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**Keine Lust auf ein
trockenes Jurastudium?**





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Dear readers,

eleven years of FAUMUN is a success story. Since 2007, the university annually sends a student delegation to New York City. Being a university beacon project, FAUMUN has since then regularly managed to establish our university among the top five percent out of over 400 participating institutions. The FAU delegation is listed under the top three of 26 German participating universities in regards to the awards received. By being awarded "Outstanding Delegation" for the second time in a row, FAUMUN positions itself at the international top once again.

I congratulate the team of the FAUMUN project on its great success. The university is proud that the FAU delegation is able to establish itself so successfully at the peak of the represented universities at the world's largest UN simulation in New York every year.

It is because of this success that we are pleased to support our students with the opportunity to prepare and participate in a project like FAUMUN. In today's world, key qualifications are more important than ever in the day-to-day business environment. FAUMUN provides an excellent opportunity to the Center of Applied Philosophy of Science and Key Qualifications (ZiWiS) to impart exactly these qualifications.

Students of all faculties and subject areas work together in this interdisciplinary seminar in order to prepare themselves to represent the FAU at National Model United Nations (NMUN), the world's largest United Nations simulation.

The students show strong commitment, invest time in learning important soft skills, prepare for a highly competitive environment with speech and negotiation training throughout the winter term, and practice productive exchange amongst intercultural groups.

I particularly encourage students to further use the unique opportunities that Model United Nations has to offer. FAUMUN provides a possibility to connect theoretical knowledge with practical experience by giving students the chance to discuss political problems on an international level. Even if this means investing a lot of their free time, their commitment not only enables our students to apply and deepen both knowledge and skills they have acquired during the seminar on an international level, it also furthers team building – a strong connection with the FAU!

My deepest gratitude goes to all partners and sponsors of the project. Let us continue to take the path which we have so successfully pursued together until now!

I am very pleased that students of the FAU will continue to have the possibility of actively and closely experiencing the UN's work and wish all the best to all future participants.

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Joachim Hornegger
President of Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg

Dear interested readers,

It is an honor to present to you the 2018 annual report of the FAUMUN project, the Model United Nations Project at the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg.



FAUMUN is not a typical university class, but a life-changing experience that is open to students from the entire university and all different faculties. The special characteristic of FAUMUN is that students who have different approaches at solving problems and developing ideas work together and therefore reach the best outcome possible. The project encourages motivated, smart and creative students to engage themselves in foreign politics and international affairs and to broaden their minds by creating action plans from different countries' point of view for global solutions for a certain issue. Students have the opportunity to learn and train skills in fields that are rarely focused on in their regular course of studies. Furthermore, as a participant, you are challenged to reflect on your ideas and views on certain issues as well as improve various skills, raising your self-awareness.

The preparation is intensive in regard to the content, as students learn a lot about the United Nations, the countries they represent and Model UN, but most important are the soft skills that students improve during the entire semester while participating in speech and negotiation training, practicing effective and intercultural communication and giving constructive feedback to one another. What makes FAUMUN special is that students have the chance to go beyond theory and apply the acquired skills at the conferences by taking the role of diplomats and discussing real-life issues.

All the skills acquired and trained during the seminar, applied and improved at the conferences, especially at NMUN, prepare the students for their future careers, whether they strive to become actual diplomats and experts like those involved with the program in Berlin and at the Permanent Missions in New York, or choose to specialize in any other field. FAUMUN is a unique experience. Most rewarding for us as part of the Project Management is being able to follow the students' personal growth and the development of the entire group, starting in October with the first meeting, a group of 20 individuals who are interested in politics or the United Nations gradually form a delegation, work together and depend on each other, but most importantly, become close friends and a great team.

Together, all participants aim to be successful as defined by their own goals as a delegation and as individuals. Therefore, we are immensely grateful for the success of this year's delegation, which has won more awards at NMUN than any FAUMUN delegation before and can in this regard be considered the most successful delegation since the beginning of FAUMUN. Besides receiving the Outstanding Delegation Award and individual awards at the final conference in New York, the delegates reached their personal goals as well. This included holding a moving speech in front of a large audience in one of the big committees, writing a realistic resolution aiming for cooperation and global change, and giving their very best to support the entire delegation in successfully representing one country across different committees. We would like to use this opportunity to thank all delegates of FAUMUN 2018 for their commitment, hard work and constant ambition to perform as a team. You made this year's project extraordinary!

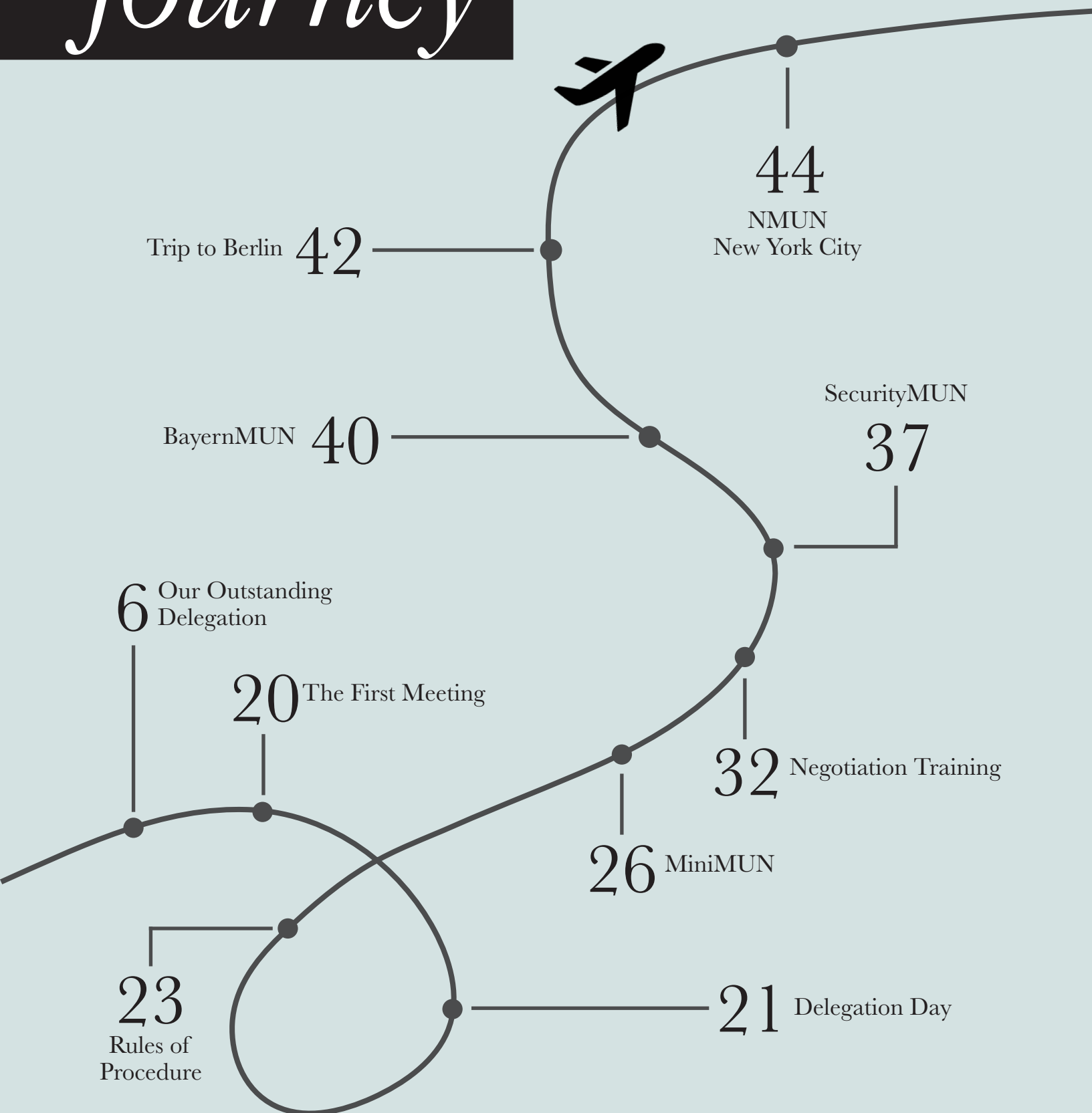
Furthermore, we would like to thank the ZiWiS for its great support during the entire project, namely Dr Michael Jungert, Dr Simone Hespers, Dr Katrin Götz-Votteler und Mrs Carola Eggeler. Additionally, we want to thank the United Nations Society Nuremberg e.V. for their advice, knowledge and the fruitful cooperation between UNSN and FAUMUN.

To all applicants for the next year: Feel invited to contact us at any time via Facebook (FAUMUN), Instagram (@faumun_delegation) or e-mail (organisation@faumun.org).

All the best,
Priya George & Caroline Dietrich
FAUMUN Project Management

Our Journey

*from Students
to Delegates*



Our

Outstanding

Delegation



Our *Committed* Project Manager

Priya George

Priya is the manager of the program – the heart and soul of FAUMUN. She organized lectures, trips and conferences and is always there for the delegates if they have any organizational questions.



Our *Motivating* Head Delegates



Marina Bühler

Marina not only loves rehearsing for musicals or travelling the world [see pages 34], she and Moritz are also the delegation's persons to turn to when talking about negotiation strategies, successes and downsides during the conferences.

Moritz Bergdolt

As our head delegates, Moritz and Marina guided, consulted and looked after us during our journey to New York. Organizing various lectures and reflecting upon our performance in the conferences made the students the outstanding delegates they are today.



Our *Supportive* Content Manager

Caroline Dietrich

Caroline is responsible for the content of the FAUMUN seminar. She also organized our wonderful trip to Berlin [see pages 42]. For the delegates she was the first contact person to approach regarding position papers and questions about the agenda topics.



