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**D**ear interested reader,

You are holding the annual report of the FAUMUN project 2015/16 in your hands. This journal contains reports of the delegation on our preparation for New York City, such as negotiation training, speech training, attended conferences and, of course, an extensive report on our trip to National Model United Nations in the United States.

Furthermore, our delegates present themselves to you in 28 individual pages and talk about their different unique experiences at FAUMUN. For motivated FAU students who might have become interested in a participation, this is also an excellent source of what awaits you, if you apply. You will find more information about how to apply for the next year if you just turn the journal around, and have a look at the last page of this year's annual report.

For easier access to more information around FAUMUN, just scan the QR-Codes that are placed on certain pages of the journal with your smartphone. If you are interested in more 'behind the scenes' information, have a look at our grey 'InfoBOXes', which are also spread throughout different pages.

To all applicants for the next year: Feel invited to write and ask us everything and at any time via Facebook (FAUMUN) or via e-mail ([organisation@faumun.org](mailto:organisation@faumun.org)).

Have fun while reading this year's journal!

**For the FAUMUN project,**

*Richard Endörfer,  
Alexander Hoepfel  
and Elisa Brocksieper*

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We spread different “Info BOXes” throughout the whole journal. Watch out for them, read them and you will find interesting information about what is going on behind the scenes at FAUMUN. Find out about cooperations, facts, experts and much more...

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# The Program

Model UN is one of the best ways to improve your public speaking skills. Each year, our participants have to work through an intensive two-day training where they deliver countless speeches and get used to speak openly, with self-confidence and without state-fright in front of a large audience. Nevertheless, this is only one of the intensive weekend seminars at FAUMUN, besides the negotiation training, teambuilding, communication and presentation training. However, soft skill education is not enough. Together with experts of the FAU, this years' delegation has been perfectly prepared for representing the Ivory Coast at National Model United Nations in New York City. ■



# From FAU Student to FAU Delegate

by Thomas Hohnholz

The new delegation of the Friedrich-Alexander-University meeting for the first time



On October 24th 2015, the whole delegation – all 28 delegates, our Head Delegates and Project Manager Alexander Hoepfel, Richard Endörfer and Elisa Brocksieper – got together for our first official meeting.

There already had been a more informal meeting in August, where we all got the chance to get to know the other delegates during a BBQ and some drinks. Unfortunately, some of us were not able to attend the first get-together as they were still abroad on holiday.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, everybody was able to attend the meeting and we officially started “FAUMUN 2016”! We were quite excited, as we had to attend the meeting in business attire in order to get our official FAUMUN delegation pictures taken and give a presentation together with some fellow delegates. However, there was no reason to be nervous! It was a great first meeting which started out in a very relaxed

atmosphere with a champagne breakfast and a little buffet, organized by our Head Delegates. During this time, we got the chance to get to know our fellow delegates and find out what the others were expecting of the project. Then Richard and Alex gave some opening words and we went through many organizational issues, such as talking through deadlines or distributing tasks, before giving our presentations on most different topics. The presentations covered more or less all themes concerning the United Nations (the founding, the different organs, legal frameworks, and so forth) and different aspects concerning the country we were to represent at the National Model United Nations in New York – the Côte d’Ivoire. Following the presentations, every group was given feedback by their co-delegates, Richard, and Alex. This lesson could be seen as our first step in improving our performance during the next six months. Next on the agenda was a lesson on – or rather an “inspec-

tion” of – our business attire. Richard Endörfer took all the male delegates outside on the landing, while our Head Delegate Elisa remained in the room with the female ones. We were given feedback on our appearance and also got some very useful hints for future occasions, concerning the ties, the color of our shoes and belts, dress handkerchiefs, and so forth – of course *these* hints only applied to the male delegates. Eventually, the photographer had set up all of his equipment and was ready to take our official FAUMUN delegation pictures. Last preparations were made and one by one we were asked outside to get several pictures taken, of which our Head Delegates were going to choose one. Finally, one picture of the whole delegation was taken before the first day of the project ended.

This was the start to the next interesting, gripping, fun, bugging, tiring, challenging, successful, ... six months until the end of the project. ■



Photos: Elisa Brocksieper (FAUMUN)



## Second Day of Presentations

At the first official meetings of the FAUMUN seminar, our delegation got first insights into the United Nations and its work. Furthermore, the country, which the delegation would be representing at National Model United Nations in New York, was announced: Côte d'Ivoire. In groups of three or four persons, our delegates elaborated informative

presentations concerning topics such as the politics, the economy and the history of the country. By presenting and later discussing the different issues, our delegation was able to get to know all basic information about Côte d'Ivoire and to gain a deeper understanding of its political, socioeconomic and cultural aspects. *by Lena Lüssing*



### InfoBOX

#### Did you know?


The purchase for the first official meeting was done at "Kaufland" in Erlangen and required more **than the length of the whole conveyor belt** at the cash desk (see original photo on the right). Meals, snacks, drinks, beverages, cups and plastic plates for more than 30 people had been searched and collected within less than one and a half hours, and it took less than one to eat nearly all of it...

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## Training für öffentliches Reden


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**Training für öffentliches Reden**



Öffentliches Reden ist  
immer die Herausforderung



# My expressions, my hands and my words

by Katharina Adler and Yared Teclehaimanot

## The FAUMUN Speech Training

We had our first speech training quite early in the semester, namely on November 7, 2015. Two weeks before, we had been given the task to prepare a one-minute speech about the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, each of us from the perspective of a different country. At the beginning of the day, everyone had to deliver his speech in front of the others and was recorded on video. After that, the group was divided into four sub-groups, who ran through a "learning circle" with four stops.

The first station was called "Out of the Sack". There, we had different tasks building on one another. First, everyone had to pick a note with an emotion written on it out of a sack and then speak for one minute, thus giving the others the opportunity to guess the emotion. In a second round, we did the same with objects instead of emotions. Lastly, the two games were combined and we had to talk spontaneously for one minute about a blindly picked object with a certain emotion in mind.

"Improve your Speech" was the name of the second part of the learning circle. Here, we watched our speeches in the small group and received constructive feedback as well from our co-delegates as from Alexander. Each of us focused on different aspects of the speech, such as content or body language. This station was very helpful for the individual improvement!

Another station was "Denglish". It was meant to enhance our sensitivity for English pronunciation. We had to recite tongue twisters such as "Can you can a can as a canner can a can?" or the sentence "The train is arriving at four pm at main station Philadelphia", emphasizing it differently every time saying it. This exercise was very suitable for loosening the atmosphere and strengthening the team spirit, as the delegates laughed together about the tricky tongue twisters and cheered on each other to do as best as they could.

The last part of the learning circle was "Political Speeches". This time, the delegates did not have to figure out a new speech, but had to deliver a famous, already existing one as catching as possible in front of their group. The specialty about this station was that it was not inside in a small room, but outside, which made everyone talk much more freely and emotionally. The speeches were from Churchill, Obama and others, and delivering them in the open air was a very special experience.



The first speech training was a very helpful experience for everyone individually as well as for the delegation as a whole, as it also made the team come closer together, especially through

the feedback everyone gave each other and the fun the group had together.

Lectures are an important part of the learning process, and students have been exposed to quite a bit over the past few sessions. After the first successful speech training where the students got an introduction to the theoretical aspects of writing and giving a thrilling speech, it was time to bring it to the next level with the second speech training session.

Now, it was time to digest this theory and put what we had learned into practice. At the beginning of the program, we received an assignment from the Project Managers, where we were required to prepare a speech. This ensured that we were not only able to create a good speech, but to deliver it to an audience. This was the harder part.

20 minutes were given for each delegate to create a speech based on the committee and the countries that the delegate was assigned to. This ensured that delegates could do the necessary research and collect their thoughts appropriately.

The biggest challenge of this assignment was the fact that no one was familiar with the topics this time around. It ensured that everyone was on level playing field. During the 20 minutes that we were given, ideas were put together, research was carried out, and finally, a reasonable speech was formed.



At this point, each delegate was required to present his speech to the group. At the same time, the speeches were being recorded, in order for each delegate to see his performance and receive constructive criticism. The criticism focused on his verbal expressions and his gestures as well as the content of his speech.

The criticism was important to be able to learn what the strong and weak points of the speech were - both in content as well as overall delivery. Every delegate was able to make use of the personal feedback and newfound knowledge, either to reconstruct or to work on a new speech.

The delegates were now given a second chance to demonstrate their newly constructed and refined speech to the audience. It was remarkable to see how each and every person received criticism positively to improve their speeches and this led to truly authentic and convincing speeches in the second round. It allowed everyone to make improvements and be more comfortable with the content of their speech as well as with themselves when presenting to a large audience. ■

# Best Alternative to Negotiated Agreement

by Gregor Geis

The FAUMUN delegation prepares with negotiation training for MUN conferences

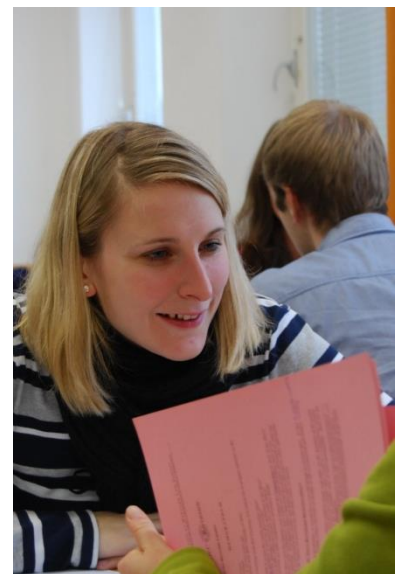


In mid- November, the delegation was provided with the opportunity to deepen its knowledge in negotiation tactics. We started the day with a brief theoretical introduction into the topic. Firstly, our Project Managers Richard Endörfer and Alexander Hoepfel schooled us about possible tactics and their useful implementation in negotiations. Thereby, we were trained for ZOPA, the zone of possible agreements, and BATNA, the best alternative to the negotiated agreement.

We then started our first roleplay, where

we got familiar with the use of these concepts. In our first one-to-one negotiation, we were given a handout with useful and useless information and had to figure out which part was essential for the negotiation with the other party and prepare our personal tactics. The negotiation was about two companies courting the resource of a new vaccine in order to protect the population against a dreadful and deadly disease. The negotiation showed us the importance of targeted questioning and sharing important information in future negotiations.

