

Model United Nations FAUMUN Delegation 2023 Annual report



Distinguished reader,

It is our honor to present to you the FAUMUN 2023 annual report of the Model United Nations (MUN) project at the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg. At FAUMUN, we strive to provide students with meaningful opportunities to engage in fruitful dialogue and debate. We send our Delegation to various MUN conferences both in Germany and worldwide to create an environment of learning and growth for everyone. FAUMUN is not only a university course, but an experience that may change not only your perspective on international matters but also your understanding of global politics. Being encouraged to take on the role of a diplomat and represent a country to experience first-hand the difficulties and challenges of finding consensus in an international setting, our delegates have the chance to meet real life diplomats to hear about their professional life and personal experiences. FAUMUN prepares its delegates for their future careers, whether they are heading for a position in the foreign service or choose to specialize in any other field as the skills learnt and experiences gained are applicable and transferable to a multitude of sectors.



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As a first-time project director, my focus lies on the continuation and extension of the interdisciplinary and intercultural aspect of the project. Our FAUMUN 2023 Delegation of 22 delegates represents all five faculties of our university, including disciplines such as political science, public law, international business, European studies, social economics, law, medicine, book science, philosophy, history, English, teaching, computer science, and physics. As a physicist myself, being confronted with unaccustomed thinking patterns and problem-solving approaches is both a challenge and an opportunity to broaden one's horizon beyond one's own field of study and to learn and train skills in fields that are rarely focused on in one's regular studies. This in addition to seeing how 22 individuals learn and grow together over the course of half a year to form not only a well-working team but also become close friends within a few months is what makes FAUMUN unique.

As the project manager of this year's FAUMUN Delegation, the most rewarding part was to experience the personal growth and development of every student firsthand. It is amazing to see the students come together on the first meeting as politically interested individuals, and getting to know interesting and fascinating people, working together throughout the semester, form a delegation and become a great team. Further, it was a pleasure to see the students meet experts from the field and ask in depth questions on political matters. These expert lectures and personal talks grant the possibility of insights into political institutions and diplomatic relations, which cannot be provided by varied reading matter. I would like to use this opportunity to thank all delegates of the FAUMUN Delegation 2023 for their commitment, hard work and constant ambition to perform as a team and excel individually. You made this year's project extraordinary, and it was a great pleasure to see you perform, grow, succeed and exceed expectations.

After an intensive semester including weekly sessions and various weekends spent on Model UN, we can only express our admiration towards each single delegate for their effort and hard work put into the project. We are proud of their personal growth throughout the project and their professional achievements and wish them all the best for their future. We would like to thank Prof Dr Krajewski for hosting our project at his Chair of International Law and International Public Law and for his and his team's, naming especially Ms Wehrhahn, constant help and support. Additionally, we thank the United Nations Society Nuremberg e.V. for their sound advice and assistance and long-standing cooperation. We hope that this report will serve as a source of inspiration and information for any student interested in MUN. To everyone who is thinking about applying for FAUMUN 2024, feel invited to get in touch via e-mail (organisation@faumun.org), Facebook ([@faumun](https://www.facebook.com/@faumun)), or Instagram ([@faumun_delegation](https://www.instagram.com/@faumun_delegation)) and stay updated via our homepage (www.faumun.fau.de).

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. We hope it will inspire you to join us in our ongoing mission to increase global awareness and understanding, and to champion the cause of peace and justice throughout the world.

All the best,

Anabel Kummer and Anastasia Karelskaya

FAUMUN 2023 Project Director and Project Manager



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Dear readers,

Since 2007, the Friedrich-Alexander-University has been providing its students with the unique opportunity to engage in the immersive experience of simulating United Nations negotiations at the renowned „National Model United Nations“ (NMUN) conference. This visionary initiative traces its roots back to 1946 when its conceptualization began. For over 77 years, thousands of students hailing from more than 400 different colleges and universities worldwide have actively participated in this prestigious event, which stands as the largest simulation of its kind across the globe.