Our *Outstanding* Delegation

Committee: General Assembly First Committee



Political Science and
Cultural Geography

Raffael Barth

During university there is often almost no opportunity to apply the theories you have learned to practical scenarios. FAUMUN changes that. It gives you the chance to test yourself and broaden your skillset and engage in something practical. It is a unique chance which should be appreciated as much as possible. You learn how to solve real problems by learning from past – including unfortunate – solutions others have found. This concludes what I am expecting – to improve myself as a negotiator, problem solver, political scientist. I am sure this will have a huge impact on my future.

Awards:

NMUN

Position Paper Award



Computer Science
and Political Science

Janina Beck

For me, the United Nations are an institution that looks strategically at the challenges today's world is facing. It unites almost all the countries and tries to raise awareness for different global problems that cannot be tackled by one country on its own. Furthermore, the United Nations try to solve conflicts and bring countries together that otherwise might not be communicating at all. Although it does not have any real executive power, the United Nations are a powerful organization that has a very high symbolical value. Therefore, I consider the United Nations to be a very important actor in the area of world politics and international relations.

Awards:

SecMUN

Position Paper Award

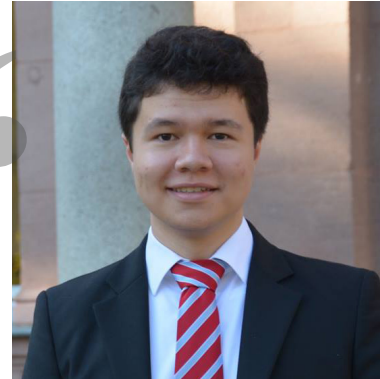
NMUN

Position Paper Award

Committee: General Assembly Second Committee

Julian Werner

In times of globalization and a connected world, issues are becoming increasingly multi-national. The UN provides a basis for international cooperation, leading to a more efficient solution of existing problems. For me, the UN is a glimpse at what a united world could look like in the future. FAUMUN can highlight the work, goals, and impact of the United Nations. The project can spark interest into an otherwise barely known subject. Also, by being a team of students of various majors and fields of study, it allows the participants to broaden their horizon and get out of their daily routine of only studying one topic.



Law

Awards: **SecMUN** Outstanding Delegate Award

Katharina Krammer

In a globalized world, it is crucial to have frameworks and instruments to help countries with different goals work together. To find the best ways to sort out problems, each nation can benefit from the others' experiences and contribute with its own knowledge within the United Nations. I applied to be a FAUMUN delegate to broaden my mind about diplomatic work and political issues. The program is a great possibility to gain detailed knowledge about problems, strategies and interests of countries in a diplomatic context. Moreover, the soft skills that will be acquired during the preparation for the conference can be practiced and applied at the conference. This will help strengthen the newly acquired competences, which are not only important for this program but will be adjuvant for my future personal and professional path.



Industrial Engineering
and Management

Committee: General Assembly Third Committee

Elias Ruf



Chemistry and
English Studies

The founding members of the United Nations set themselves and humanity ambitious goals after living through two world wars: Maintaining international peace, protecting human rights, upholding international law and promoting sustainable development. 70 years later, these goals have not changed nor has the need for an intergovernmental organisation that deals with global crisis – quite the contrary. Current global challenges such as hunger, poverty and access to education require unprecedented international cooperation. Even though, the UN requires major reform to operate more effectively, I still believe that it is incredibly relevant and remains our best shot at a united world.

Awards:

SecMUN

Outstanding Delegate Award

BayernMUN

Outstanding Delegation Award

NMUN

Position Paper Award

Bernadette Galster



Economics and
American Studies

The United Nations are the biggest association with the goal of international peace and equality. FAUMUN can give students an inside view on past and current peacekeeping and humanitarian work, and highlight the importance of diplomacy and international relations. The project offers the possibility to bring students from completely different fields of study together. It can help them broaden their point of view and think outside the box. The possibilities I will gain – especially in later working life – are huge and cannot be compared to anything else. In addition, this project will help me enhance my rhetorical and negotiation skills and I hope it will prepare me for a later function in diplomacy.

Awards:

BayernMUN

Outstanding Delegation Award

NMUN

Position Paper Award

Committee: General Assembly Fifth Committee

Tina Brosi

The United Nations serve to fight the negative aspects of globalization such as growing inequality, poverty or pollution, which need to be faced by a strong community. From my point of view, the United Nations is the most powerful instrument of our generation to solve these problems peacefully by guaranteeing basic human rights and sustainable resource utilization. The UN has a huge influence on our everyday life and takes care of everyone. FAUMUN could raise the awareness of our global community and the importance of working in a common sense within a group of different ethnicities and religious beliefs. The open-minded and respectful teamwork is a benefit each delegate can contribute to the university.



German and
French Law

Awards: **BayernMUN** Position Paper Award
 NMUN Position Paper Award

Nina Gloger

The economics faculty is relatively small and far off from the rest of the university in Erlangen. Hence I am looking forward to meeting students from all faculties and all semesters, each with a unique view on issues depending on their studies. Moreover, I expect to improve my presentation and negotiation skills. I've always followed UN news very closely and dreamed of a career in that field. I hope that FAUMUN will give me a better understanding of what work at the UN or any similar organization is actually like. But regardless of my career choices, the skills learned will always be valuable. Aspirations and work aside, I am looking forward to an interesting and challenging semester exchanging ideas with new people.



Social Economics

Awards: **SecMUN** Position Paper Award
 BayernMUN Position Paper Award
 NMUN Position Paper Award

Committee: International Telecommunication Union

Lina Kaniewski



Political and
Social Studies

It is my goal in life to stand up for justice and peace and fight for human rights. To me, the United Nations is the embodiment of my beliefs and a symbol of hope for a better future. With its 193 member states it is not only the largest, but also the most influential guarantor for peace and justice in today's society. It changes and saves uncountable lives every day and over time it became my dream to work for and support the most successful intergovernmental organization in the world. I believe that FAUMUN is a once in a lifetime opportunity to gain the needed insight and skills to professionally address global issues that I personally feel strongly about, such as gender equality and women's rights. To me, FAUMUN is not only about getting to know the United Nations, it is mainly about getting to know yourself and your limits.

Awards:

BayernMUN Outstanding Delegation in Committee Award
Position Paper Award
NMUN Outstanding Delegation in Committee Award

Maximilian Studtrucker



Industrial
Engineering

The UN was created as the single institution to cope global issues not only by considering economically and politically powerful nations but by involving representatives from all over the world. The effort to ensure human rights unites all nations and simply cannot be accomplished by any single actor on its own. To me, especially when facing international conflicts and wars, the UN is the single most capable organization ensuring global peace and providing principles of diplomatic measures. Bringing together people from different countries with different skill sets, interests and social backgrounds in order to discuss issues is fundamental to any institution to evolve and progress. This very fact and the opportunity to directly apply learnings made in theory by engaging in the different events on an international level is what makes the FAUMUN program so unique. The distinguished learning environment enriches the FAU's educational portfolio and positively contributes to the university's outward appearance.

Awards:

BayernMUN Outstanding Delegation in Committee Award
Position Paper Award
NMUN Outstanding Delegation in Committee Award

Committee: World Health Organization

Alexandra Lang

For me, the United Nations symbolize a global organization fighting for world peace, human rights and against injustice; this is of great value to me as well and my perception of how the world should be. I think it is impressive how this connection across borders, cultures and religions has existed for over 70 years and has managed to resolve different problems by using the power of words and communication. In my opinion, the UN is an important part of the global community as well as international friendship and cooperation which is why I am very happy to be part of the FAUMUN program and to be able to experience the UN from a whole new perspective. Being part of this project can open many doors and encourage me to seize new opportunities.



International
Business Studies

Awards:	SecMUN	Position Paper Award
	BayernMUN	Position Paper Award
	NMUN	Position Paper Award

Janina Ludwig

For me personally, the UN is a sign that it is possible to overcome borders, may they be caused naturally or through religious or cultural beliefs, and work together as one to unite all nations. The United Nations are necessary to ensure we do not fall back into a nationalist system and to create a sense of unity. If we want to be able to tackle issues that threaten the world as a whole, we need to overcome our differences and offer help beyond our borders. We need to understand that a functioning global structure relies on the opportunities given to each and every human living on this planet. This is why I would like to experience first-hand what it is like to do diplomatic work. I hope to get a greater understanding of global politics and gain a skillset that will help me in the future.



Medicine

Awards:	BayernMUN	Position Paper Award
	NMUN	Position Paper Award

Committee: United Nations Environment Assembly

Jessica Sandler



Social Economics

The United Nations is one of the most important institutions in our globalized world, as its central mission is to maintain international peace and security. What I like most about the work of the UN is that it is trying to solve international problems by encouraging dialogue between nations. In a world with a lot of different cultures, values, languages and interests, a huge potential for conflict exists. A neutral institution, like the UN, helping to achieve common goals for a sustainable future is therefore essential to create a better world for everyone. FAUMUN is a unique opportunity to improve negotiation skills, learn how to deliver speeches and work efficiently in a team. All those qualifications are required in professional life and will be a huge advantage for the future career of FAU students.

Nick Dühr



Geography and
Economics (B.Ed.)

Since the foundation of the United Nations Organization in 1945 there have been remarkable achievements in the fields of peacekeeping, humanitarian development, international collaboration and the securing of human rights as well as the law of nations. Over the past decades, the UN has developed into an indispensable institution, which is granted an increasingly important role in solving the current and upcoming global issues. There is an increasing need to take action for the younger generations. Therefore, we need well educated experts in these specific subjects with knowledge and skills in political procedures. From the program I expect to improve my negotiation and communication skills to handle complex situations under pressure and to work on interesting problems of high concern in a dynamic group.