In the following role-play simulation, the difficulty of the object to negotiate about increased. After discussing only one object of interest, we then negotiated about several dependent objects, as it is closer to real life negotiations. Thereby, the members of the delegation reached a broader understanding, which positions are negotiable and which are not. Moreover, we realized the importance of the interest of the opponent in order to succeed in negotiations. It has been a very challenging but also instructive day with lots of new input! ■



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# Freedom of Religion or Belief

by Kani Rasul

The delegation had the honor to welcome the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Prof. Dr. Heiner Bielefeldt



Prof. Dr. Heiner Bielefeldt

Mr. Bielefeldt is Professor at the Friedrich-Alexander-University and runs the Chair for Human Rights and Human Rights Policy. On 1 August 2010, Mr. Heiner Bielefeldt assumed his mandate as Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief. From 2003 to 2009, he was Director of Germany's National Human Rights Institution. Mr. Bielefeldt's research interests include various interdisciplinary facets of human rights theory and practice, with a focus on freedom of religion or belief.\*

FAUMUN does not only focus on negotiation and speech training. The project also raises the claim to provide profound and deep insights into the United Nations and its way of working. Therefore, expert lectures on topics such as public international law or religious freedom were an essential part of the seminar. According to the United Nations, religious freedom represents a fundamental human right, which shall be guaranteed for every person on earth.

In December, the delegation had the pleasure to hear an interesting expert lecture by Professor Heiner Bielefeldt, who runs the Chair for Human Rights Policy at the Friedrich - Alexander-



University. In addition, Professor Bielefeldt works as the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief for the UN Human Rights Council. Therefore, the delegation had the unique opportunity to learn first-hand about this fascinating job. He reported on his daily life as an UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief. As an independent expert appointed by the UN Human Rights Council, he is commissioned to identify existing obstacles to the enjoyment of the right of religion or belief and to present recommendations on ways to overcome these obstacles. The delegation wishes to express its gratitude to Professor Bielefeldt for his valuable input and looks forward to welcoming him next year as well. ■

## The UN and International Law

by Head Delegate Elisa Brocksieper

“Is our Action Plan compliant with International Law?” Prof. Dr. Markus Krajewski helps answering this common question

„International Law defines the legal responsibilities of States in their conduct with each other, and their treatment of individuals within State boundaries.” That is how the United Nations describe international law.

Students of the FAUMUN project have to deal with a lot of international issues, conflicts and debates. Therefore, it is essential for all of them to have an overview about what is compatible with international law and what is not. Since the FAUMUN delegation always consists of interdisciplinary courses of study, of course not every delegate is a law student.

That is the reason we invited Professor Markus Krajewski into our seminar on February 16. His vast knowledge about international law, about its advantages, its difficulties and its origins helped the students to rethink their action plans and to reach a broader understanding of how the interaction of states works. Since more than 500 multilateral treaties have been deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, international law is a vital part of the

international organization, covering a wide range of issues such as human rights, international crime, migration, the use of force, the conduct of war and many others. Of course, most topics in the different committees are dealing at some point with international law, therefore, we were glad to have professor Krajewski answering many detailed questions concerning different committees, be it the General Assembly, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees or the Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons.

Grateful for the valuable input, the delegates could use the gained knowledge to improve position papers and draft resolutions at our conferences.■



Prof. Dr. Markus Krajewski

Mr. Krajewski is Professor at the Friedrich-Alexander-University and owns the Chair for Common and International Law since winter term 2010/11. Professor Krajewski consults international organizations and NGO's when it comes to European and International Economic Law. His research focuses are International Economic Law (specially WTO-Law and International Investment Law), international protection of Human Rights Law, European External Relations Law and the European Law of public services.\*\*

\*<https://www.rph.rwth-aachen.de/institut/team/vollkerricht/prof-dr-markus-krajewski/>

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## “How do you perceive me?”

by Priya George and Sebastian Scharfe

With Mrs. Angelika Breyer, the delegation had the possibility to have some individual insights into their attitude, their perception and their behavior towards others



**Angelika Breyer**

Mrs. Breyer has experience as a trainer in a variety of fields. She has been a supporter of the FAUMUN project for many years and has done, with her experience in human resources, several expert lectures for the past years delegations, such as the Insights and communication seminar, CV-checks and many more.

Angelika Breyer is financial advisor at the company „Forum Finanz AG“ and offers individual financial consulting in the fields of taxes, social insurances, federal allowances, investment concepts and other solutions for insurances.\*

Our session with the finance consulting group Forum Finanz was divided into two main parts. First, an interactive workshop on effective communication, second, the evaluation of the Insights Analysis test.

During the interactive part, we played several games. One involved kicking a ping-pong ball from the top of a bottle without knocking the bottle down, which proved to be much more challenging than it seemed at first. In another game, the participants had to figure out a certain information. The challenge was that every person in the group only had one little piece of information. The only way to reach a result was to include every little information by communicating as effectively as possible. These little games highlighted the different aspects of communication, such as filtering important aspects as well as the importance of being determined in an interaction. *INSIGHTS MDI@Talent Insights „Leadership-Check“* is an online test, which had to be completed by all delegates one week prior to the session. During the session, Angelika Breyer from Forum Finanz first took some time for a short feedback on the test. She then continued to explain to the delegation how the test works and how to interpret the results. The test

determines which communication type a person is, which means to determine whether a person has e.g. leading qualities or rather consultative skills. Knowing a person's communication type facilitates the interaction with one another, as the *INSIGHTS MDI@Talent Insights „Leadership-Check“* provides certain ways of communication and interaction for every communication type. For many of the FAUMUN participants, the results of the test were surprisingly detailed and even covered their personal values and principles.

The analysis is important for FAUMUN because one aspect of *INSIGHTS MDI@Talent Insights „Leadership-Check“* is that we had the opportunity to learn about ourselves, our personality and how we appear to others. Another aspect is to improve the cooperation with our committee partner, whom a delegate works with during the entire seminar. Knowing our committee partner's communication type helps during negotiations with others as well as during position paper sessions and facilitates everyday interactions.

The session with Forum Finanz and Angelika Breyer was an instructive experience, which taught us not only about communication, it also taught us a lot about ourselves! ■

## Presenting like a Pro

by Chigozie Collins Nweke-Eze

A consultant shares his experience and knowledge about professional presenting with the FAUMUN delegation

Having a clear structure of your ideas and positions is one of the most important skills FAUMUN delegates need in order to succeed in the various MUN conferences. It is useful both in writing position papers and in negotiation.

The 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2015, the delegates had the opportunity to receive a two-hour lecture on how to structure and present an idea or position, followed by a vibrant question and answer session. The lecture was held by Mr. Gordon Wollgam (BA, MBA) of the Roland Berger consultancy – a leading

international consultancy firm in Europe with diverse influences; headquartered in Munich.

His conception of a sound and clear structure of an idea is achieved by using an effective communication tool called the Pyramid Principle. Just like the shape of a pyramid, this principle involves starting with the introduction and answer to the core question of the presentation. This is followed by grouping and summarizing the supporting arguments while answering the questions of what, why, how and in what ways. Mr. Wollgam also did not hesitate to share some of his experiences as a Project Manager at Roland Berger consultancy.

The lessons learnt from the lecture were undoubtedly useful for the delegation in their communications, presentations and negotiations at the MUN conferences. FAUMUN appreciates Mr. Wollgam and Roland Berger consultancy for sharing this knowledge with the delegates and looks forward to welcoming him next year again. ■



**Gordon Wollgam**

Mr. Wollgam is Senior Project Manager at Roland Berger Strategy Consultants. His focus lies on Competence Center Civil Economics and on Energy and Infrastructure.

Every year, he offers the delegation of the FAU an insight into professional presenting in a consulting company.



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# The Clown is a Firework full of Emotions

by Kristin Siebert

Two professional clowns, Claudia Burger and Yannick Prunier-Jackwerth, helped building a delegation out of individuals



**R**ed nose, colorful hair, clumsy behavior. Or rather a sad smile combined with an unhappy attitude? Every one of us has always had a specific image of a clown in his or her mind. For many of us, this image is rooted in our childhood and we have never thought about it or questioned it any further. Until November 7, 2015. This date was saved for a visit of two professional clowns, which were meant to create our day in an exciting and entertaining way. From the moment we discovered this session on our schedule on we were curious but also kind of uncertain to what would expect us within the "Clown seminar"... at the end we were given a great day with lots of funny and new experiences.

First of all, to "break the ice", we danced around the room to different music styles and made ourselves feel relaxed and comfortable. We had to be spontaneous and creative by performing a dance number on the "catwalk" with a partner by chance with all the other delegates standing on the side watching and cheering. As one might expect, this was already a great measure of team building through which we got to know the others a bit better and could assess their personalities.

Different other team building games and activities followed. We were meant to establish trust in each other by guiding a partner or even half of the delegation in a snake through the room and make them overcome different obstacles. During the day, more and more challenging and funny games were played, we had to harmonize within the team and trust the others to be successful.

Moreover, we all received typical red clown's noses. The two professional clowns told us that wearing the noses should make us completely immerse into a different world. We should drop our real personalities and actually *feel* like a clown: extremely curious, some kind of infantile and very naive. In the beginning, this was not easy at all but after some practice, you could discover some curious clowns in every single corner of the room, lying under chairs, crawling under tables and examining every single object that appeared in their fields of view.

By removing the noses, we switched the button back and slipped into our real selves again. We talked about our experiences and shared our feelings about this game. Afterwards, we even went a step further: in groups of about five people we had to show little theatre plays, completely improvised and with red noses - which means as clowns. This moment at the latest, we really

forgot about reality and converted into a very different and clowny world, which does not - as most of us would have expected before - always have to be funny and happy.