At NMUN, each participating school assumes the role of a specific UN Member State, assuming positions in various organs, specialized agencies, and committees that mirror those of the United Nations. By embodying the delegates of their assigned countries, students are tasked with the responsibility of engaging in diplomatic negotiations on pressing global issues. Moreover, they actively participate in the decision-making processes by voting on draft resolutions within the diverse organs and committees.

FAUMUN, the Model United Nations project at FAU, has become one of the most extensive and successful initiatives of its kind worldwide. Since 2010, FAUMUN has consistently ranked among the top group of over 400 participating international delegations at NMUN-NY. In recent years, FAU has consistently been placed in the top 5% of all represented universities, and it stands among the top 3 out of nearly 30 German universities (measured by the number of awards received in New York). I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the FAUMUN project team for their remarkable success. The university takes immense pride in the FAU delegation's consistent ability to establish itself as a leading force among the represented universities at the world's largest United Nations gathering in New York. Students from all our faculties actively participate in this project, showcasing the diversity, passion, and innovation that define our full-range university. I extend my gratitude to them, as well as to the organizers and partners of this project. Let us continue to tread the path we have so successfully pursued together thus far.

As a platform that fosters freedom for innovative thinking, FAUMUN offers invaluable opportunities to develop social and intercultural competences, successful negotiation strategies, public speaking techniques, presentation skills, self-confidence, and effective self-management. I encourage our students to take advantage of these possibilities and participate. In today's world, these key qualifications are more important than ever in everyday business. Additionally, FAUMUN provides a unique chance for students to connect theoretical knowledge with practical experience by engaging in discussions on international political problems. This hands-on experience not only offers students an invaluable insight into the intricate workings of international diplomacy but also fosters an understanding of the complex dynamics and challenges faced by the global community. By immersing themselves in this simulation, participants develop critical skills such as negotiation, consensus-building, public speaking, and cross-cultural understanding, all of which are crucial in today's interconnected world.

As we delve into the following pages, we invite you to join us on this captivating journey, exploring the remarkable contributions that our students have made to the NMUN and how their participation has shaped their academic life. Together, let us embrace the spirit of collaboration and dialogue that lie at the heart of the United Nations and Friedrich-Alexander-University as well. We are moving knowledge as you are moving diplomacy. That's FAU(MUN).

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Joachim Hornegger

President of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg



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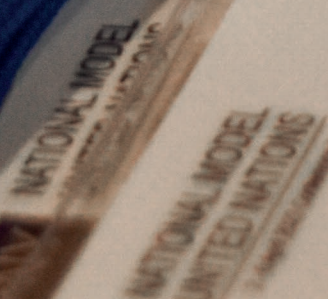


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THE PROGRAM

Model UN is one of the best ways to improve your public speaking skills. Each year, our participants engage in an intensive two-day training where they deliver numerous speeches and become accustomed to speaking openly, with self-confidence, and without stage fright in front of a large audience. However, this is just one component of the intensive weekend seminars offered at FAU-MUN. In addition to public speaking,

participants also receive training in negotiation, teambuilding, communication, and presentation skills. Nonetheless, while soft skill education is essential, it is not the sole focus of our delegation's preparation. In collaboration with experts from FAU, this year's delegation has undergone thorough preparation to represent Argentina at the National Model United Nations in New York City.

FROM FAU STUDENT TO FAUMUN DELEGATE

On October 14th, 2022, the whole delegation - most of the 22 delegates, our Head Delegates, Project Manager Anastasia Karelskaya and Project Director Anabel Kummer - got together for our official kick-off meeting at Villa Spaeth in Nuremberg. Unfortunately, some of the delegates were not able to attend since they were still on vacation, so they joined on the following Monday.

Nervous but excited we met at 10 am on Friday in business attire for the first time.

The Head Delegates were kind enough to bring coffee, snacks, and baked goods for all of us to enjoy.

We started the day off by playing social games that the Head Delegates had prepared to get to know our co-delegates, where we had plenty of time to talk about political and private topics. We among other things did "speed-dating" where we, for example, talked about what we expect from FAUMUN, our application experience but also about things like our favorite food.