Committee: Commission on Narcotic Drugs

Konstantina Drosou

The United Nations is the most powerful institution worldwide to build a better world for everyone, everywhere. It is a global organization for global solutions, using diplomacy for preventing conflicts, protecting human rights, keeping and building peace and assisting people in need of help. Delegations of the whole world try to solve global issues and crises by joining their forces. FAUMUN gives the opportunity to highly motivated students of the FAU to expand their skills on diplomacy, international relations and negotiating. With my participation, I expect to gain an insight into real diplomacy and to have the chance to learn a lot from my interaction with the other motivated participants.



Business Studies

Awards: NMUN Outstanding Delegation in Committee Award

Felix Derleth

Uniting almost every country in the world, the United Nations are the most powerful instrument for international communication.

Regarding the fact that almost every person in the world is represented by delegates in this institution, I consider the UN the only possibility to confront global challenges. Whether we need to find unity concerning a climate policy to prevent the ongoing global warming or support countries facing the refugee crisis, the United Nations offer their outstanding competence. I personally admire the diversity of capabilities used for problem solving processes, ranging from peaceful mediation in conflicts, military intervention in wars, food supply in case of nutrition shortages or the international court of justice. Within the time of proceeding globalization, the United Nations will even gain significance and importance. I expect FAUMUN to complement my technical field of studies with a political and social sphere of activity. By obtaining fundamental knowledge in global policy, I want to understand the mutual influence between political decisions, social needs and technical development.



Chemical Engineering

Awards: NMUN Outstanding Delegation in Committee Award

Committee: Food and Agriculture Organization

Mona Enßlin



Cultural Geography
and Political Science

To me, the United Nations is a symbol of cooperation and understanding across cultures. Through this platform people with vastly different backgrounds and perspectives can come together to discuss the world's most pressing issues. By the promotion of human rights and development goals the UN sets global standards and fosters peace and justice around the world. Participating in FAUMUN, I want to learn more about current issues and see them from a completely different perspective than I would have done otherwise. I see FAUMUN as a platform for me to express my ideas, connect with like-minded people and discuss about the challenges we face in today's world. It is a unique opportunity to step out of my comfort zone and to strengthen the skills I will need in my future career.

Awards:

SecMUN

Outstanding Delegate Award Peer Award

BayernMUN

Outstanding Delegation in Committee Award

Outstanding Delegation Award

NMUN

Outstanding Delegation in Committee Award

Position Paper Award

Markus Schreiter



International Project
Management in
Systems Engineering

I value the United Nations for its claim to establish peace and equal rights globally. On the other hand, I would like to see improvements on fast unanimous decision-making processes and more commitment of all member states to ensure the law of nations. I applied to FAUMUN because this program offers me the chance to challenge myself in a new academic field. The project will shape characters, CVs and mindsets of students that will have an impact on their surrounding at the university and therefore change the academic life and culture. Due to my background, I have a solid knowledge of project management combined with both work and leadership experience. Therefore, I expect from myself to contribute to overall performance and outcome of the delegation with outstanding commitment and facilitation.

Awards:

BayernMUN

Outstanding Delegation in Committee Award

Outstanding Delegation Award

NMUN

Outstanding Delegation in Committee Award

Position Paper Award

Committee: International Organization for Migration

Luisa Weyers

By enabling students to participate in international conferences such as the Model United Nations in New York, the university provides us with the opportunity to meet young people from all around the world and to develop relationships that will have an impact on how we see the world. After the conference we will bring those experiences to the university and it will change the way how we learn and interact with other students and teaching staff. In my participation I see a chance to achieve skills that will be very helpful for my future career as a lawyer.



Law

Public speaking as well as negotiation skills are very important in legal everyday life. It is my goal to work for the Auswärtige Amt as a diplomat one day and this experience will hopefully give me some insights into the life and especially the work of a diplomat.

I also hope to meet many bright and like minded people and form relationships that will last for long, even after the project is over.

Paul Moritz Wegener

For me personally, the United Nations is a chance for the international community of nations. It is a place where all countries come together and where they can talk and collaborate for a peaceful world.

The hitch is to find a compromise which suits all. In my opinion, the project is impressive. Diplomacy is one of the fields of politics, in which I am really interested. Moreover, it helps me understand international politics in practice. Another point is the chance of improving my English and my abilities in negotiating.




Political Science and
Digital Humanities

The

Program



A background photograph of a student in a dark suit and white shirt sitting at a table. On the table is a clear plastic water bottle with an orange cap. The student is looking down, possibly at a document. The scene is indoors, likely a conference or meeting room.

FAUMUN is a unique program, providing its participants with insights and skills that go beyond the volume of a regular university course. The participants take part in different Model United Nations (MUN) conferences which aim to simulate the diplomatic work of various UN bodies. Through the program, students from different faculties are given the chance to experience an insight into the actual ongoing work of UN diplomats and are able to gain profound knowledge of UN procedures and the work of the various bodies.

FAUMUN is an ambitious and challenging program and much more than just the attendance of the single MUN conferences. The students are prepared through various trainings and expert lectures. Through the given possibility of attending both a professional speech and negotiation training, the students are prepared for the multiple tasks awaiting at the conferences such as presenting a country's position in a 1-minute speech in front of a bigger audience or debating and forging alliances in order to gain the majority for certain resolutions to be adopted. In expert lectures, the participants gain intercultural competences, learn how to negotiate professionally and improve their presentation skills. With the program's clear focus on such key qualifications, it is institutionalized at the ZiWiS, which aims at conveying key qualifications to students from all faculties of our university. Reflecting upon how to choose methods and apply strategies as well as planning complex work processes are some of the key qualifications needed in academia and professional life, and the participation in FAUMUN helps to evolve exactly these competences. Additionally, the participating students were provided with an introduction into international law and heard through first-hand experiences about the UN climate conferences and the ongoing work of an NGO. Furthermore, events as well as the visit of various political institutions in Berlin, including the meeting with diplomats, provide insights into the political and diplomatic work. Through the number of team events and travels, a very supportive atmosphere is created, and the participants grow together as a team as they continue to learn and further develop skills through debates and exercises. Since the participants come from different academic backgrounds with students studying courses such as medicine, industrial or chemical engineering or political science, a very interdisciplinary environment is created. With the final upcoming conference, NMUN in New York, the program ends in late March. Some participants take the opportunity and extend their stay in the USA and travel with new friends that they made through the program.

To sum up, the program provides a unique combination of imparted knowledge through expert lectures and specialized trainings and the opportunity to directly apply the learnings at the various conferences.

by Maximilian Studtrucker

Where the Journey begins... from Students to Delegates

the First Meeting

20th of October 2017: There we were: 20 students from all five faculties of the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg meeting in the chimney hall of the Villa St. Paul in Nuremberg. As different as we were, there was one thing that we all had in common: We were the delegation of the FAUMUN project in 2018. Well, we did not really know what that meant and what adventurous experience lay ahead of us, but that was exactly what we were here for. After being welcomed by Project Manager Priya George, Content Manager Caroline Dietrich and the Head Delegates Marina Bühler and Moritz Bergdolt (The FAUMUN team), we started our first day together with a brunch and small talk while trying to get to know our fellow delegates. During the brunch, the official pictures of the delegates were taken at the staircase of the Villa, which already provided a challenge for some of us. Finally, after some failed attempts and more retakes, all pictures were taken and we could advance in the schedule with the first big action point of the agenda.

Many of us might have expected the presentations or the position paper writing to be the most difficult part of the program. Well, we all underestimated the challenge of memorizing each other's names and getting a rough idea of who the others were at the very beginning. Luckily, the project managers and our head delegates prepared some games to ease the tension we all felt. We relaxed while playing the games and it

got easier to connect the faces with their names and some additional information. (Some of the name-adjective combinations we had to form such as "noteable Nick" or "precious Priya" really got stuck in my head – I am quite sure I will never forget those.)

Having had some pizza and sun for the lunchbreak, we started with the organizational part of the first meeting. The team managing the project introduced themselves, gave some opening words and provided us with an overview over the extensive schedule of the program. Apart from that, we got to learn about what "business attire" really means. The conferences

ask for a strict business dress code – hence, dressing correctly is of high importance for the first positive impression at any MUN conference. Last but not least we got to listen to the first presentations of our fellow delegates. We received some basic information about how the UN actually works and what the institution is all about. The delegates also received extensive feedback regarding their presentation skills and some starting points to improve on during the program.

The lesson is clear: Names, business attire, organization and presentation skills. There is a lot to learn – it may not be easy, but most likely worth the effort.



by Janina Beck

Delegation Day

by Janina Ludwig



Contrary to the first official meeting, which introduced the program, the Delegation Day gave the 20 students of the FAUMUN delegation the opportunity to go beyond the formal aspects of the project: it was all about forming a bond between the participants, because as a team you are stronger than as lone wolves. Business outfits were left at home and instead sneakers and jeans found their way to the venue to create a relaxed and fun starting point for everything that followed. We were promised a joyful but exhausting day of city tripping – and we were not disappointed.

Without wanting to give too much information away, think about your best childhood memories and a lovely game of snakes and you might just be able to grasp what this day had in store for us. There was definitely a lot of laughter and happy tears, so games are clearly the way to go in this aspect. Through this you were able to see a different side of your co-delegates, something only possible if you

swirl around the room pretending to be a helicopter. After lunch things got a little bit more competitive, maybe to prepare us for the upcoming conferences, which had the one or the other unpleasant surprise for us, apart from the overwhelmingly positive ones obviously. Nonetheless, in prospect of a price some of us showed their devious side, rules were bent and contacts used. But then again which delegate does not and you will learn soon that the best deals are cut over lunch. After running, solving riddles and negotiating with shop owners, our feet hurt but all of us ended up knowing their way around Erlangen and Nuremberg, more or less voluntarily. The grand finale took place in Nuremberg and the evening was spent at Five Diner, which was the perfect opportunity to indulge in conversations over a variety of tasty burgers and cocktails.