During this session, our original images of a clown were totally turned upside down and we even got to feel it ourselves. All in all, we can proudly say that our team obviously grew together and we harmonized well. This again gave us the certainty that we – as the FAUMUN delegation of 2016 – are one team that has the capability to be, without a doubt, very successful on all the following conferences. ■



Yannick Prunier-Jackwerth, alias Clara Confetti, and Claudia Burger alias Clax, are professional clowns. Both of them accompany the project for many years now. They offer different workshops, where the joy on living comes out of everyone. Fun and teambuilding are their main goals. However, their training also has influence on the development of self-confidence, facial expressions and gesturing, which is very important for individual performance in the project. Therefore, they developed their own methods, which are being implemented successfully. Find out more at:

[www.claraconfetti.eu](http://www.claraconfetti.eu)



# “Are there any Points or Motions on the floor?”

by Michael Blumenstock

When should I raise my placard? Are motions always allowed? The delegates get a briefing into NMUN Rules of Procedure

A successful participation for Model United Nations conferences requires the delegates to know the rules of procedure. They are designed to facilitate orderly debate and include the same rules, ethics and customs for all committee members. In detail, each delegation has to stick to these procedural rules and can only raise clearly defined points or motions to the chair (who leads the debate) in order to influence ongoing debates in formal sessions. For instance, a “Point of Order” can be raised to the dais if there has been a mistake in procedure. Probably the most frequently used motion, “Suspension of the Meeting”, can be proposed by delegations to pause the meeting for informal caucus and coalition building. To apply the Rules of Procedure properly during our MUN conferences, a whole seminar was about to learn and use them appropriately. After a short introduction into the various points and motions and their purposes, we were ready to train them in a very first conference



FAUMUN and LauMUN delegates learning Rules of Procedure at the „Kollegienhaus“

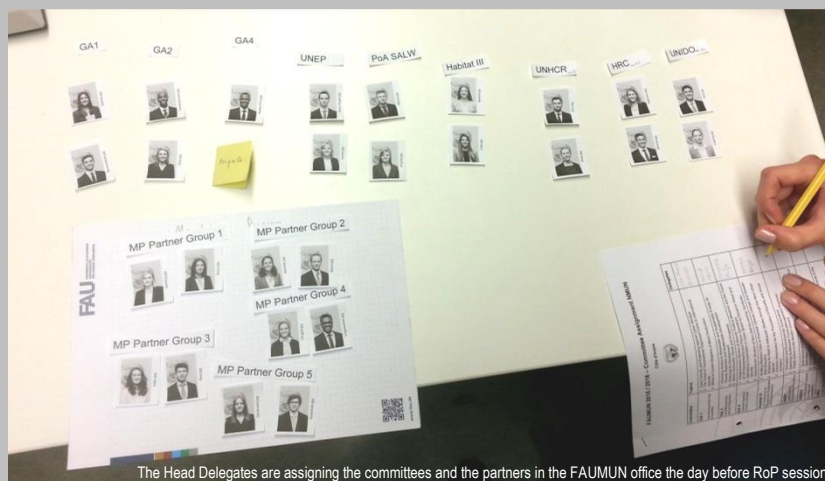
simulation with our delegation in the seminar. Since no one is born a master, we practically experienced how and at what point of the conference we are allowed to raise a point or motion and how we shall use them in order to obtain advantages for your delegation in conference. All in all, during this seminar

the whole delegation got to know the rules of procedure of the United Nations and everybody knew how to raise the newly learned points and motions for the first time in committee at the MiniMUN in Erlangen, when the chair will ask: “Are there any points or motions on the floor?” ■

## InfoBOX

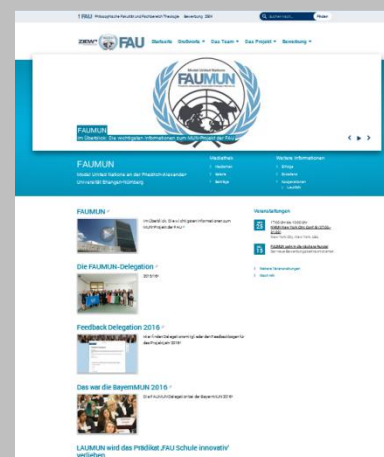
### Did you know?

FAUMUN delegates get a committee and a partner assigned for their work during the project. After a few sessions, the Head Delegates traditionally announce the committees and the assigned partners at the end of the “Rules of Procedure” session. Every year at mid-term of FAUMUN, the Project Management is asked for the criteria for the committee assignment and how the assignment works. We can assure everybody: There is a lot of planning and plenty of expenditure of time doing the committee assignments. And every year there is the same answer: “If you want to know, you will have to become Head Delegates next year...”



The Head Delegates are assigning the committees and the partners in the FAUMUN office the day before RoP session

## BEHIND THE SCENES



The project has a new website! Since August 2015, you will find a new, more modernly designed and more extensive website by typing in

[www.faumun.fau.de](http://www.faumun.fau.de)

In addition, every student who is interested in becoming a member of next years' delegation of the FAU to New York City will find a wide range of information about the application process. Have a look!



## “Decorum please!”

by Miriam Puchta

The FAUMUN delegation had its first simulated UN training conference at the FAU



The MiniMUN was our first opportunity to practice the Rules of Procedure. On Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> of November, we held a one-day conference chaired by our Project Managers, Head Delegates and FAUMUN Consultants Michael Heinzelmänn and Mena Mokammel. Our colleagues from the LauMUN project also participated at the conference. Every delegate was assigned one country.

As it was the day after the Paris attacks, we began with a minute of silence for the victims of the attacks.

Then, just like at any Model United Nations conference, we started by setting the agenda. The topics on the agenda were “Secessionist Movement and the Right to Self-Determination of Peoples” and “The Syrian Refugee Crisis”. After just a few agenda setting speeches, topic number 2 was chosen to begin with. As it was our first MUN, many of us struggled with keeping the speaker’s time and quite a few times delegates were firmly cut off with a very insistent “Thank you delegate!” from the chair’s side. Apart from the speaker’s time, the chair was also very strict on keeping decorum, using the hammer on his desk quite frequently. Though this was somewhat intimidating at first, it was actually an important learning experience, which at other conferences helped us to keep the decorum in mind and to always be respectful towards the chair.

At the chair’s “Are there any points or motions on the floor?”, placards were lifted hesitantly. Trying to remember the correct phrasing, we raised points and motions, while always keeping a tight grip on our country placards on which were listed all points and motions.

During the informal caucuses, coalitions were soon built. The host countries, such as Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan, soon found each other, driven by their common need of more funds and resources. They then started negotiating with another coalition, mainly constituted of western countries, about transferring funds and resources in return for several concessions. This eventually became a working paper.



Another working group, including Syria, China and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, caused some controversy trying to secure international support for the Assad regime. The third group was a very large and diverse coalition focusing on a better distribution of refugees and improvement of living conditions of refugees.

After a long day of giving speeches and negotiating, the committee moved to the voting procedure. Through a very strategic motion of closure of the debate, the working paper of the first group was cut off before becoming a draft resolution. The committee then voted upon the remaining draft resolutions. In the end, only the large coalition’s draft was accepted.



At the end of the day, we were all exhausted, but had learned quite a lot. We had understood and practiced the Rules of Procedure, gained some experiences in giving speeches and, for the first time ever, written our own resolutions. ■



# Research and Writing

by Rafael Bravo Roger

## The Position Paper Sessions

As position papers make up a large part of our grades and provide a main source for Model United Nations conferences' preparation, they require extensive research and creativity. Even well researched action plans can turn out to be unrealistic or already in existence. Since the delegation already received training on research and general position paper structure, the respective plans of action were the only thing that could be worked on efficiently as a group.

To this end, three position paper sessions took place on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of January. Each group would present their results briefly, state the country's point of view and get feedback on their action plans. Due to the size of our delegation, every group presented only one position paper - NMUN participants focusing on New York, participants of the Mandatory Program on their BayernMUN position paper.

Our fellow delegates pointed out possible points of conflict, asked

specific questions and shared their perspectives with us. Additionally, our Head Delegate gave hints for future research and constructive criticism from which our position papers benefited immensely.

Hearing about NMUN action plans gave a deeper insight into Côte d'Ivoire's point of view and despite dealing with entirely different topics; most working groups encounter similar problems: lack of funding, limited power of UN bodies, insufficient available information.

Overall, receiving feedback on our action plans helped a lot. It can be frustrating not to find simple answers after carrying out a vast amount of

research. However, one has to keep in mind that it is even more frustrating to discard all action plans for not being realizable within the first hours of a MUN conference, being left without a clear agenda. Position paper writing is a vital and also challenging part of the Model United Nations experience. ■



## My Best Speech

by Lisa-Marie Gärtner

### Shortly before the official end of the Mandatory Program, the delegates revealed their speaking skills

For the FAUMUN session on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2016, every participant had to prepare a five-minute speech. It was possible to prepare a speech about any political topic that is highly discussed and relevant at the moment, or also simply a topic of personal interest. The speech could also relate to the topics of the committees at BayernMUN or NMUN. Most importantly, we should be creative!

The five-minute speeches are a traditional part of the FAUMUN project and they were supposed to be our best speeches in the whole program. As we had two speech trainings throughout the

Mandatory Program in November, we should now show to our co-delegates what we had learned so far.

All of the delegates chose very interesting topics and it was not boring at any time to listen to the speeches. There have been excellent speeches about the climate change, sustainable development, and feminism in western societies or about the paragon of democracy. Everyone did a great job and you could definitely recognize that we increased our speaking and rhetorical skills immensely over the period of the Mandatory Program.

After holding the five-minute speech, everybody received a short feedback about his or her own performance. There have only been some minor mistakes, which can be resolved easily. For example, it is very important to focus on the right gestures during the speech. The Head Delegates also reminded us to think about only writing some notes or even draw some icons on our index

cards instead of writing whole sentences. Hence, it is much easier to speak more fluently. All delegates are looking forward to the upcoming BayernMUN and NMUN in New York where we are going to have the next possibility to present our speaking skills. ■



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# LauMUN

by Edith Hübner, translated by Elisa Brocksieper

FAUMUN has many cooperations – but the cooperation with the Laurentius-Gymnasium Neuendettelsau is a special one. Edith Hübner explains why.



The history of LauMUN began with an invitation to the Laurentius-Gymnasium to participate in a Model United Nations conference in Beijing in 2011. To prepare for these conferences, we developed an extensive program at our school. We invited two former ambassadors, a former student who already had experience with the NMUN and reached out to the FAUMUN project of the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg. Because of this extensive preparation, our first participation at a Model United Nations conference was very successful. Two students received an award for the best position paper and as outstanding delegates. The headmaster at that time, Mr. Otte, suggested to establish a so-called P-Seminar on Model United Nations at the Laurentius-Gymnasium. Since the collaboration with FAUMUN was so successful and profitable, it was pursued even further.