The Head Delegates and the Project Manager then held a speech on organizational matters such as the timetable, goals, expectations, and FAUMUN tasks.

After getting to know each other, Dorothee Karbe from the FAUMUN's alumni association United Nations Society Nuremberg e.V. joined us. Ms. Karbe held a presentation on the UNSN and its workings and invited us to join the organization and



its events.

We proceeded to go outside to take our first official group picture as a delegation and took separate ones of us delegates.

We then all ordered pizza for lunch and used the lunch break to further engage in friendly conversations. Some of us even noticed that our co-delegates unknowingly studied the same subject.

Next on the agenda was a lesson on the UN's business attire and dress code rules. Our Head Delegate Theresa Pfund and Project Manager Anastasia Karelskaya remained in the room with the female delegates, while our other Head Delegate Patryk Zielinski took all male delegates to another room.

We were explained the rules and were given some tips. They showed

us examples and "corrected" the outfits we were currently wearing.

For the afternoon program, all of us had already prepared one presentation in groups of five each and one single presentation on one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the UN.

We started with the group presentations of 20 minutes each about the UN's history, the UN's main bodies, and organs, and its workings.

After the group presentations, we held our single presentations of two minutes on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

The kick-off meeting ended after a long day at 6 pm and we all went home tired but excited for what was to come.

FAUMUN SLOGAN: MOVING DIPLOMACY



When the FAU re-designed the official logo, the FAUMUN team took the opportunity to also update its own logo design and slogan. Since the FAUMUN delegation always has shown a heavy focus on the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), it was obvious that the logo of the 17 SDG's must be somehow included in the logo.

But what are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals?

They are a collection of 17 global goals that are designed to be a "shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future". The SDGs are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives and prospects everywhere and for everyone. The 17 SDGs are:

1. No poverty
2. Zero hunger
3. Good health and well-being
4. Quality education
5. Gender equality
6. Clean water and sanitation
7. Affordable and clean energy
8. Decent work and economic growth

9. Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure
10. Reduced inequality
11. Sustainable cities and communities
12. Responsible consumption and production
13. Climate action
14. Life below water
15. Life on land
16. Peace, justice, and strong institutions
17. Partnerships for the goals

The UN General Assembly set up the 17 SDGs in 2015 and intended them to be achieved in 2030, that is also why the SDGs are also known as 2030 Agenda. The focus of the agenda is clearly set on sustainability with all its aspects, that is also why the SDGs include social and economic elements.

In 2018, a UN Resolution adopted by the General Assembly made the 2030 Agenda applicable by identifying specific targets for each goal and set indicators to measure the progress of each target.

We, the FAUMUN Delegation, strongly believe in the importance

of the 2030 Agenda and therefore include it in all relevant diplomatic negotiations. To stress this point, the logo of the 2030 Agenda is included in our official FAUMUN logo. With also including our new slogan "moving diplomacy", inspired by the new slogan "moving knowledge" of FAU, the perfect connection between our university and this project has been found.

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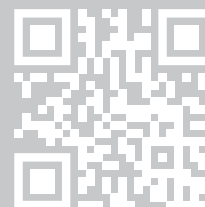
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EXPERT LECTURE BY HEINER BIELEFELDT



It was a great pleasure for us to have Prof. Dr. Bielefeldt with us at one of our meetings on a Monday evening in December 2022.

Heiner Bielefeldt is a philosopher, theologian and historian and holds the chair for human rights and human rights policy at the Friedrich-Alexander-University in Erlangen-Nuremberg. From June 2010 to October 2016, he was the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief at the UN Human Rights Council.

His presentation focused on his work at the UN. It was very exciting to find

out how he came to this position in the first place and what he experienced there.

Because Prof. Bielefeldt did not stick strictly to a presentation, but rather had a conversation with us, we were able to ask about topics that particularly interested us. So we came to the conclusion that Prof. Bielefeldt also rated the endless plenary sessions as rather less exciting and attributed great importance to the informal, friendly diplomatic work area. The reports of his numerous field trips and how he felt about them were particularly exciting. It was in-

credibly enriching for us to hear that after a trip like this, which sometimes took place under dubious conditions, for example to Transnistria, he felt that Erlangen was an unrealistically perfect dream world. Some of his experiences sounded like material for thrillers or adventure novels. The extent of the psychic capacity required to be a rapporteur became apparent. We were also able to take away from the lecture that, in addition to all the formalities, knowledge of human nature and human communication also play a prominent role in the work for the UN.

