23-26 November 2019. Any school that would like to participate in the lottery must pay a nonrefundable deposit of \$75 per country.

Our country lottery is a transparent process: it is held live, with school names drawn randomly and schools selecting countries as they are called. The first school drawn in the first round of the lottery will receive its first choice of country assignment, the second school may choose from any countries still available and so on. Full details on the lottery are [available online](#). A second round will be held for any schools wishing to select a second country, with additional rounds as needed. We will post online lists of committee assignments for the 2019 Conference.

Information on the 2019 lottery, including committee assignments, will also be provided at Conference Registration, and extra copies will be available throughout Conference at our Conference Services desk.

Pay your delegation deposits for the 2019 lottery via our webstore or while at Conference. All deposits should be received by 9:00 p.m., Sunday 18 November.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT 2019 FEES

Per delegate fees for 2019 will be \$58, regardless of participation in the 2019 Country Lottery. AMUN makes every effort to keep its fees as low as possible in order to allow participation by as many students as possible while maintaining the high level of quality and professionalism to which we are committed. Removing the discount for participation in the Country Lottery and

implementing a slight overall increase in fees will allow us to continue to fulfill our mission in this regard.

Committee on the Agenda

As you and your students are preparing for the 2018 conference, take notes on the topics and what you liked and did not like about each one. At Conference you are invited to attend AMUN's Committee on the Agenda; your chance to make your voice heard on the committee topics and simulations. Let us know how we did with the 2018 AMUN topics and provide feedback on potential ideas for 2019 topics.

We strongly encourage each school to send at least one advisor or representative to contribute to the discussion. The Committee on the Agenda is also your first opportunity to learn and ask questions about AMUN's new simulations for 2019. This will be located in the Mayfair Room on Monday 19 November at 8 p.m..

Special Sessions for Faculty Advisors

Each year, AMUN holds two special sessions for faculty advisors focused on teaching Model United Nations or International Relations, on sponsoring and running Model UN clubs and simulations, and on advising students and student groups.

This year, we have identified two topics for these sessions.

1. Coaching and advising students toward early careers in international relations
2. Teaching international relations and Model UN in an age of disruption

If you are interested in participating as a panelist in the second roundtable, please contact our Associate Executive Director, Jackie Whitt at jackie@amun.org.

We're looking forward to having you join us for these important conversations among colleagues.

2018 AMUN Keynote Speaker Dr. Elizabeth Ferris

AMUN is excited to announce our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Elizabeth Ferris. Dr. Ferris will be speaking from 11:00 a.m. to Noon on Sunday, 18 November in the Chicago Ballrooms VI-VII on Level 4 of the Sheraton Grand. Read her bio below:

Elizabeth Ferris is Research Professor with the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown University's School of Foreign

Service and a Non-resident Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institution. From January-September 2016, she also served as Senior Advisor to the UN General Assembly's Summit for Refugees and Migrants in New York.

*From 2006-2015, she was a Senior Fellow and co-director of the Brookings-LSE Project on Internal Displacement where she worked to support understanding and protection of internally displaced persons. Prior to joining Brookings, she spent 20 years working in the field of humanitarian assistance, most recently in Geneva, Switzerland at the World Council of Churches. She has also served as the director of the Church World Service's Immigration and Refugee Program, as research director for the Life & Peace Institute in Uppsala, Sweden and as a Fulbright professor at the Universidad Autónoma de México. Her teaching experience has included positions at Lafayette College, Miami University and Pembroke State University. She has written extensively on refugee, migration and humanitarian issues, including *The Politics of Protection: The Limits of Humanitarian Action* (Brookings Institution Press, 2011) and most recently, *Consequences of Chaos: Syria's Humanitarian Crisis and the Failure to Protect*, with Kemal Kirsici (Brookings Institution Press, 2016). She received her BA degree from Duke University and her MA and PhD degrees from the University of Florida.*

Please join us to hear Dr. Ferris' remarks before lunch on Sunday!

Questions, Comments or Concerns?

If you have any questions about this email, please contact us directly at mail@amun.org and we will be happy to help. As always, if you are no longer the primary contact for your school's Model UN club or class, please contact us at mail@amun.org with updated contact information or fill out our [Change of Address/Contact](#) form online.

Good Luck on Your Preparations,

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