Mr. Otte helped to bring the annual BayernMUN – at that time, it was called FrankenMUN – to Neuendettelsau and therefore helped a rather small conference to develop into becoming a rather big and international conference. Since 2012, LauMUN participates every year as the only high school student delegation and gets support by FAUMUN during the preparation. We are very happy about this mutually benefitting cooperation. Our pupils get to experience life at the university and the students from the FAU get to play the role of a teacher. Furthermore, many friendships have been established. LauMUN participates regularly at the biggest high school student conference worldwide, the NHSMUN. Nearly 4000 students participate and LauMUN has been honored as best foreign-language delegation. This conference with people from all around the world is held at the headquarters of the United Nations. It is

an amazing experience; a former student said that the conference was the best part of her time in high school.

## Why do we offer MUN ?

The students have to familiarize themselves with the position of the represented country and with political problems. The conferences are about holding speeches in English language, and working together with other participants to find peaceful solutions to worldwide problems. The students' benefit is enormous. It helps to broaden one's horizon and develop an own personality. ■



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## Cooperation

Since 2011, the Laurentius-Gymnasium and FAUMUN are cooperating intensively:

- Participation of LauMUN at the FAU conference „MiniMUN“
- Both projects organize and participate at the simulation „BayernMUN“
- Training in public speaking and negotiation for LauMUN by FAUMUN staff
- LauMUN participates in FAUMUN seminars (e.g. RoP)
- FAUMUN supports LauMUN in design and graphics (e.g. LauMUN logo)
- Frequent exchange between Project Managers and teachers for the improvement of the cooperation



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# The Conferences



The FAUMUN delegation attends four conferences in its complete semester of preparation: The MiniMUN at the FAU, the SecMUN in Munich, the BayernMUN in Neuendettelsau and NMUN in New York City. Our delegates attend many conferences in order to be perfectly prepared when it comes to the UN simulation in New York City. Have a look at the next few pages and get an impression of how MUN works and looks like . . .



# Security Model United Nations in Munich

by Christine Hingerl and Shajeeshan Lingeswaran

## The FAUMUN delegation at the University of the German Military



### Friday, 4 December:

The honorable delegations from various countries met early in the morning in Erlangen and Nuremberg in order to drive together to the Bundeswehr University Munich. On our way to the Security MUN (SecMUN), our second simulation conference, we finished our speeches and discussed our strategies. Excited and nervous – or relaxed respectively – but surely highly professional looking (as we were already in full business attire), we arrived at the Bundeswehr compound and passed the passport control.

The Bundeswehr staff welcomed us with warm welcoming words at the opening ceremony. We were then divided into three different committees – the Security Council, the Peacebuilding Commission, and the Human Rights Council. The students from both universities socialized immediately though instantly forgetting our real names and referring to each other as “China”, “Russia” or “Germany”. Nevertheless, we experienced a constructive working atmosphere in all committees from the beginning.

During our first day, we mainly set the agenda, i.e. we agreed on which of the two possible topics in each committee to discuss first. This might sound easy but the agenda was controversially discussed in all three committees and it took us almost the whole afternoon. This was, however, only a foretaste of what would happen on Saturday. It was already dark when we finished our first day and we all had dinner together. Due to our full schedule on Saturday, we stayed at the Bundeswehr compound. Our hostel was located in the city center of Munich and once in our beds, we tried to sleep as much as possible in order to be prepared for the negotiation marathon the next day.

### Saturday, 5 December:

Once we arrived at the Bundeswehr

University, we completely took on our role as the delegation of the state we represented. Not only did we start to identify ourselves with the country we represented and act accordingly, we began attributing different characteristics and features with our co-delegates – depending on which country they were standing for.

As we already knew from the MiniMUN, the first hours of the sessions are extremely important. First coalitions and first oppositions arose and it slowly emerged who would own the “power laptop”; who are the ones to set the direction. During our speeches, we tried to figure out possible allies, during the informal sessions, we tried to convince each other of our great ideas.

Around lunchtime, different groups in all three committees worked very hard to write a working paper that would then first be acknowledged as a draft resolution (it has all formal requirements but hasn't yet been voted and agreed upon by the committee to become a resolution). The chair decides whether the formal requirements are fulfilled. At the SecMUN, the three chairs of the committees consisted of two persons who organized the proceedings and made sure that we complied with the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations.

The afternoon: some negotiations seemed to stall, some differences unsurmountable, some problems too complex to resolve in a resolution. All opinions from each country had to be heard and respected, that is why every single sentence and every single word was reviewed several times. At the same time you should always avoid affronts and make sure your coalition sticks together. This took a lot of energy!

We negotiated from 10am until 7pm, and then we had a feedback session only among the FAUMUN students. Some delegate's nerves were on edge but one hour of feedback had therapeutic effects. We went back to the hostel,

changed our clothes and met the Bundeswehr students for dinner in the city center of Munich.

### Sunday, 6 December:

Back in our business attires and back in our roles as delegates, we had an early breakfast and went back to the Bundeswehr compound. The hours until the closing ceremony were decisive whether yesterday's efforts would have been in vain or not. Would our draft resolutions become resolutions? Could it be that one committee leaves without any result? Each delegation in the three committees had to decide whether to vote in favor, against or to abstain. It turned out that the hard work on Saturday paid off: the coalitions stayed stable and the members voted as they had announced to do. Every committee adopted at least two resolutions.

Eagerly awaited was also the closing ceremony because it was possible to win two kinds of awards. Firstly, the Position Paper Award for convincing the chair of profound research skills, of your well thought out action plan and for meeting the linguistic requirements. Secondly, the Outstanding Delegate Award for convincing your co-delegates of our negotiation and communication skills and of our leadership qualities. There were three awards of both, the Position Paper and the Outstanding Delegate Award, in each of the three committees. The SecMUN at the Bundeswehr University in Munich were intense three days and we were all amazed by so much exhaustion and so much motivation at the same time. Luckily, we would meet the Bundeswehr students again in February for the bayernMUN. As our day of departure was St. Nicholas Day, there were pallets full of chocolate in the foyer. We took some and then we headed back to Erlangen and Nuremberg. ■





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Since 2014, the University of the German Bundeswehr and FAUMUN are cooperating by attending each other's conferences. This means that the FAUMUN delegation attends the annual SecMUN conference in December in Munich and the Bundeswehr University attends the BayernMUN in February, shortly before NMUN begins. In New York, students of both universities represent their countries in the same committees at NMUN. We are proud to have such a strong MUN Partner and hope the cooperation will continue to thrive!

## BEHIND THE SCENES



Former Project Managers Oliver Paulick and Hauke Meier at the BayernMUN 2015

Photos: (FAUMUN), UNSN e.V. - BayernMUN 2015

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Every year, shortly before NMUN in New York City begins, the non-profit organization *United Nations Society Nuremberg e.V.* hosts the BayernMUN conference in Neuendettelsau, in cooperation with FAUMUN and the Diakonie Neuendettelsau. Over 130 participants from the University of the German Bundeswehr, LauMUN, FAUMUN, the FAU and other university students, come together to discuss topics related to international security, worldwide development and human rights. If you want to participate or if you want to know more, visit the website of the conference at [www.bayernmun.org](http://www.bayernmun.org).

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# Bayern Model United Nations in Neuendettelsau

by Vanessa Schilling and Frederik Dörr

## The FAUMUN delegation at its preparatory MUN conference in Neuendettelsau



Placard raising at BayernMUN in Neuendettelsau. Delegates are voting upon Points and Motions.

This very exciting and educational weekend of the BayernMUN conference was a real success. Almost one hundred students from FAUMUN, LAUMUN Neuendettelsau, the Bundeswehr University in Munich and from the Blockseminar participated in 2016.

More than 40 different countries were represented at BayernMUN, many of the participants are citizens of other states studying in Germany, and thus different nationalities such as Namibia, Nigeria, India, Estonia and Ukraine were gathered at the conference.

The United Nations Society Nuremberg, as the host of the BayernMUN conference, as well as its cooperating partner, the Diakonie Neuendettelsau, welcomed us all warmly on Friday afternoon, beginning with a quick check-in and the opening ceremony, featuring an inspiring speech by the International Nuremberg Principles Academy. After a short break, committee sessions began at around 5 pm, hearing the agenda setting speeches and finally voting upon the topic for this year's BayernMUN. After discussions and getting familiar with the Rules of Procedure, the delegates simulating the General Assembly Plenary voted for *Climate Change and Sustainable Development* as their priority topic with a rather large majority.

The diversity of the delegations was the most important reason why the delegates especially enjoyed the opportunity of meeting people from so many different geographical and cultural backgrounds. Others found the competitive but always constructive atmosphere very rewarding and again others were happy that the conference

offered a chance to train and apply many vocationally relevant skills in a situation where personal limits have to be tested. Even more astonishing was the fact that the overall level of negotiation and skill was distributed very evenly throughout the participants. As a result, most coalitions and working groups ended up being a mix of students from different schools, much to the delight of the Head Delegates and organizational staff.

All of us enjoyed the event thoroughly. After setting the agenda on Friday evening and first negotiations or alliance building sessions, the delegate's lounge in a nice bar in Neuendettelsau brought the participants together and the socializing began.

On Saturday, a long day of negotiations with large working groups awaited the delegates. In between the formal sessions where speeches were delivered in front of the General Assembly, informal sessions up to two hours were most important.

Working in big committees, convincing and negotiating with delegates from other countries to be the sponsor or the signatory of your working paper was very challenging to all of us. Conveying solutions to the issue of climate change in written resolutions proved to be another welcome challenge for all delegations and turned out to be great practice for future conferences.

After this exhausting day of negotiations, spanning over 12 hours of Model UN activities, many participants went on socializing in the lounge of our hotel, the Diakonie Neuendettelsau.

Nevertheless, there was a lot of work to

be done on Sunday. Seven working papers were finally accepted as Draft Resolutions on Sunday morning, dealing with *Climate Change and Sustainable Development*. Each resolution was distinctly different and offered different perspectives on climate change, some not free of controversy or disagreement. Within the voting procedure, all committees and sponsors of one specific working paper had the chance to finally explain their main ideas and concepts again in a three-minute speech. After each speech, the General Assembly had the possibility to clarify questions about the Draft Resolutions. Six of these seven Draft Resolutions were finally accepted and adopted under the applause of the General Assembly on Sunday evening.

Following the voting on the Draft Resolutions, the closing ceremony concluded an incredible conference. Speeches by Oliver Paulick and Alexander Hoeppel covered the achievements of each delegate so far and also allowed a glimpse into the future of politics in general and BayernMUN in particular. The crowning highlight and final topic was the announcement of this year's awards.