All in all, the delegation day was a fun day, which you would not want to miss, and helped us grow into the outstanding delegation that we aim to be. Not only were we able to further get to know our co-delegates, but also had the chance to get acquainted with the organization team, which made working together much easier.

Speech Training



new
speeches.

Each of us had to blindly draw one object from a bag and additionally one emotion. Within one minute the others had to guess which emotion the person speaking wanted to convey. Sometimes the guessing worked well, other times not at all.

After that we were able to work on our pronunciation skills on Al Pacino's "Inches" speech from the movie "Any given Sunday". We were not as good as Al Pacino but we still had a lot of fun with the exercise.

We all were reminded of English lessons in school when after that we had to analyse the stylistic devices that Obama used in his first inaugural speech. It turned out to be helpful though, because after that we had to prepare speeches of our own. These were the first real "MUN" speeches that most of us had held and therefore, it was helpful that we got a lot of feedback from our head delegates afterwards. We not only had to hold these first speeches once, but got a second chance to work on them again and improve them with the feedback.

All in all, the speech training was very helpful and after our conferences I feel comfortable saying that every one of us has learned a lot from the trainings and we all have improved a lot!

by Luisa Weyers

Twice during this year's FAUMUN program we had the opportunity to take part in speech training sessions in order to train our public speaking skills, gain first experiences in speaking in front of people and deliver spontaneous speeches. In these 16 hours we all learned a lot about what to do and what not to do when talking in front of a crowd.

The first session on the 4th of November was held by Mr Rieger, who is a professional speech trainer at the ZiWiS. We were asked to prepare one minute speeches which we had to deliver in the course of the day, every one of us getting extensive individual feedback with tips about what we could do better the next time and comments on what we already did well. The training was in German, which was helpful for the beginning. Most of the exercises were concerned with general aspects of speaking publicly and not focused on the content.

First of all, Mr Rieger made us all point out things that were important for public speaking. Most of us agreed that a clear voice, speaking loudly and clearly and using gestures in order to support the content, were very important. Some also mentioned that it was crucial to tell a coherent story, others considered it important to appear friendly and open in order to not seem arrogant. All in all, we came to the conclusion that there are many things to be considered when delivering a speech.

As Mr Rieger is an experienced actor, he had us work a lot with our bodies. One example for this was an exercise where we had to get together in pairs and mirror each other's movements without talking at all. Most fun was one exercise where everybody was walking around the room repeating one word. Each time you met somebody, both had to tell the other the word as convincingly as possible so that in the end one of the two people adopted the other's word. Aim was that the whole group adopted the same word, which worked only partly in the end. At this point we would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Rieger in the name of the entire project management team and delegation for providing us with useful insights and techniques we would apply throughout the program.

The second speech training session on the 10th of November was conducted by Priya, Caroline, Marina and Moritz. This time it was more UN related. We all had to wear business attire and in the end we all had to deliver speeches that were recorded. We started with sponta-

Rules of *Procedure*

The rules of procedure session was a lesson on the guiding rules that Model United Nations follow being the framework of the conferences. We were introduced to the rules of procedure via Power Point and little exercises. We wrote more notes than in any other session and could have finished an entire notebook. In the end, useful cheat sheets were created to summarize the content for the conferences that perfectly complemented this session.

Every committee session is opened by the Chair. For the exercises the FAUMUN team posed as Chair so we could put theory into practice. Their repetitive, but distinctive call for "Decorum" was well remembered by the delegation - in a literal sense it is a call for etiquette, decency and grace, in an NMUN context it is essentially calling the committee to put aside pen and paper and pay attention.

After the official opening of a committee session, the agenda is set. Lucky delegations are given the opportunity to convince their fellow delegates of their favorable topic order, before an order is accepted by vote. Then the actual debates on the topic on top of the agenda start, consisting of one-minute speeches that we already trained for in our interviews. For training purposes, the Chair asked: "Any delegation wishing to be set on the speaker's list?" as the actual Chair during a conference would. A few delegates had already quickly raised their placards and got to

improvise their first speeches. The speeches commenced, and anybody speaking 61 seconds or longer was dismissed with a firm "thank you delegate" as a symbol of strict decorum. It might appear strict, but it was excellent preparation. There is nothing worse than not being able to deliver the last carefully planned line of one's speech that was going to put the delegation on the map, just to find it swallowed by the same aloof "thank you delegate".

Similar meticulousness was applied when we practiced the voting procedure. Roll-call vote for roll-call vote, we got a sense of what the head delegates mean when they say that we are not going to make any friends asking for a vote by roll-call as it is quite time consuming especially in large committees when every delegation has to state one by one how they wish to vote. And so we proceeded to practice the regular voting procedure by show of placards. Everytime a delegate raised the placard too early or too late, the vote had to be retaken until all delegations voted simultaneously when asked. This too was a realistic preparation for the conferences where votes have to be retaken, sometimes frequently, because of lacking synchronicity. The last motion of any conference calls for adjournment of the meeting, essentially the end of every conference and this article.

by Nina Gloger

How to Write a Position Paper



Position papers are a critical part of the preparation of a delegate that require to structure the position of the represented Member State on the agenda topics. To introduce this specific form of writing, the FAUMUN delegation and the participants of the Model UN Seminar had a joint Position Paper Writing Session. By attending SecMUN as our first conference, we had to prepare two topics on the agenda. Both BayernMUN and NMUN included preparation for three topics. Using UN websites, country sources, domestic and international media, NGOs and other sources, the research regarding each topic consists of general information and facts related to the specific Member State. The two-paged position paper includes an introductory paragraph stating the topics on the agenda and the country's major support

for important UN actions. Per topic on the agenda, the position paper is divided into three paragraphs: Firstly, the paper affirms the country's position and its efforts on the national level. Secondly, the country's perspective and actions on the international level by citing e.g. resolutions is elaborated. Thirdly, the action plan in which the delegation recommends courses to effectively address the problem, is presented. This proposal should include specific solutions and their structure, organization and funding. While emphasizing the educational aspect of the conferences, SecMUN, BayernMUN and NMUN grant separate Position Paper Awards in recognition of outstanding pre-conference preparation.

by Tina Brosi

A FAUMUN *Comment*

FAUMUN, with its seminars and conferences, strives to establish a basis of knowledge in diplomacy for its participants in order to enable them to use their experiences in the professional and social life. As the understanding of processes and decisions within the United Nations and the modeled participation in diplomatic decision-making may be considered the core content of FAUMUN, one might expect that especially participants from corres-

Nations and related organizations, the necessity for a representation of various disciplines becomes unarguable. Decision-making within the United Nations organs is mostly based on reports and findings of specific committees or agencies including health related topics (e.g. WHO) or economics (e.g. World Bank). Concealed by more representative and commonly known organs such as the General Assembly or the Security Council, a clockwork-like mecha-

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ponding fields of studies are invited to share their expertise within this course. Far from it! Beside students that already have experience in politics, law or international relations, every year students from a broad field of disciplines are chosen to represent FAUMUN during conferences and to benefit from the extensive preparation. This year's delegation consists of a variety of courses of studies reaching from medicine, engineering or business studies to law, teaching, geography and political science. Hence the question rises, how students without pre-existing expertise about the United Nations can contribute and simultaneously profit from FAUMUN. Without a question, the soft skills developed in various trainings such as negotiation skills, eloquence or intercultural competences, are crucial in today's globalized professional life. But taking a closer look into the structure and functioning of the United

nism, driven by interdisciplinary expert boards, is responsible for information gathering, processing and evaluation in technical (e.g. United Nations Industrial Development Organization UNIDO) as well as in scientific fields (e.g. World Meteorological Organization). Hence, a participation of various disciplines as employees within the United Nations as well as delegates in Model United Nations conferences is not only welcome and promoted, but crucial for the success of international policy. With great success, the head delegates of this year's FAUMUN delegation found a way to match delegates and committees, respect fields of studies and personal wishes and to guarantee everyone's motivation and success while representing the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität and diving into the feeling of United Nations policy.

by Felix Derleth



The first conference to test what we have learned so far about Rules of Procedure and preparation on specific topics and countries had arrived: The MiniMUN. A conference held at the facilities of the FAU with the additional participation of LAUMUN students from the Laurentius Gymnasium Neuen-dettelsau. Our first lesson was: Decorum. The importance of being seated on time, having a tidy desk and stopping all conversations became obvious within the first minutes of our first formal session. The Dais, friendly but determined, reminded us how to behave adequa-

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tely and what things are to be avoided. We rapidly learned our second lesson: the Speakers List. Of course everyone wanted to be on it and was prepared to hold speeches, but it was also our first conference where we had to overcome the obstacle of nervousness and experienced the need of improvisation. This was also required for our third lesson: Rules of Procedure. Although we had already learned about this during one of our preparation lectures prior to MiniMUN, it was still completely different to realistically apply these rules



*Mini*MUN

in a conference. Luckily, it was not the first conference for all delegates and those who already had some experience led as a good example so that during the day everyone could get comfortable with the Rules of Procedure.

The fourth lesson was more difficult than it sounds: Raising a Placard. Every voting procedure was a new challenge to be exactly on time raising one's placard to vote for or against the discussed subject. And many votes had to be retaken until everyone was on point. On the one hand repetitive and annoying, this process made us aware of the importance to stay focused and be attentive to the Dais' announcements. After this day, we could definitely claim that we are the best prepared delegation, at

least for raising placards.

After 8 hours of debating on the topic "The situation in Myanmar", negotiating while trying to stay in character and working paper writing, where even one small word could change the whole meaning of a paragraph and your country's position on the issue, we were exhausted but also proud of our results. Although not all draft resolutions made it successfully through voting procedure, everyone could be satisfied with what we managed to achieve. It definitely was a great first impression of what a Model UN conference would look like on our way to New York.

by Katharina Krammer

Insights

On the 27th of November 2017, we had the chance to take part in a „Leadership-Check“ by the finance consulting group Forum Finanz with Insights MDI Trainer Angelika Breyer. This comprised of an online test which we had to complete one week prior to the session. The results were then presented to us in form of a very detailed 35-paged individual portfolio.

