AMUN Digital Conference Experience Preparation Newsletter

12 October 2020

Philosophy of Realism and Accessibility at AMUN

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Preparations for the 2020 Digital Conference continue!

AMUN's Philosophy of Realism

The AMUN Secretariat wants you to have an enjoyable Conference, but most of all we want you to have an *educational* experience. To that end, AMUN goes to considerable lengths to ensure that we're providing a simulation of United Nations bodies that is as realistic as possible. This is why AMUN only simulates topics that have been previously addressed by the United Nations and why our materials and staff assist delegates with understanding the purview of each body. Purview is the basic delineation of responsibilities that limits what steps a body can take on the topics under debate.

Through both the *AMUN Accords* and the *AMUN Conference Handbook*, the AMUN Secretariat spends a great deal of time researching and producing content that will enable your students to draft substantively grounded resolutions and reports. At-conference, the AMUN Secretariat is also available through our Home Government department to answer substantive questions and provide roleplayers for bodies, peoples and countries that aren't in attendance at AMUN.

If you want to read more about AMUN's dedication to realism, read *A Commitment to Realism and Education: Understanding AMUN's approach to Model UN* by Dr. Jacqueline E. Whitt or *Why Realism is Important: The Goals of AMUN's Security Council Simulations* by Nia Indelicato, both found on the *AMUN Accords* section of our website.

Accessibility & Accomodation at AMUN

The AMUN Secretariat wants to ensure that all Conference attendees are able to enjoy the Conference and participate fully in their simulations. If you or any member of your delegation requires any accommodations to get the most out of the AMUN experience, please contact Shannon L. Dunn, the Executive Director, at mail@amun.org as soon as possible so we can discuss appropriate arrangements.

AMUN Virtual Conference Important Dates

We have put together important dates and times for the 2020 Conference to assist you in your preparations. We will continue to update this calendar as we solidify dates and times.

Ongoing
- [Flipgrid](#) open to record Opening Speeches

1 October
- ICJ Memorials Due
- Last day to request a Model UN in a Box Simulation Guide

7 October
- Position Paper Submissions close

8 October
- All payments due
- Credentials due

13 October
- AMA #3, 1 p.m. Central (intended for all AMUN participants) via Zoom

19 October
- Gatherly Platform opens for representative familiarization sessions with times TBD. During these sessions, representatives will have access to:
  - Practice simulations
  - Tech help
  - Finance/registration help
  - General questions
  - Team huddles

22 October
- Opening Plenary and Keynote, 7:00 p.m. Central

23 October
- Graduate School and Career Expo, 2-5 p.m. Central
- FA/PR Feedback Meeting, 2:30 p.m. Central

24 October
- FA/PR Feedback Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Central

25 October
- FA/PR Feedback Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Central
- 2021 Country Lottery 10:30 a.m. Central

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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