We would like to thank the organizers of the BayernMUN conference 2016, Oliver Paulick, Alexander Hoeppel, Richard Endörfer and Elisa Brocksieper, as well as all the other staff members for being a competent chair and ensuring fair and interesting negotiations and speeches. ■



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### Did you know?

The **United Nations Society Nuremberg e.V.** was founded in 2012, in order to support the FAUMUN project at the university. Since then, the organization has taken different tasks. One of the main issues of UNSN is the organization of the annual bayernMUN conference in February. The amount of members increases from year to year so the organization becomes truly more effective by having more and more active members. Another important part is the cultivation of the FAUMUN Alumni network.

**Current Chairman:** Oliver Paulick

**Vice Chairman:** Alexander Hoeppel

**Website:** [www.unsn.de](http://www.unsn.de)

### BEHIND THE SCENES



Current logo of UNSN



A vibrant, high-angle photograph of a crowded city street, likely in New York City. In the foreground, a large crowd of people is visible, some wearing headphones and others looking towards the camera. A man in the center foreground is wearing a large, white, fluffy bunny head costume with long pink ears and a wide, open-mouthed smile. To the left, a blue street sign for "East 45th St" is visible. Below it, a pedestrian crossing signal shows a white walking figure. Further down the street, another blue sign for "East 46th St" is visible. On the right side, a red and white "GUESS" store sign is partially visible. The background is filled with more people, colorful balloons, and various city buildings and flags, creating a festive and busy atmosphere.

East 45th St

The FAU in

New York City



# National Model United Nations in New York City

by Edith Eike and Dorothee Karbe

## The FAUMUN delegation in the Big Apple



**T**hough all starting from the same point – Erlangen or Nürnberg - and having the same destination, we all took different routes to get to New York City.

When we first met as a delegation, we ventured to the 541m observatory of the One World Trade Center to see New York City from above – luckily in bright sunshine, so that the city presented itself from its most beautiful side. On Sunday, we started our preparations for the NMUN conference. All 3.000 participants gathered in the Sheraton Hotel for the opening ceremony. Right afterwards, these very well dressed college students split up into their committees, where the actual negotiations began. Luckily, the delegation from the Côte d'Ivoire had managed to start off in a good position in each committee.

The second day of conference started with some time to prepare for the day's session. At this time in the negotiations, all delegations were intently writing their working papers, the delegation of Côte d'Ivoire of course engaging actively in the processes. After another successful day, we went to bed preparing for the next challenge, Tuesday, which was going to be the longest day of conferences during NMUN.

Tuesday turned out to be exhausting but very productive and our delegation stood through ten hours of writing on papers

and convincing others of our ideas. In the afternoon, there was the possibility to learn more about the UN agenda in different seminars on recent topics like the refugee crisis and climate change.

The next day was already the last day working in the committees and most delegates had to gather all of their remaining energy to finally get their resolutions through voting procedure. All of the resolutions we were working on, were adopted by the committees, which put an exhausted but satisfied smile on our faces.

Because the voting procedure had been quite time-consuming, some FAUMUN delegates had to hurry up to make it in time to the next highlight of our stay: the visit at the German Permanent Mission to the United Nations and the meeting with a representative of the Foreign Service. To the surprise and amazement of our faculty advisor, the representative was well known. Andreas Gloßner, a former participant of FAUMUN was awaiting us to tell us more about the work of a real diplomat. We were stunned by his achievements after participating in the very same project we are participating in now, and thrilled to learn about the different aspects of his job. The answer to the question, whether being a MUN participant differs a lot from working as a diplomat was: NO. At this point, it became clear to the delegates, how important the experiences of the

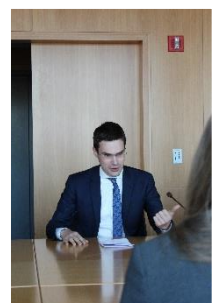
last days had been.

The closing ceremony at the General Assembly Hall in the UN Headquarters was a great conclusion of the official conference. We heard a speech from the deputy Secretary General Jan Eliasson, who encouraged the delegates to stay committed and not to lose faith in the possibility of changing the world: "One cannot do everything, but everyone can do something." Our time in New York came to an end when the whole delegation headed to the Brooklyn Bridge after dinner and enjoyed the impressive view on Manhattan. ■



Photos: Richard Endörfer (FAUMUN)





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## Did you know?

Since 2008, the FAUMUN project of the Friedrich-Alexander-University has always won the first or the second place of the conference – so the FAU has always been among the best five or ten percent of all participating universities at NMUN worldwide! All FAU delegations together have won nearly 40 awards in the past eight years at the New York City conference:

- 9 Delegation awards
- 17 Position Paper Awards
- 11 Outstanding Delegate in Committee Awards
- 1 Video Award

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The Distinguished Delegation Award of the Delegation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 2015

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# The Delegation



For the first time ever, FAUMUN accepted applications for the Mandatory Program of the project without the trip to New York City. For some delegates, this year's participation became economically more accessible than the past years. And the group had never been so big! With 28 participants that split up into 18 NMUN delegates and 10 Mandatory Program delegates, FAUMUN 2015/16 has been the largest delegation of all times.

The National Collegiate Conference Association (NCCA) assigned the NMUN delegates the country of Côte d'Ivoire. In the next few pages, the delegates will introduce themselves and present their committees, their impressions and their experiences during the project to you.







# Katharina Adler

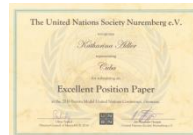
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International Business Studies

Country represented at BayernMUN: **Cuba**Committee Partner: **Gregor Geis**

Awards:



Excellent Position Paper - BayernMUN



*I applied because I wanted to experience something completely new, something big and amazing. This program contains so many aspects I am keen on doing, like learning how to deliver speeches within a few minutes, experiencing the United Nations' work and surpassing myself."*

*"FAUMUN gave me the opportunity to do something beyond dry theory in my studies. It was great to see how the whole group developed and how all of us improved. For me, the best part of the seminar – beside the conferences – was the speech training. Anyone wishing to make more of his studies should apply – it is worth it!"*



*"Having Katharina as my committee partner for BayernMUN makes me happy and motivated to achieve many goals for the Republic of Cuba together. During our preparation for the conference, I especially admired her way of focusing on the important aspects and her straightforward way of thinking.*

*Moreover, Katharina has a special talent for preparing and delivering extraordinary speeches on several topics, all inspiring and very well thought through. I was astonished by her brilliant speeches at BayernMUN!"*

- *Gregor Geis*



*Katharina truly brought joy and happiness to the seminar and to all delegates. Throughout the seminar, she has always been in a good mood, bringing a smile to everybody's face, even in stressful and exhausting situations such as negotiation trainings or Model United Nations simulations.*

*In negotiation trainings, Katharina was a tough partner to negotiate with. No matter what the topic of the seminar was, she always focused on the topic, giving feedback without criticizing someone personally. I will always remember her last impressive, convincing and emotional five-minute speech. Thank you for being a delegate in the FAUMUN delegation 2015 / 2016."*

- *Vanessa Schilling*





# Mandya Aziz

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International Business Studies

Committee at NMUN:  
**UNIDO**

Committee Partner:  
**Lena Lüpping**



To describe Mandya is quite simple. He is a self-confident person who knows exactly what he wants. Even though he had to represent Syria during this crucial time he was able to convince and inspire many of himself. The best thing about Mandya is that he is not only a powerful speaker but also a very good friend with a contagious laugh. I look forward to getting to know Mandya better in New York and have the opportunity to explore the uncertainties of this big city. (Yared)



*I'm willing to learn a lot from the preparation program, which will be work-intensive and a challenge for the participants. I would like to improve some skills, which help me later in professional life as well - like learning how to conduct negotiations and improving my intercultural competencies."*

*"Before my application for the FAUMUN project, I had great expectations. I have set some personal goals that I wanted to achieve during the project. For me personally it was a great experience to have been part of the project. I have achieved my personal goals and improved many of my soft skills, such as negotiation. My expectations were highly exceeded in any case. I also had the great opportunity to meet many new and interesting people from different disciplines and countries. I was hardly aware of the relation between the study and the different perspective on certain issues. Thereby, I got to know many new approaches or thought processes and could expand my horizon extremely."*



# Chigozie Collins Nweke-Eze

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Development Economics and  
International Studies

Committee at NMUN  
**UNHCR**

Committee Partner:  
**Hannah Riemann**

*Chigozie is at first sight a calm and pleasant person. One of his greatest strengths is his observer attitude. However, when it comes to negotiations, he puts his calm side away and changes into a strong-minded and business fluent person. Nevertheless, by achieving his goals during negotiations, he is a serious and reliable negation partner all the time. It was a great pleasure to work together with him.*

- Anja Veitz



*FAUMUN provides an opportunity for students to challenge themselves beyond their comfort zone. The knowledge and experiences from the project prepares one for various challenges in both professional and personal life."*

*"FAUMUN gives one the opportunity to acquire or sharpen skills in writing, communication, presentation, negotiation, teambuilding and teamwork. Apart from sharpening these skills, participating in FAUMUN opened my mind to various pressing needs of the world and gave me an opportunity to see and to discuss them from the point of view of the represented countries. I learnt a lot about the structure and work of the United Nations. I also particularly enjoyed the presentations and debates on current political and economic issues. FAUMUN provides students with practical tools to solving world problems, especially within the UN framework. By bringing together students from different educational and national backgrounds within the university, the project also enables exchange and sharing of ideas from different perspectives and backgrounds."*





# Andreas Blank

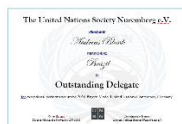
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Chemical and Biological Engineering

Country represented at BayernMUN: **Brazil**Committee Partner: **Montserrat Martínez Muñoz**

Awards:



Outstanding Delegate: Chair Award - BayernMUN



FAUMUN brings together students from all parts of the university, so it enhances the interdisciplinary communication and the understanding for decisions made by people from other subjects.

This point can only be achieved by a few organizations within the FAU."