The first part of the session contained several interactive games. The first one involved flicking a ping-pong ball off the top of a bottle without knocking the bottle down or missing the ball. To our surprise, this resulted to be more challenging than initially expected. In the second game, we were sorted into groups with each participant having different information on a quest. The assignment involved solving the problem as fast and efficiently as possible, which required effective communication between the players. These two games showed us the different types and

aspects of communication within our group as well as the importance of determination. In the second part, Angelika Breyer explained to us how the test worked and how the results have to be interpreted. The test determines which communication type a person is, allowing for conclusions on their interaction with others. The INSIGHTS MDI® Talent „Leadership-Check“ gave us the chance to learn more about ourselves, our personalities, and our perception by others. With this, we firstly got the opportunity to enhance our cooperation with our committee partner and our co-delegates at the upcoming conferences and secondly, the results may even help us in everyday situations and later in the work life. To sum it up, the session with Forum Finanz was an insightful experience, which taught us a lot about ourselves and about different ways of communication.



Angelika Breyer has experience as a trainer in a variety of fields. She has been a supporter of the FAU-MUN 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 a 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.

by Bernadette Galster

Expert Lectures

Articles by Konstantina Drosou,
Marina Bühler and Markus Schreiter

International Law

During the first Expert Lecture we had the opportunity to extend our knowledge in Public International Law with Prof. Krajewski at the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg. The Public International Law in bilateral relations is determined by international treaties and in part overseen by international organizations. First, Prof. Krajewski informed us that international treaties are formally binding agreements between two or more states or between states and international treaties. He also clarified that a treaty is only binding on parties which have ratified the treaty. That means that a signature may not be enough, it is only a declaration. So after entering into force, the treaty may require a certain number of ratifications.

In addition, we received information about the different characteristics of treaties, so that we can recognize the existence of a treaty. The characteristics of treaties consist of content such as a

deadline, binding clauses, languages, and also signatures and title. The expert lecture helped us better understand the treaties and the work of international organizations like the UN.



Prof. Dr. Markus Krajewski

is Professor at the Friedrich-Alexander-University and holds the Chair for Common and International Law since winter term 2010/11. Professor Krajewski consults international organizations and NGOs when it comes to European and International Economic Law. His research focuses are International Economic Law, International Protection of Human Rights Law, European External Relations Law and the European Law of Public Services.

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Thailand and Southeast Asia

Another expert lecture about Thailand was given by Prof. Dr. Loewen, a Professor of the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg on Southeast Asian countries. It was a very informative session, where we learnt facts about the foreign policy of Thailand and the relations to global players like the US and China. Thailand, the country represented by our delegation at NMUN, generally follows the principle of hedging. That means that the country ensures security policy and economic relations between China and the US at the same time.

Furthermore, Thailand demonstrates a close security alliance with the US and also a strong cooperation with the ASEAN countries due to the fact that the country is one of the most important members of the regional group. Furthermore, the partnership with China is notable as the two states cooperate in military exercises and hold security dialogues. In the context of international relations, Prof. Dr. Howard Loewen explained to

us the principles of balancing and bandwagoning. Balancing is a concept for countries that strive for survival and security and desire primarily to develop and implement military capabilities in order to restrict potential threats built by powerful states.



Prof. Dr. Howard Loewen

is visiting full professor of Political Science at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg and senior research fellow at the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg. His research focuses on the international relations of East

Asia, with specific interests in regional trade, finance and security, regional institutions (ASEAN, ARF, ASEAN+3, East Asia Summit), interregionalism (EU-East Asia, USA-East Asia) as well as change and continuity in political systems such as the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

Workshop: Environment and Sustainability in the UN

On November 19th, the FAUMUN delegation met for another workshop in Nuremberg to get further insights into the work of as well as the progress made by the United Nations related to environmental issues and sustainability. Therefore, the delegates were invited to a local vegan restaurant – called Veganel – and were introduced to Mr Kiesel, who gave the presentation. He first presented basic facts about climate change and UN environmental efforts, particularly stressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), before continuing with a detailed description of his own experience at the conferences. He explained what his work as a youth delegate for NGOs at these conferences looked like and how his delegation could impact the results. Mr Kiesel was open to even tough questions brought in by the FAUMUN delegates and was more than happy to constructively discuss about the role of politics for climate change

and counter measures as well as the options for young people to effectively engage in climate protection.

The relaxing atmosphere and exciting dialogue between speaker and auditorium continued after the presentation while everyone was enjoying tasty and healthy food.



Tilman Kiesel successfully completed his master studies in "Climate and Environmental Sciences" last year. He has been actively supporting international environment and climate protection for multiple years. In this context, he participated at various international UN climate change

conferences (incl. Paris, Marrakech, and Bonn) as a youth delegate for NGOs.

EDUCATION STARTS WITH CURIOSITY

The United Nations Society Nuremberg e.V. aims to help young people to turn this curiosity into knowledge and commitment. UNSN e.V. is a non-profit organization, based in Nuremberg, which is dedicated to the idea of understanding between the peoples, to tolerance in all spheres of culture and to promoting an international mindset. Our goal is to arouse interest for and awareness of international political processes, discussions and decisions. The more educated future generations are, the more competent decisions can be made for all of us.

Our highly motivated members ensure a growing network and an increasing number of offers in terms of seminars, study trips and international conferences. These offers aim at fulfilling our main principles by bringing young people into contact with world politics and political education.

Among our most popular offers are the study trips to the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin and the UN Peacekeeping Course by the Command and Staff College of the German Armed Forces in Hamburg. Furthermore, UNSN e.V. organizes fascinating panel discussions and expert lectures on various politically relevant topics.

Of course, all of our efforts pass on knowledge, but they also aim to improve a wide range of soft skills such as public speaking, leadership skills, intercultural competences, teambuilding, time management and self-confidence. Skills such as these are not only helpful in everyday life, but also qualify for a variety of jobs.

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Negotiation

Training

Oliver Paulick was part of the FAUMUN delegation of 2010/2011, the first to receive the Outstanding Delegation award at NMUN. He became Head Delegate for the following year's group and later took responsibility as Lead Project Manager for FAUMUN from 2012 until 2015. He was also Director-General of BayernMUN from 2011 until 2016 and has been a member of the UNSN board since its formation in 2012. He continues to actively support both FAUMUN and BayernMUN. Oliver holds an M.A. in Political Science, Middle Eastern Studies and Economics, and has been a Junior Trainer for the negotiation expert network Verhandlungperformance Consulting since 2016.



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Bild: Alexander Hoeppe



Alexander Hoeppe studied history, political science and philosophy until 2013 and recently finished his PhD thesis. In 2009, he became a member of FAUMUN's second delegation and chose to further support the project as a Head Delegate in 2010 and as the project's manager until 2016. As a founding member he served the United Nations Society Nuremberg e. V. as Vice-Chairman until 2016. Since getting certified by Andreas Winheller as a negotiation trainer in 2016, he has been providing trainings for companies as well as non-profit organizations and gave lectures on the subject at the FAU. He has been working as account manager in an SAP consulting start-up since finishing his thesis in August 2017. He continues to support FAUMUN as consultant and negotiation trainer.

On the 10th of February 2018, two weeks before the BayernMUN conference, the anticipated Negotiation Training took place in Erlangen. The delegation had the great opportunity to learn from and talk to the negotiation experts Alexander Hoeppe and Oliver Paulick from Verhandlungperformance Consulting. The Negotiation Training made us feel like professional representatives with a defined mandate during the group exercises. This was a helpful preparation for becoming a Model UN Diplomat who also has to represent not his but the country's opinion.

After a brief introduction round, the group collectively stated its expectations of the training and shared its experiences from former negotiations. We then started with our first exercise, a two-party roleplay that each consisted of a seller and a buyer position. Due to the different circumstances and expectations of each party, the aim of the exercise was to identify the character and intentions of your negotiation partner and to try to achieve the best result possible for you while at the same time making an attractive offer for your partner.

Afterwards, the experts taught us about different negotiation tactics and types, the importance of the fairness aspect during a negotiation as well as the so-called BATNA Principle. BATNA stands for 'the Best Alternative To a Negotiated Agreement' and serves as the driving force behind any successful negotiator.

Our second exercise was a negotiation that consisted of three people. Having the same information as everyone else, you were challenged to use the BATNA principle in order to bargain the best deal for your own position, even though everyone else knows whether you had a dominant or more inferior position in the negotiation.

Our third and last (and most challenging) task was a group negotiation. Provided with a point-scale, each individual was aiming to receive as many points as possible for him- or herself while still behaving in a respectful and diplomatic way towards our negotiation partners.

As the group acquired soft skills that are substantial in diplomatic negotiations and due to the great combination of theory and practice during the training, I am confident to say it was a very successful and fun day for everyone.

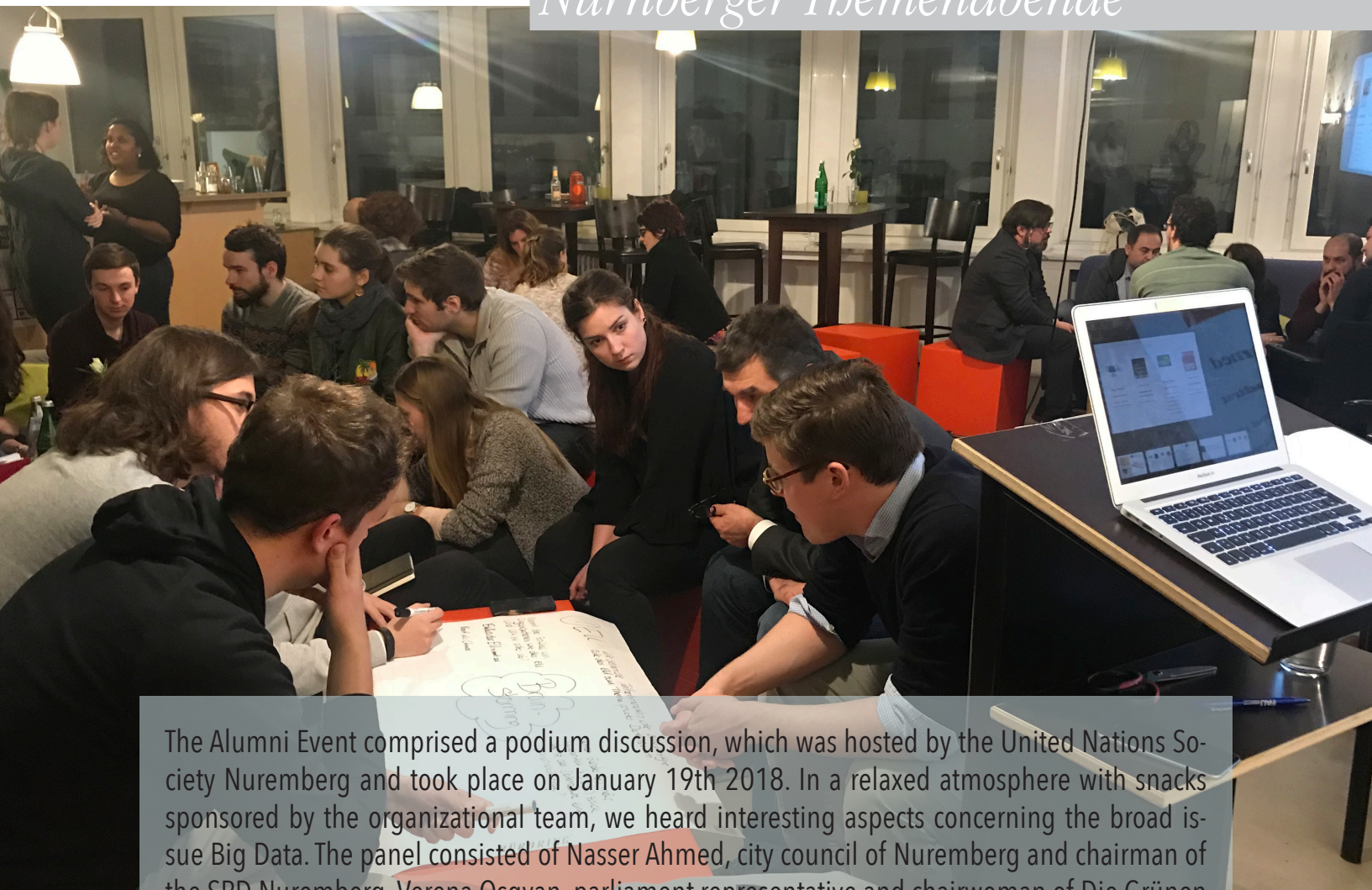
by Lina Kaniewski



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Nürnberg Themenabende



The Alumni Event comprised a podium discussion, which was hosted by the United Nations Society Nuremberg and took place on January 19th 2018. In a relaxed atmosphere with snacks sponsored by the organizational team, we heard interesting aspects concerning the broad issue Big Data. The panel consisted of Nasser Ahmed, city council of Nuremberg and chairman of the SPD Nuremberg, Verena Osgyan, parliament representative and chairwoman of Die Grünen Nuremberg, Jürgen Gmelch responsible for Accounting, Finance and the Press of the EU Commission as well as Oliver Rack, member of the AK Open Government Partnership / Open Data Rhein-Neckar. In the beginning, the four speakers informed the audience about their opinions on Big Data and how it changes people's behavior. This was followed by a discussion between the different parties in regards of chances and opportunities due to this phenomenon on the one hand, but also limitations and dangers on the other. Interesting questions such as the potential of school subjects on web-presence and handling modern technologies or legal frameworks and necessary consequences when it comes to data collection by social networks were posed by the audience and heatedly debated. In addition, the new coalition program between the parties SPD and CDU/CSU respecting Big Data was critically scrutinized by the listeners. After the formal part of the theme evening, the audience was able to work together in groups with the panelists and discuss certain topics in more detail. At the end of the session, each team presented its results and possible solution approaches. All in all, it was a very interesting evening, especially at the level of shaping thoughts and growing awareness.

by Alexandra Lang

Voices from the other Side

Having heard a lot about how the delegates experienced the FAUMUN project, it is now time for our wonderful Head Delegates to be able to share their thoughts.

Marina Bühler is doing her master's in management and is a working student at Siemens Healthineers. In her time off, she loves rehearsing for musicals with the musical group "Hero City Rollers", meeting friends and travelling.

Moritz Bergdolt who is studying human geography always had a strong interest in the world and subsequently in the people governing it. As a geographer, of whom many are described as do-gooder, he also has the strong desire to not just analyse injustice but to do something about it.

What inspires you?

Marina

I am particularly inspired to create a planet 50-50 with equal rights and opportunities for all genders, and the UN is a fundamental institution to campaign for this cause. FAUMUN is a great opportunity to better understand how the UN can induce such change around the world.

Moritz

Seeing how people evolve and improve was the most inspiring experience to me. Combined with knowing that I had a minor impact on that and that the delegates can use the acquired skills throughout their entire life, fills me with pride and inspired me to always give my best in assisting the delegates.

Why did you decide to become a head delegate?

Marina

The FAUMUN project was one of the most exciting experiences for me as a delegate in 2017. I was eager to "look behind the scenes" and to create the framework for this year's delegates to enjoy the project as much as I did. It was the best decision and I would absolutely do it again.

Moritz

Adding on to Marina's last point, I also wanted to improve the skills that I acquired during my participation. Looking back at my own development but especially that of the delegates, I could not have dreamed to accomplish more.

What did you enjoy most during your time as FAUMUN Head Delegate?

Marina

Getting to know this fantastic and motivated delegation and seeing how every individual contributes to the success of the project in their own way. It was great to organize this year's program with my fellow project managers and to see how much hard work goes into the project. It is extremely rewarding to watch our delegates grow and reach the goals they set for themselves at the beginning of the project year.

Moritz

As a Head Delegate, what I enjoyed most has been seeing a delegation consisting of 20 complete strangers grow together as a team and assisting in this process. On top of that, seeing the individuals develop over the course of the seminar is a highly interesting and rewarding experience.

Have you acquired any new skills?

Marina

Yes, definitely! With tasks ranging from organizing a year-long project in a team to teaching the content of the project, chairing at conferences as well as guiding and helping the delegation, you automatically acquire and improve diverse skills.

Moritz

Especially learning, and still learning, how to communicate with different kinds of personalities and how to work effectively within an organisation team have been the biggest new skills that I acquired.



*Interview by
Janina Ludwig*

The

Conferences



SECURITY

Model United Nations

in Munich

It was still dark when we set off to our first official Model UN conference: SecMUN at the University of the German Bundeswehr. Most of us spent the 2-hour drive either working on speeches, reading through the Position Papers one last time or talking about our expectations. We were all familiar with the procedures of a MUN conference and had delivered many speeches during our MiniMUN, but no one knew how experienced the other students were and whether we were prepared enough. After the passport control, we entered the Bundeswehr compound and were just on time for the keynote address by Dr. Gesa von Geyr, the Head of the Political Division at the Ministry of Defense. He talked briefly about challenges of German security and foreign policy and then focused on the role of European cooperation to meet these challenges. The keynote was followed by the opening ceremony and the moment we were all waiting for: The Security Council

(SC), the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) and the Human Rights Council (HRC) were in session!

During the first formal session, everyone had to deliver at least one speech, presenting their favored topic order which we then voted on. With the agenda set, our next speeches focused on promoting our plans to possible allies and setting the foundation for future coalitions. It was quite obvious that most of us were still very cautious in order to not alienate other delegations or make ourselves vulnerable. However, this caution turned out to be only the calm before the storm. The day concluded with a get-together at the bar of the university after our obligatory FAU-MUN debriefing, where we reflected on our performance and received feedback.

(Hardly) well-rested, we started our session on the second and longest day of the conference. The Security Council debated about measures to combat terrorism in Africa. Ever-

Everything went smoothly and everyone worked towards consensus until the discussion turned towards sexual violence linked to peacekeeping troops. This incident led to a diplomatic crisis between delegations which started to attack each other in speeches and did not find common ground again until the end of the conference. The session of the Human Rights Council followed a similar course. Discussing the human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar, one working group formed around Bangladesh with predominantly Western countries and the other group represented the Global

already voted on their first draft resolutions on increasing international collaboration to combat international organized crime and moved on to the next topic about reconciliation in post-conflict countries. The proceedings were only disrupted by minor conflicts, mostly between Pakistan and the rest. After an exhausting day, the committees headed to the city center of Munich for dinner and more. After a long day, it was the perfect occasion to set the committee matters aside and to get to know the other students even better. (Definitely not) well-rested, all committees returned for the final day.

These three days were an incredibly demanding and at the same time rewarding challenge.

South. At first, both groups worked on different ideas but not necessarily different positions. Only concerning the funding the groups were not able to find consensus. The working paper writing turned into a competition and by the end of the day it was hard to tell whether the groups would be able to work together again or would try to sabotage each others papers. The Peacebuilding Commission chose a different approach. They seemed to have missed that a committee usually discusses only one topic during a MUN conference in detail. By the time lunch was over, they had

Both the Security Council and the Human Rights Council prepared for and held their first voting procedure. Whereas in the SC the outcome was heavily influenced by amendments and the veto rights of the Big Five, the smaller group in the HRC had to merge with the group that had the majority to avert defeat. The PBC managed to finish their working papers on time and voted for a second time which is unprecedented at SecMUN. The conference was a wonderful experience that ended with the closing ceremony where some of us received awards for their hard work.