*"In a globalized world, conflicts do not end at the borders of countries, as recently shown by the conflict in Syria. Having learned that the United Nations put their highest effort into the development of solutions, there are still aspects to be enhanced. Simulating the UN within FAUMUN is starting with evaluating your countries' position, developing and presenting solutions appropriate to your country and negotiate them with others in order to get efficient strategies. For people without experience in this broad field of hard skills and advanced soft skills, FAUMUN will shape you. And those with experience will be sharpened by FAUMUN."*



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# Michael Blumenstock

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Industrial Engineering

Committee at NMUN:

**General Assembly 1<sup>st</sup> Committee**

Committee Partner:

**Lisa-Marie Gärtner**

Awards:



*Outstanding Delegate in Committee - SecMUN*



*FAUMUN provides a unique opportunity for university students from diverse academic and national backgrounds to experience the world of diplomacy, develop their personal competences and share their opinions on global political issues."*

*"My motivation for getting to be a part of the FAUMUN delegation 2016 was to look beyond my own studies with the aim to discover insights into United Nations diplomacy, mixed with the chance to improve my personal speaking and presentation capabilities. During the seminars, where every delegate was able to acquire essential knowledge about negotiating, self-representation or public speaking on the one hand, and diplomatic skills like coalition-building or leadership on the other hand, I was glad about getting to know various kinds of people and their very own opinions. Especially the discussions with delegates, who do not share the same opinions as I do, helped me to broaden my horizon. Furthermore, the MUN conferences in New York, Munich, Erlangen and Neuendettelsau, as part of the project, impressively provided practical understanding of diplomatic procedures. The representation of countries with very different points of view like China, France or Côte d'Ivoire gave me an impression on how important international collaboration is to handle global challenges."*



Of course, three words would not be enough to describe Michael completely but nevertheless I tried to find some suitable adjectives: reliable, confident and charming. Michael has been my committee partner for BayernNMUN in Neuendettelsau and for NMUN in New York. Working together with him has always been a lot of fun as he is a very friendly and candid person.



During the writing process of our position papers and also while preparing presentations we had a lot of creative and efficient ideas. He has always been in a good mood and often motivated me with his ambition.



Throughout the project Michael impressed with his performance at the SecMUN in Munich, for which he received an award, and also with his confidence during negotiations and speeches. He has been very committed to the program all the time and with his open personality and creativity fitted into the FAUMUN delegation of 2016 very easily. I am glad that we got chosen to work together in a committee.

I wish you all the best for your future and hopefully we will see us again some time and look back together to all the great experiences of FAUMUN.



# Frederik Alexander Dörr

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Economics

Committee at NMUN:

Human Rights Council

Committee Partner:

Sandra Rosa

Awards:

O. Pos. Paper  
SecMUNO. Delegate in C  
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BayernMUNO. Delegate in C  
BayernMUN

*I believe the FAUMUN project could very much improve the public image of our university. A well-prepared team full of young talent is the best possible spokesperson for any institution. Also, having a decent FAUMUN team could enhance the attractiveness of nearly all study programs due to the practical and hands-on characteristics of the project."*

*"Model UN has been a part of education in other countries for quite a long time now, even being referenced in a 1998 episode of The Simpsons. I myself became a part of FAUMUN, as it was the best way to include some of my passion for politics in my strict business plan of studies. And the return on investment has been massive. I have learned a whole lot about convincing people, about speaking publicly, about teamwork and trust. More than that, I met a bunch of people that I would have never met otherwise, both in and outside of the 2016 delegation. For anyone who is willing to put in a lot of time and master the challenge of high stake diplomatic simulation in Munich, Neuendettelsau or New York in conjunction with the accommodating social activities of each Model UN conference that shorten the amount of sleep drastically, the FAUMUN project is the right venue to discover personal limits and move them a bit further. Be a part of FAUMUN, and be part of a prestigious representation of our university."*



Frederik is the most laid back person I have met so far.



However, if he starts working, he ....



He has the ability to remain calm under pressure, which has a direct link to his outstanding performances in conferences.

I could have not asked for a better committee partner.

(Committee Partner Sandra Rosa)



# Edith Eike

21



Law

Committee at NMUN:

General Assembly 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee

Committee Partner:

Yared Teclehaimanot

Awards:



Excellent Position Paper - BayernMUN



*I wanted to learn more about the working structures of the UN and the diverse topics that are being discussed. By representing a different country, I hope to switch perspectives and attain a profound understanding of diplomacy."*

*"During the FAUMUN project, I have represented Iraq, Jordan, Afghanistan and Côte d'Ivoire in different MUN conferences. I got into many fields of international politics that I had been interested in but never found the time to really engage with more closely: development aid, the conflict in Syria or UN sanctions etc. Thanks to the soft skill trainings within the program, I feel more comfortable now when speaking in front of big audiences and I have improved my English when it comes to important terminology in political discussions."*



We *could* tell you that Edith is...



*BUT* we'd rather tell you what a...



... person our Edith is.



# Lisa-Marie Gärtner

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Political Science and French Studies

Committee at NMUN:

General Assembly 1<sup>st</sup> Committee

Committee Partner:

Michael Blumenstock



FAUMUN takes over an important role in teaching students skills that are crucial for our future professional and even personal life. It brings together different students from various subjects and everyone can benefit from the synergy."

I have always been interested a lot in the work of the United Nations. I wanted to learn more about the diplomacy and international cooperation within the international system. Increasing my English language skills as well as my soft skills have also been incentives for me to participate in the FAUMUN project. Throughout the program, I learnt so much. I improved my writing and speaking skills, I increased my negotiation skills and most importantly, I made a lot of new friends. Working together in an international team was such a great experience. We spent a lot of time together and achieved great improvements. I think the project is an important part of university education because it teaches students crucial soft skills. Students are encouraged to think outside the box and work on topics, which are usually not always

part of their curriculum. If you are interested in meeting a lot of great people, increasing your rhetorical and presentation skills and your knowledge about the UN, international policy and diplomacy, you should definitely be part of the next delegation. Of course, you have to spend a lot of time with research, writing or preparing speeches but if you do not spare any efforts, the hard work will always be worth it!



"Today, we are not speaking for ourselves but for those who cannot be heard anymore"

"In the digital age personal data has reached the status of an own currency"

"If crime crosses borders, so must law enforcement"



Lima is a great team player!

She has the ability to motivate and support people as well as to write great emotional speeches! She especially impressed with her creative style of writing. I enjoyed working with her to represent France and Côte d'Ivoire and I'm looking forward to hear her next great speech!

Here are extracts of her brilliant speeches:

"We as the world community have an absolute obligation to confront and defeat violations against human rights! Because injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"





# Gregor Geis

21



Economics

Country represented at BayernMUN: **Cuba**

Committee Partner: **Katharina Adler**

Awards:



*Excellent Position Paper - BayernMUN*



Gregor was the best committee partner I could have wished for! I admire his capability to stay calm and relaxed in any situation, Gregor does not get worked up by almost nothing. This combined with his keen mind and his talent to argue makes him a delegate one had better not underestimated.  
- Katharina Adler



Through the interdisciplinary approach with students from all ranges of studies and faculties participating, the project combines different viewpoints and approaches to complex issues. Thus, students have the opportunity to learn from each other and gain experience by becoming acquainted with different methods or thinking outside the box, from which everyone can benefit."

*During the conferences, I very much enjoyed discussing and negotiating about current political issues such as solutions to the Syrian conflict. Seeing the outcome of the real debates in the Vienna conference some days later, realizing our proposed resolution is similar to the one achieved by the real politicians, delighted me and showed the closeness to reality of these simulations. Moreover, I am very thankful for the various input we got, be it the insights analysis or the speech training with supportive feedback and valuable advices.*



# Lena Lüssing

23



International Business Studies

Committee at NMUN: **UNIDO**

Committee Partner: **Mandya Aziz**

Awards:



*Excellent Position Paper - SecMUNMUN*

"If pinned down to describe Lena with one adjective, a task damn close to impossible, I'd have to opt for captivating. Her effortless, natural charm and humor elevated even the most tedious of sessions to quality time spent with a great companion."

*Frederik Alexander Dörr*



FAUMUN can bring ambitious students of different subjects together while working on a common project. It thereby intensifies the interdisciplinary communication and cooperation at our university. Furthermore, FAUMUN improves our university's international reputation and allows an interaction between various universities on a national as well as on an international level."

*By participating in this unique project, the delegates enhance their rhetorical and leadership skills and I cannot imagine a better and more inspiring and motivating setting than the FAUMUN project, which offers the combination of gaining soft skills and classic academic requirements and practicing your English while discussing global issues. On top of that, I met many interesting people during the project, which broadened my horizon by getting to know many different points of view. In my opinion, it is a great opportunity to participate in this project to learn more about recent global issues and problems and how we can try to improve and solve them. I also like the idea of taking on the role of a delegate of a certain country, focusing on its individual perspectives and to later be able to discuss these global issues in groups and conferences. Being part of this project will strengthen your cultural understanding as well as your ability to deal with different people's opinions and points of view and let you learn something beyond the theory of normal university courses.*





# Priya George

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Law

Committee at NMUN:

General Assembly Fourth Committee

Committee Partner:

Sebastian Scharfe



*FAUMUN sensitizes students to global issues like international peace and security or human rights. It helps to make young people think about what should be improved in our world. They hopefully start talking about certain issues and some might as well spring into action."*

*FAUMUN gave me the opportunity to develop a better understanding of political global activities from different points of view, to acquire knowledge in business and legal English and to gain diplomatic and leadership experiences. FAUMUN is an exciting and fascinating addition to my studies, coming along with the opportunity to learn from students like myself and above all, to learn something for life.*

*I cannot imagine any better place for that than FAUMUN, because I think there is no better way to get to know the largest intergovernmental organisation with such a vast influence on society, politics and people.*



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# Neonila Glukhodid

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Political Science and Theater- and Media Science

Country represented at BayernMUN: **Turkey**

Committee Partner: **Thomas Hohnholz**

Awards:



Excellent Position Paper - SecMUN



*I expect myself to work hard to achieve set objectives and overcome difficulties. I hope I will not only fulfill the common goals of cooperation and soft skills development, but will also have a possibility to train my will and spirit and to challenge myself in intense situations."*

*MUN is aimed at developing skills of negotiation and teamwork with absolutely different types of people. One should not, of course, expect a complete personality makeover, but one gets to challenge him- or herself in rather competitive and varied environment. I would say that MUN is not simply a United Nations simulation, but also, quintessentially, a simulation of a real life.*

*Finally, the participation has taught me to prepare and give speech in front of large crowd and feel rather secure about it, but more importantly, it has widened my understanding horizon and gave me once-in-a-lifetime experience.*







# Arne Niitsoo

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Communication and Multimedia Engineering

Committee at NMUN:

**PoA SALW**

Committee Partner:

**Miriam Puchta**



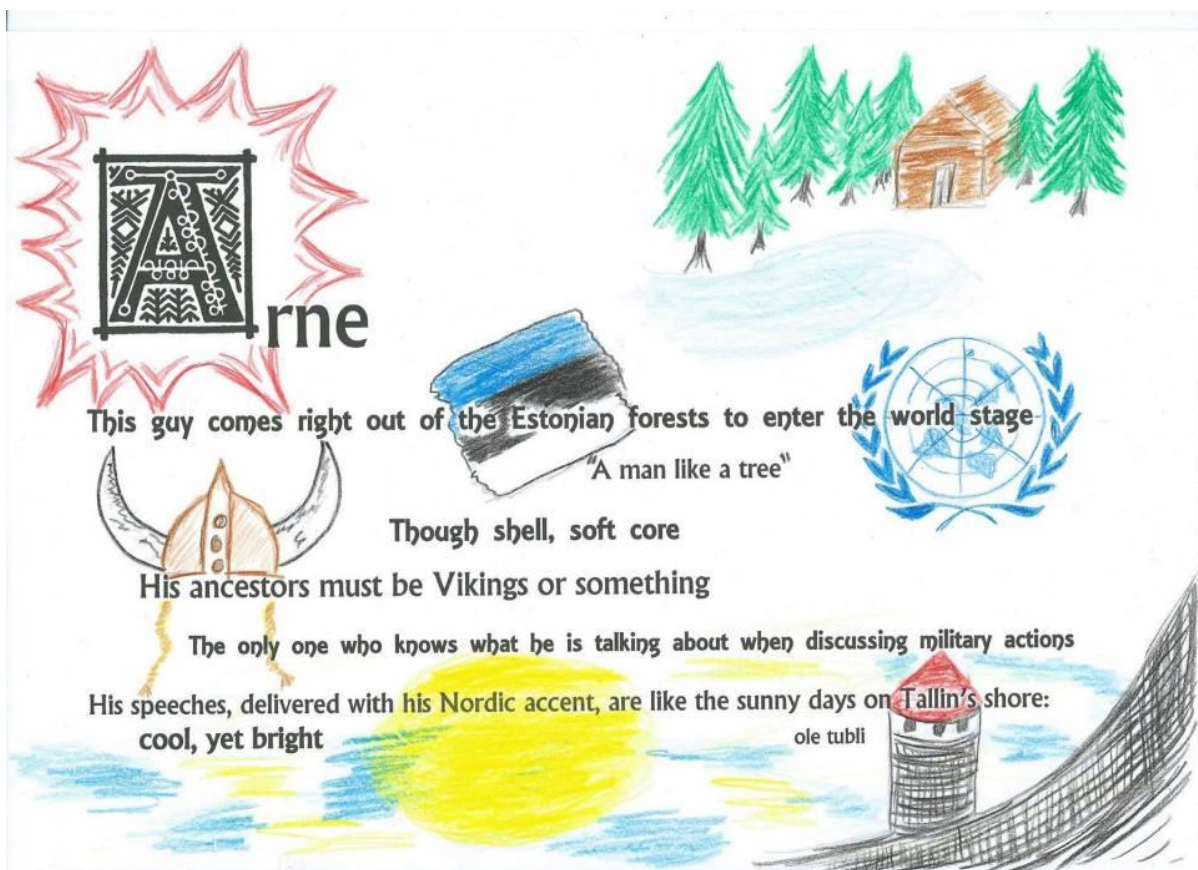
Award:

NMUN Position Paper Award



*I think FAUMUN gives me the opportunity to grow personally and to gain a deeper understanding of how decisions are made on a higher level."*

*This project is great insight on how the political game can work on a higher level, it gives you a good idea how the work of the United Nations is a combination of hypocrisy and idealism. One has to keep rhetorical mindset and stick to "agreed language" when communicating with others. How to do that and many other things, are some of the aspects, which could find their answer when participating in the FAUMUN program.*





# Thomas Hohnholz

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Political Science and Common Law

Country represented at BayernMUN: **Turkey**

Committee Partner: **Neonila Glukhodie**



FAUMUN can be seen as a great chance to work on personal skills such as self-presentation, rhetoric or teamwork. These qualities are useful in any later profession! It is also a great chance to understand the workings of diplomacy and how agreements are negotiated and agreed on."

*First of all, I really want to thank our Head Delegates and Project Manager Elisa, Richard and Alex for all of their efforts and the time they invested in the project and in us! Thank you for all the feedback and the valuable advices! The project itself is one of the best experiences I had during my time at university so far! Meeting new delegates from other disciplines, faculties and nations is amazing and improves the quality of FAUMUN immensely, besides all the seminars we had on giving speeches, negotiating, the clown seminar, the expert lectures (e.g. with Prof. Dr. Bielefeldt – Special Rapporteur for the UN), and so on. I do believe that the project helps all the delegates on working on soft skills and personal qualities, which are extremely important for later professions and that – unfortunately – come too short in everyday life at university. The conferences the delegation approached (MiniMUN, SecMUN, BayernMUN, NMUN) were perfect for making use of the knowledge we gained during all this time. Additionally, they are great possibilities to get to know new people.*



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# Dorothee Karbe

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Franco-German Law

Committee at NMUN:

UNEP

Committee Partner:

Rafael Bravo Roger



*The possibility for university students all around the world to get together to debate and discuss current topics is an once-in-a-lifetime chance to get to know the work of the United Nations, to meet new people from different cultures, and to prepare for a career in an international context."*

*I love international relations. This love drove me to choosing my present university course, which lays a focus on European law, and to participating in FAUMUN. I learned during the course of this project, that the United Nations can be frustratingly hypocritical and negotiations exasperatingly slow. However, I also learned that the United Nations are the only way of international communications and thus vital for our present community. The conferences of this program are a singular experience in which each and every person learns to push and overcome their limits. This is a fascinating experience and one that I can only recommend to future delegates.*



But now it seems you're quite grown  
Acting all serious more than just being tall  
And I guess we've always known  
Actually you're the smartest of all

But rest assured dear Dorolein  
Whether you're 18 or 89  
We will always love you, feed you, protect you  
And sometimes – treat you like a child

Our sweet baby you are  
The youngest of all  
We love you, feed you, protect you  
Sometimes treat you like a child  
For fun – of course





# Kristin Siebert

19



Franco-German Law

Committee at NMUN:

**HABITAT III**

Committee Partner:

**Anja Veitz**



Award:

NMUN Position Paper Award



*I am very much interested in improving my soft skills since I think I will benefit greatly from them in my professional career as a lawyer but also support my personal development in an extremely positive way."*

**After** a whole semester full of speech and negotiation trainings, teamwork and political input, I can proudly say to have seen myself develop constantly. I do now have skills concerning things I could not even think of before, such as holding speeches or convincing people through carefully thought out strategies. FAUMUN made me grow; it added some confidence and strength to my personality and enriched me in various ways and perspectives. Exactly this describes a valuable experience: FAUMUN gave me the possibility to discover myself in new and exciting situations and see and feel the personal development, which set in automatically. By applying to FAUMUN, you have the opportunity to become part of an exciting and challenging world full of interesting people, interesting topics and wonderful experiences.







# Christine Hingerl

23



Political Science

Country represented at BayernMUN: **Canada**Committee Partner: **Shajeeshan Lingeswaran**

Awards:

*Out. Delegate Award- BayernMUN**Out. Delegate Award- SecMUN*

*The delegates represent the FAU at two international MUN conferences – the bayernMUN in Bavaria and the NMUN in New York. University students from all over the world participate in these conferences. For us as the delegation of 2016, it is a great chance to continue the outstanding performance of the previous years' delegations. Numerous awards which the FAUMUN participants have received since 2009 and countless media reports demonstrate the success and the excellence of the FAU delegation."*

## Why am I part of FAUMUN?

FAUMUN offered me the unique opportunity to widen my knowledge about the UN, to develop my soft skills and to make new international friends from all fields of study.



# Vanessa Schilling

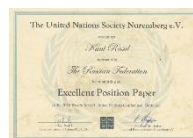
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Finance, Auditing, Controlling and Taxation

Country represented at BayernMUN: **Russian Federation**Committee Partner: **Kani Rasul**

Awards:

*Excellent Position Paper - BayernMUN*

*If I had to describe Vanessa in a single word, it would be POWER. If someone has it, then definitely her. Throughout the entire seminar, I admired her self-confidence, how straightly she tackles problems, and how cheerful and warm she always was towards others. She always had an open ear and I had many, many great conversations with her that showed me we are really on the same wavelength. I am really looking forward to negotiating with her at BayernMUN and to stay in touch!*

Katharina Adler



*I am willing to challenge myself, to learn more about myself, my strengths and weaknesses and to work hard for the success of our team."*

FAUMUN provided a great opportunity for students across the nations to learn more about different nations, regardless of religion and gender diversity, represent a single nation even if your personal opinion is totally different from the one you are supposed to represent and had to work and argue about topics which are of concern to the world population with foreign students. To me, the speech and negotiation trainings throughout the seminar were most essential for being successful at Model United Nations. The involvement of each delegate is truly impressive! We as distinguished delegates represented the university at different Model United Nations nationwide and on an international banquet. Therefore, FAUMUN surely improves the reputation of the Friedrich-Alexander-University.