These three days were an incredibly demanding and at the same time rewarding challenge. We delivered many speeches, some of them completely unprepared, we learned a lot from the Bundeswehr students who turned out to be excellent speakers and we grew even closer together as a delegation. Although the conference was very exhausting, we were still extremely motivated and already looking forward to our next conference, BayernMUN, on our way home.

by Elias Ruf



BayernMUN

2018



by Paul Wegener

On Friday, the 23rd of February 2018, it was time again: The annual BayernMUN conference took place. For many people for the first time, but there were also some who had already experienced BayernMUN before. Until 12:00 pm it was possible to check in at the Cinecitta cinema for hotel accommodation, as well as receive name badges and a small supply bag. A short time later, also the placards could be received. In addition, the organizers gave the participating delegates the opportunity to refresh the rules for the conference in a lecture on the „Rules of Procedure“. Afterwards, you had some time to get to know the other participants. This year's conference took place in the centre of Nuremberg, in the marble hall of the Nuremberg Press Club.

After the opening ceremony with some interesting speeches on the part of the event management, the United Nations Society Nuremberg (UNSN e.V.), the Diaconia Neuendettelsau and Ms. Claussen from the Memorium Nuremberg Trials were scheduled for 2 pm, the hall quickly filled to the last place. Subsequently, the members of the „Chair“ were introduced for the next three days of the conference. The Bayern Model United Nations Conference 2018 was officially opened by the hammer blow of the „Chair Director“.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Chair read out the names of the registered nations in a „roll call“ and the delegations mentioned

spoke of their presence with the words „present“ or „present and voting“. Afterwards, the Secretary determined the quorum of the conference which would clarify how many votes would be needed for a simple or two-thirds majority. Next, the Director read out the provisional agenda for the conference which could now be discussed and rearranged by delegations. The topics for the conference were: „Ensuring Access to Clean and Safe Water“, „Ensuring Women's and Men's Equal Participation in Democratic Governance and Peacebuilding“ and „Achieving the SDGs through STI and Data-Driven Decision-Making“. In one-minute speeches, delegates were given the opportunity to convince the plenary of their proposal for the agenda-setting. After a large number of speeches was heard, the provisional agenda was officially recognised as set and elected by a majority in a vote by holding up the placards. In the next few hours, in speeches and discussions during the „informal sessions“, i. e. short interruptions to the session, it was important to present one's own position on the chosen first topic (Ensuring Access to Clean and Safe Water), to strengthen it and to find allies among delegates of the other nations. The first day of the conference was quickly drawing to a close. Already on the first day, several groups assembled and worked together on different approaches to solve the issue in the best way possible. The busy hours were interrupted by „formal sessions“ in which the delegates in speeches tried to convince others of their proposed solutions and group work or votes on the length of spe-



eches as well as breaks for lunch or dinner and a joint evening programme on Saturday with the „Delegates Dance“ in the lounge of the Cinecitta cinema. The intensive negotiations led to seven successfully passed resolutions in the final vote on Sunday. In the closing ceremony, the participants were presented the "Position Paper

Award", the "Chair Award" of the conference management and the "Peer Award", which is chosen by the participants. All in all, it was a very interesting weekend to get to know and experience the work of the United Nations first hand by stepping into the role of a delegate.



Trip to

by Julian Werner



Berlin

With great anticipation we traveled to a week of excitement and interesting seminars in Berlin. For some of us, it was a great opportunity to gain insight into a future career path, for some others, it was a mix of special insights, especially gained by lectures on volatile, dynamic, and complex security policies, but for all of us, it was definitely a highlight of the year.

Starting on the first day, we all arrived at the hotel, dressed up in full formal business attire and ready for our first peek inside the Federal Foreign Office. The modern building with a courtyard impressed us a lot, and we were designated a room where we would go on and hear many interesting speeches in the following days.

The experts on our delegated country – Thailand – gave us detailed information on how to act in character when representing Thailand in various committees in New York at NMUN. It was especially interesting that Thailand has a very peculiar and unique way to act in the global cluster of powers, called “bamboo in the wind” by some. From the outside, Thailand appears to align with the superpower in charge. For instance – the USA in the past and present, although with the ever-growing Chinese influence in the region and worldwide, some already interpret a drift

towards the Chinese sphere of influence. Thailand itself calls its foreign policy the policy of "equidistance", which shall indicate a level of neutrality and equal distance, hence the name, toward the influential powers in the world.

However spun, Thailand has been very successful in reaching their policy goal, which is a level of independence and self-centeredness that has been impressively depicted by the fact that Thailand was never colonized.

Additionally, we learned a lot about the work of the German foreign service, both bilaterally and on the level of the UN. Active and former diplomats presented both their jobs and work, and it was an amazing experience for us to be able to ask so many questions on a rather personal level. Most outstanding in that matter, for most of us, was the meeting with former ambassador Dr. von Wagner, who has had an incredible career. His stories about the Soviet KGB or the Chemical Weapons Convention, which he chaired, but also stories about the personal life of a diplomat, like how his family handled the constant change of location, were an opportunity for us to see more than just one side of the job.

The day concluded with a stimulating presentation and discussion about German foreign and security policy, with one of the leading experts in the field, General Staff Lieutenant Colonel Martin Lammert, who as one of the authors of Germany's white paper on the future of the German armed forces, gave us a very honest and detailed look into German interests and projects abroad.

The next day, our delegation visited the Federal Ministry of Defense. In the visitors center, Major Scharnhorst gave us a very hospitable welcome and gave us some insight in the challenges and changes inside the army. Afterwards, we visited the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. Inside, we got an overview of different projects the ministry is engaged in. Finally, on our last day, we gave each other feedback and support for the upcoming conference and evaluated the project so far, and the seminar in Berlin in particular.

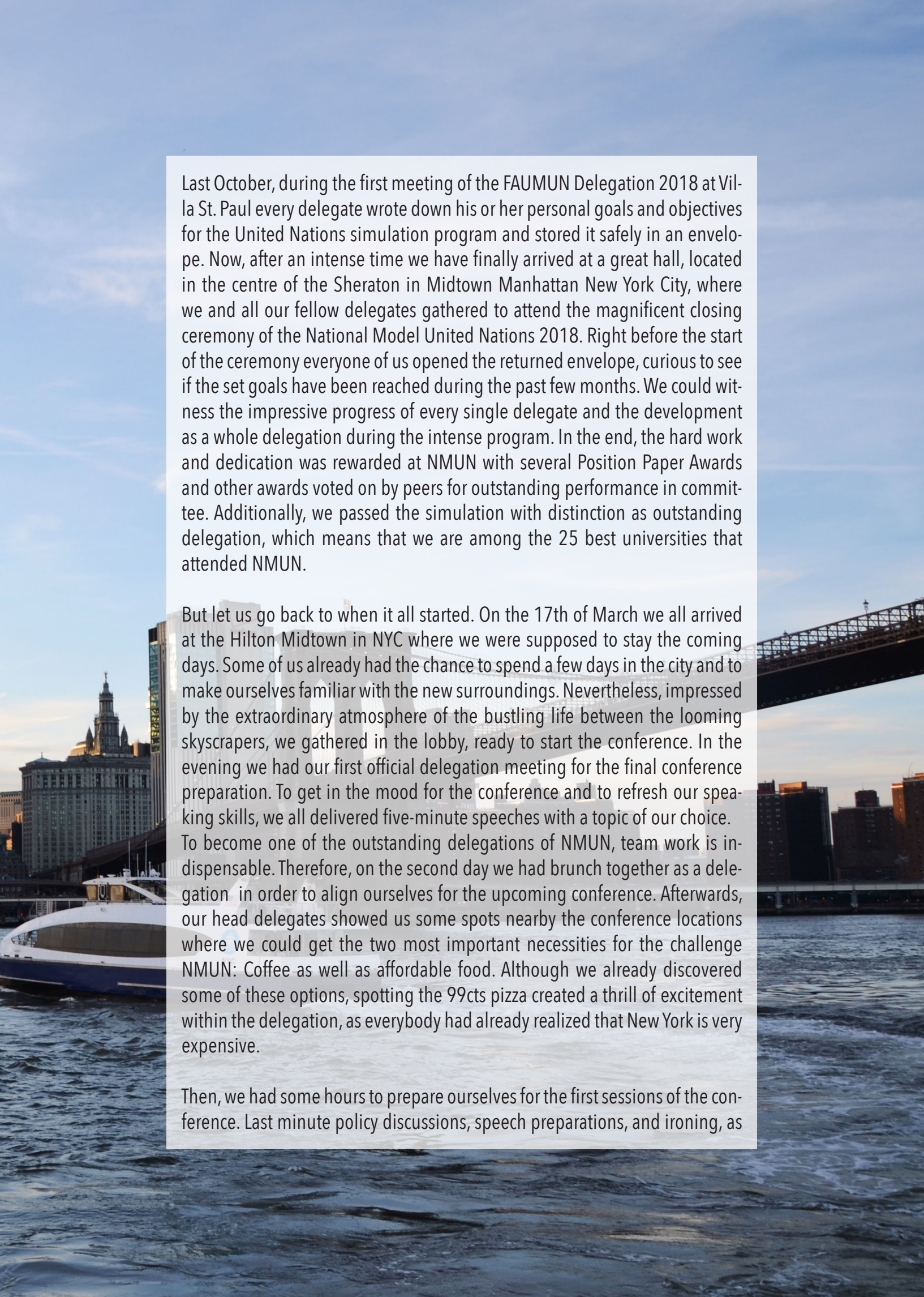
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NMUN

New York





Last October, during the first meeting of the FAUMUN Delegation 2018 at Villa St. Paul every delegate wrote down his or her personal goals and objectives for the United Nations simulation program and stored it safely in an envelope. Now, after an intense time we have finally arrived at a great hall, located in the centre of the Sheraton in Midtown Manhattan New York City, where we and all our fellow delegates gathered to attend the magnificent closing ceremony of the National Model United Nations 2018. Right before the start of the ceremony everyone of us opened the returned envelope, curious to see if the set goals have been reached during the past few months. We could witness the impressive progress of every single delegate and the development as a whole delegation during the intense program. In the end, the hard work and dedication was rewarded at NMUN with several Position Paper Awards and other awards voted on by peers for outstanding performance in committee. Additionally, we passed the simulation with distinction as outstanding delegation, which means that we are among the 25 best universities that attended NMUN.

But let us go back to when it all started. On the 17th of March we all arrived at the Hilton Midtown in NYC where we were supposed to stay the coming days. Some of us already had the chance to spend a few days in the city and to make ourselves familiar with the new surroundings. Nevertheless, impressed by the extraordinary atmosphere of the bustling life between the looming skyscrapers, we gathered in the lobby, ready to start the conference. In the evening we had our first official delegation meeting for the final conference preparation. To get in the mood for the conference and to refresh our speaking skills, we all delivered five-minute speeches with a topic of our choice. To become one of the outstanding delegations of NMUN, team work is indispensable. Therefore, on the second day we had brunch together as a delegation in order to align ourselves for the upcoming conference. Afterwards, our head delegates showed us some spots nearby the conference locations where we could get the two most important necessities for the challenge NMUN: Coffee as well as affordable food. Although we already discovered some of these options, spotting the 99cts pizza created a thrill of excitement within the delegation, as everybody had already realized that New York is very expensive.

Then, we had some hours to prepare ourselves for the first sessions of the conference. Last minute policy discussions, speech preparations, and ironing, as

we wanted to present the Kingdom of Thailand as professionally as possible and make a good impression within our committees. Finally, the time had come. The official start of NMUN 2018. We, 20 students with different backgrounds from the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität started to represent the Kingdom of Thailand in 10 different committees - the moment we had been preparing ourselves for since October.

First goal: Get a good spot to sit, where it is more likely that the chair chooses you when you raise your placard to bring up a motion. Mission accomplished. Luckily, many of us were already chosen to speak in front of the committee within that first session. Furthermore, the agenda was set, working groups were founded, business cards were exchanged - the foundation for the upcoming conference days was laid.

Eventually, to make the most of this experience, we met as a delegation every evening after the conference had ended, where we discussed our experiences during NMUN and suggested policies for the next day to each other.

One of the most interesting experiences during NMUN has been visiting the Permanent Mission to the United Nations of the Kingdom of Thailand on our third day as a delegation in New York. This made it possible for us to ask questions regarding the topics discussed in the committees and gave insights into Thai foreign policy. By that, our representation of the position of Thailand was further improved, as we could check if the action plans we have elaborated during our research actually correspond with its position.

Next highlight after that: The opening ceremony of NMUN 2018, which was held in the United Nations General Assembly Hall. One thing is to study the UN and prepare yourself for a Model United Nations conference - the other thing is to actually be where UN discussions as well as voting procedures take place. The perfect location to feel the UN vibe and get motivated to be successful at NMUN!

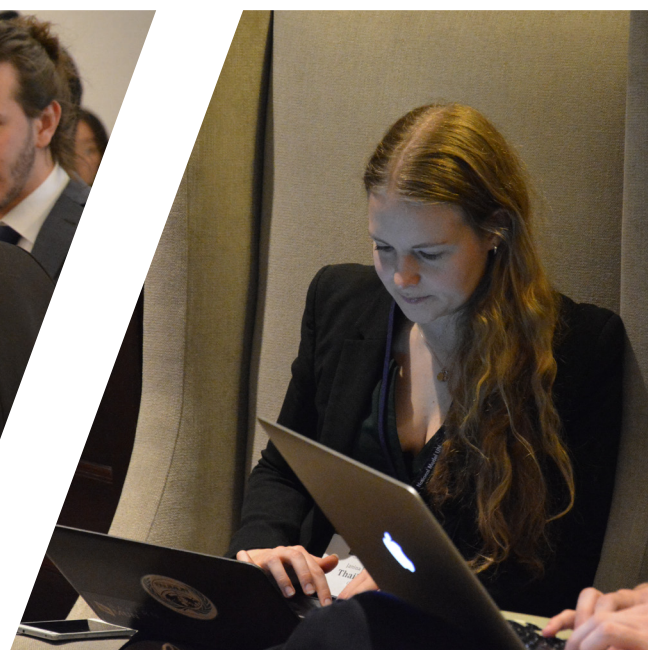
This motivation helped us to face the rest of the day, where we had MUN sessions until late in the evening: we continued founding working groups, built coalitions and started elaborating solutions on the topics chosen during the previous agenda setting.

Terrible Tuesday as called by participants of past NMUN conferences was not as hard as we thought it would be. Although we had sessions for many hours, we were very productive, merging working groups, submitting draft resolutions and voting for these drafts. Unfortunately, due to a snowstorm we were not able to visit the Permanent Mission of Germany as originally planned.

After these exhausting and interesting days, we finally reached the end of the conference and attended the closing ceremony at the Sheraton. To celebrate our success and to share the final hours of the program with the people we got to know so well during the last months, we went to Brooklyn for sightseeing and an excellent Thai dinner. During our way back to the delegates dance, the program officially ended in the amazing ambience of the Brooklyn Bridge.

by Raffael Barth and Nick Dühr





FAUMUN – A Reflection

by Jessica Sandler

How did I apply?

When I first heard of the FAUMUN seminar, I was fascinated by this unique opportunity and immediately convinced that I wanted to participate. Therefore, I looked through the website of FAUMUN, read last year's report, did some research on the United Nations and started to write a motivational letter. A few weeks after my application I got an invitation to an interview. In the beginning I was a little bit concerned, because I had no MUN experience at all but with a lot of motivation, good English skills and a special interest in the United Nations and their work this shouldn't be a problem. Finally, I managed to convince the organizational team during the interview and after a while I received a confirmation email which made me smile for the rest of the day!

How did I manage FAUMUN and university at the same time?

During the semester we had a meeting every Monday evening from 6pm until 9pm. As I lived in Nuremberg I needed about two hours or even longer to get there and back. During these sessions we learned a lot of important things about the MUN conferences, for example the rules of procedure and position paper writing. Furthermore, our organizational team invited some experts to give us more specific information about topics such as Thailand or the environment. Additionally, we had a few meetings on weekends for speech and negotiation training, as well as the Mini-MUN. And of course, SecMUN and BayernMUN each occupied three days, not to forget NMUN which lasted a week. Having all those meetings while writing my position papers at the same time, wasn't always easy to handle next to my bachelor thesis, two language courses, some other smaller projects and my private life but with good time management it is definitely possible! Of course, a lot of motivation and huge interest, in my case in sustainable development, are necessary, because this seminar means additional work.

Is all the extra work worth it?

Absolutely! I never regretted my decision to be part of this year's delegation and all the efforts put into this seminar were paid back by an enormous amount of constructive feedback, self-reflection and progress in speech holding, negotiating, group work, vocabulary and much more. Furthermore, the seminar doesn't mean hard work only but goes hand in hand with meeting a lot of very interesting students from all kind of fields and every part of the world. I had so many good conversations during this time, the topics discussed during the conferences were always of utmost importance and our delegation grew together into an amazing team. For this reason, we also met a few times to go out for dinner or a drink or cooked together (of course Asian food only). During the conferences, a lot of coffee and cookies were consumed during breaks and after a long day of conference, our achievements were celebrated by one or two... beers! And last but not least: we had an unforgettable time in New York! To sum it up, yes, this seminar means a lot of work but also a lot of fun and is definitely worth all the effort.

What did I personally take from this seminar?

There are so many things that I have learned. First of all, it was extremely interesting to see how we all grew together as a team during this short period of time. For me personally, I would say that I definitely learned a lot about myself and my outer appearance. Having speech and negotiation trainings, but especially through constructive feedback from our delegation I got to know my weaknesses better and where there is still room for improvement. Moreover, the conferences are comparable to a huge playground for students and young adults. Of course, the simulations are similar to the real United Nations meetings and there are many rules that have to be adhered to during the sessions, but they also provide room for failure and are therefore the perfect possibility to try out some new things without risking anything. For example, we were able to hold a speech without any notes in front of many other participants or try to adopt several roles during the informal sessions such as the mediator, leader, etc.

What can I take from FAUMUN for my future?

As I mentioned above, I now know so much more about myself. It doesn't mean that I already improved in every single aspect but knowing where I have to improve in the future helps a lot to do so. Further, there were several moments in which I had to leave my comfort zone and often I had to cover up my nervousness. I think there will be many more moments in life where this experience will be helpful! And of course, I will take lots of new friendships and good memories with me.

Whom would I recommend this seminar?

The seminar is a unique opportunity for students from all fields, not only students of political science or law and you don't need to look for a career in a diplomatic field. Anyone who is interested in the United Nations and their inner working as well as sustainable development, is able to participate successfully. What you really need is a huge portion of motivation, the will to work towards solutions and good time management.

Did FAUMUN influence my following studies/ career plans?

As I was previously interested in development economics/ studies and international cooperation before the seminar, FAUMUN did not change my plans but clearly fostered them. Through the seminar I was able to see how the United Nations Organization works and what international cooperation actually means. In comparison to university I did not only learn that by heart but experienced it myself.

My absolute highlight during the seminar?

New York and visiting the General Assembly. This was one of my key motivations for this seminar, as I am really interested in the UN. Further, FAUMUN was a great chance to combine work and a trip to the United States and Canada! Besides, it was amazing to challenge myself (which was the case each time I had to speak in front of many people) and to experience the process of feeling more and more comfortable with each conference.



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