# Miriam Puchta

19



Franco-German Law

Committee at NMUN:

PoA SALW

Committee Partner:

Arne Niitsoo



Award:

NMUN Position Paper Award



*FAUMUN is a unique program and an exceptional opportunity to focus on my interests in politics, diplomacy and intercultural exchange."*

*I like to look at an issue from every angle. Therefore, I was intrigued by the idea of representing another country and thus not viewing a problem from a German perspective, but from the point of view of another country. However, during this project I did not only learn a lot content-wise, I also learned how I can improve personally. I gave speeches in front of a large audience for the first time and actually came to enjoy it. I gained a much deeper understanding of the functioning of the UN. I particularly liked writing the resolutions, carefully weighing each and every word. This project provides unique experiences and you will find it to be fascinating, fun and also truly motivating and inspiring.*



*But though you are a scatter-brain,  
your mere presence is a gain.  
Cause in a beautiful way,  
you always make my day.*



*You're witty and sensitive,  
smart and perceptive.  
But what I love  
most of all  
is the beauty  
of your soul.*



*Miri oh Miri,  
you're always so cheery,  
you're also always late,  
but that's just your fate*





# Kani Rasul

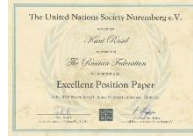
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International Business Studies

Country represented at BayernMUN: **Russian Federation**Committee Partner: **Vanessa Schilling**

Awards:



Excellent Position Paper - BayernMUN



*FAUMUN reveals profound insights into the decision-making processes within the international system, which have a significant impact on our lives."*

*Global* issues, such as poverty, human rights or the protection of the environment, affect everybody's lives. FAUMUN has given me the opportunity to obtain a deeper and more profound insight into world affairs and different cultures. Of course, the project does not raise the claim to offer any solutions, however, it provides the impetus to think critically about these political issues. Furthermore, it is a unique interdisciplinary program, which brings together diverse students from different faculties and by that fosters the ability to consider different thoughts and opinions. Certainly, FAUMUN represents a great enrichment for the Friedrich-Alexander-University and I would recommend anyone, who is interested in world politics to seize this great opportunity.



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# Hannah Riemann

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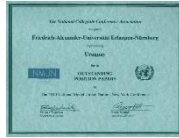
Political Science and English and American Studies

Committee at NMUN:

**UNHCR**

Committee Partner:

**Chigozie Nweke-Eze**



Award:

NMUN Position Paper Award



FAUMUN offers students a great alternation to the everyday life of university and a way to acquire important soft skills that are useful in a later career. FAUMUN has an impact on the university in so far as that it gives students the chance to acquire important practical skills and therefore can be seen as a counterpart to the theoretical knowledge students learn at university."

As a student of political science, it was always important for me to gain practical and not only theoretical knowledge. FAUMUN offers this by giving you the chance to achieve important soft skills and knowledge through learning by doing. FAUMUN offered me a great chance to challenge myself to work hard, to learn new interesting things and to struggle for a great goal, together with an ambitious team. I gained confidence, learned important soft skills and worked with many interesting and new people, which expanded my horizon through many conversations, shared experiences and discussions.

No matter who you are or what you are studying: in FAUMUN, you will learn exceptional skills that will enrich your future career and personal life, no matter what you are planning to do. It expands your horizon, makes you grow and gives you a chance to get to know yourself better, as well as learning to work together with others. This is the reason I can only recommend participating. I might have experienced up-and-downs in this project, but in the end, I would not want to miss the experience and knowledge I gained for anything.



*With roots in Switzerland, Hannah became our source of Swiss chocolate! Whenever a session or day seemed endless, she sweetened our sessions with plenty of different candy!*



*With one piece of chocolate Hannah becomes ingenious and sharp minded as a knife! Her performances were always professional with the right amount of emotions to catch the audience.*

*(Co-Delegate: Sandra Rosa)*





# Sandra Rosa

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Economics and English and American Studies

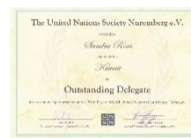
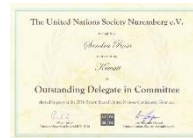
Committee at NMUN:

HRC

Committee Partner:

Frederik Dörr

Awards:



Out. Delegate in C. - BayernMUN

Out. Delegate - BayernMUN



*I applied because the concept of realistic simulations of conferences sounds promising and challenging. It is a great way to broaden my horizon and doing something beyond normal university classes. I wanted to push myself and step out of my comfort zone. I have seen friends of mine, who were FAUMUN delegates before, growing in such a great way, personally and professionally. I am convinced that I will benefit from this program in a similar way."*

**Model** United Nations is an internationally recognized program and a great, valuable résumé. It is a chance to build a professional network with valuable contacts. Take the change to get in touch and get to know outstanding people! MUN is a realistic simulation of conferences, which is a great way to broaden one's horizon and doing something beyond normal university classes. FAUMUN is a cooperation of students from different majors, who have great impact on one another. The program helps to strengthen soft skills, which is leverage to open doors for future careers. FAUMUN is a program beyond the requirements of a university. FAUMUN is a being a great TEAM!



BayernMun: Sandra is sweeping the stage like a full on tornado. So much energy, so much commitment. Just holding on to her improved my performance threefold.



Position Paper Writing: Sandra pushes us in the right direction and, whenever support is needed, she is right there for me. What an effort.



Off the clock: Sandra is the most loving, hilarious person in the room. Genuine interest and admirable social engagement complete her stunning personality.





# Sebastian Scharfe

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Law

Committee at NMUN:

**General Assembly Fourth Committee**

Committee Partner:

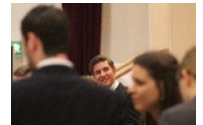
**Priya George**



*I applied for FAUMUN because I am very interested in politics, especially in international relations. Furthermore, I really like to meet new people from different cultures. The project will be a big chance for me to meet new people, get to know new cultures, improve my English and my negotiation skills. Moreover, I think that I will learn a lot more about politics and international relations."*

**FAUMUN** was a great experience for me. Besides the improvements of my English and my social skills, especially in negotiation, I learned a lot about international relations, how the UN works and different cultures. But the most important thing for me was that I met a lot of new people who are now new and close friends and with whom I share a lot of valuable memories.

Those are of course just a few examples why everyone who has the chance should apply for FAUMUN, but I think just one of those is already worth an application for FAUMUN.





# Yared Teclehaimanot

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Industrial Engineering

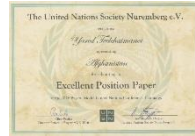
Committee at NMUN:

**General Assembly Second Committee**

Committee Partner:

**Edith Eike**

Awards:

*Excellent Position Paper - BayernMUN*

*Being a leader does not always mean directing others. Being an effective leader means providing clear directions, creating an open team culture, empowering team members, developing and coaching. At least this is what I have learned in my studies. FAUMUN gave me the opportunity to put the theory into practice."*

*Nowadays, acting in an international environment is a prerequisite in a globalized world. FAUMUN was a great opportunity for me to represent the university in an international field, and it definitely helped me to improve my skills in public speaking and communication. Not only did we learn how to work effectively in a team during the duration of FAUMUN, but also about current socio-economic and political issues happening beyond our doorstep. It is a challenging and rewarding project that allows you to come out of your own shelter, I sincerely recommend to apply for FAUMUN and I will assure you to acquire skills of the highest value for your professional future career.*



## General Assembly Second Committee

Speakers List:  
Côte d'IvoireSpeakers Time:  
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During MUN conferences and also during the preparatory program a strength of Yared has particularly struck me. He is an excellent speaker. Yared remains very objective and places a lot of value on the content. During the FAUMUN project he has become a very good friend, who works very relaxed and never loses the focus on his targets.



# Anja Veitz

25



Near Eastern Studies

Committee at NMUN:

**HABITAT III**

Committee Partner:

**Kristin Siebert**



*FAUMUN is one of those projects which gives students the opportunity to learn something beyond theory."*

*The FAUMUN project gave me the chance to rise above myself. By frequently learning something new, you get chances to improve yourself in writing and holding speeches, research techniques and negotiation skills all the time. I personally would describe FAUMUN with the slogan "Learning by doing". No other project will give you a better chance to put theory into practice than the FAUMUN project. Besides this, you will learn a lot about the different procedures within the United Nations. Being a delegate of a certain state makes you sensible for different problematic global topics on which you have to work on. However, visiting the UN headquarter in New York and holding the final conference in the UN building gives the last conference as well as the project a special flair. Thanks for a great time with great delegates, for sometimes exhausting but enriching experiences and a lot of fun, too!*



# Shajeeshan Lingewaran

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Electrical, Electronics and Communication Engineering

Country represented at BayernMUN:

**Canada**

Committee Partner:

**Christine Hingerl**

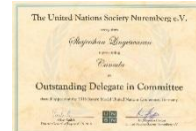
Awards:



**O. Pos. Paper  
SecMUN**



**O. Delegate in C  
SecMUN**



**O. Delegate  
BayernMUN**



*By participating at FAUMUN and working with people from different fields of study, the entire program supported me to see problems out of a different perspective and to move out of my comfort zone."*

*Since the day I heard about this project, I wanted to be part of it. There is not even one similar program at the Friedrich-Alexander-University, which brings students with completely different fields of study together!*

*This unique project was so crucial for me to recognize my strengths, such as interdisciplinary nature or leadership, and to improve my weaknesses, such as writing speeches in English and negotiation skills. After the many intense and challenging sessions, we could test our progress at different Model United Nations, which gave us a great glimpse into the thrilling and exciting life of a diplomat. Eventually, I had a great time at FAUMUN and found many new great friends! As a bottom line, I can say with absolute certainty that FAUMUN is a life changer.*

*Therefore, I want to encourage every student of FAU to participate at this program and to develop skills, which will support your future!*





# Monserrat Martínez Muñoz

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Development Economics and International Studies

Country represented at BayernMUN: **Brazil**

Committee Partner: **Andreas Blank**

Awards:



*Excellent Position Paper - BayernMUN*

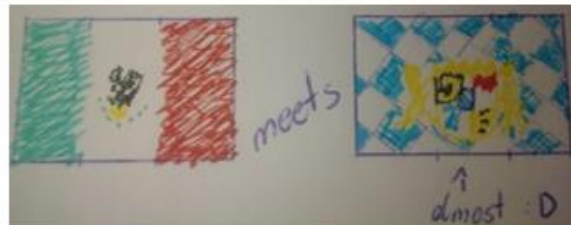


*I expect to improve my presentation, as well as my negotiation skills. And the end of my participation I would like to be able to stand in front of a group, convince them of my ideas and also get their attention while presenting. Moreover, I hope to learn a lot from my co-delegates, I am sure that each of us will contribute to an enriching experience for all of us."*

*The two main reasons why I am participating in FAUMUN are: It gives deep insight into current global issues and provides delegates with an integral preparation for the improvement of their professional competences. During the seminar, we learned key details which one can change that significantly improve one's performance when holding presentations, delivering a speech or negotiating. Furthermore, the exposure to situations such as working in interdisciplinary teams and the high commitment of every delegate to contribute to the development of his/her co-delegates made the participation in FAUMUN an enriching experience. FAUMUN does not only have an impact on the delegates but also increases the prestige as well as the international recognition of the university.*



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your enthusiasm & never lose your  
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