EXPERT LECTURE WITH THE WORLD BANK

On the 12th of November, our expert lecture with the World Bank started punctually at 6 pm, although it took place online rather than in person. Despite the virtual setting, the event kicked off with enthusiasm. Each participant introduced themselves, sharing their name, prior knowledge of the World Bank, and a fun fact. Surprisingly, during these introductions, we discovered that Theresa, one of our attendees, is not naturally blonde, adding a lighthearted touch to the proceedings. After this introduction, our expert told us a little bit ab-

out the structure of the World Bank, including the different locations and their tasks and provided us with an overview over recent projects. After that the expert presented us a rather profound overview of the different job opportunities provided by the World Bank. From internships, traineeships and voluntary work everything was included. After the career presentation, the floor was open for questions, and we took full advantage of the opportunity. Participants posed thought-provoking inquiries, including critical questions about Public-

Private Partnerships involving companies such as Unilever. We also engaged in a stimulating discussion regarding whether loans provided by the World Bank are tied to political agendas. These spicy questions added depth to the session and showcased the participants' eagerness to grasp the intricacies of the organization's operations. The final round of questions then marked the end of an interesting and informative session, despite the physical distance separating us.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF ARGENTINA

On Friday the 13th of January 2023, the FAUMUN delegation had the pleasure of hosting an expert lecture by Dr. Jochen Kleinschmidt on the topic of International Relations of Argentina. The lecture provided a comprehensive overview of the current political climate in South America, with a particular focus on Argentina and its relationship with Europe. Dr. Kleinschmidt began by highlighting the historical context of Argentina's international relations, noting that the country has a long history of both cooperation and conflict with its neighboring countries. He then delved into the current state of affairs, discussing the current president's approach to foreign policy and the

challenges the country faces in terms of economic stability and political polarization.

One of the most interesting points raised by Dr. Kleinschmidt was the complicated relationship that Argentina has with Great Britain, particularly in regard to the disputed Falkland Islands. He discussed the ongoing diplomatic efforts to resolve the issue, noting that while there have been some small steps forward, a final resolution remains elusive.

The lecture was not all doom and gloom, however Dr. Kleinschmidt also highlighted some of the positive developments in Argentina's international relations, such as the country's increasing trade and diplomatic ties

with China and its role as a leader in regional organizations such as Mercosur. Overall, the lecture provided a thought-provoking and engaging analysis of the current state of international relations of Argentina. As a member of the audience, it was clear that Dr. Kleinschmidt's expertise and knowledge on the topic was extensive, and he was able to present it in a humorous and easy-to-digest way. In conclusion, the expert lecture by Dr. Jochen Kleinschmidt was a valuable and informative experience for all in attendance and it provided a deeper understanding of the current political climate in South America with a focus on Argentina.



EXPERT LECTURE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS



“There are no hands that can handle the wrong weapons” - Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the UN. Wrong weapons, of course, refer to the devastating and overwhelming power of nuclear weapons. And through their history, current state, and future prospect, we are guided by the Youth Delegates of Nazia Noory and Nadine-Isabelle Kas. Much to the delight of all delegates who would be attending the General Assembly of the coming EfMUN. Both have an impressive journey to their names, notably Nazia is a global peace ambassador for Global Peace Chain and was nominated for the UNDP N-Peace Award, and Nadine is a project coordinator for youth delegations to the UN for the grassroots peace organization Peaceworkshop Mutlangen while still studying at the FAU.

The story begins with two artificial

suns above Nagasaki and Hiroshima, the gruesome death of hundreds of thousands, and a global consensus that such weaponry shall never be used again. Shortly after, the USA and USSR built up a nuclear arsenal large enough to commit omnicide, multiple times over, each. Thankfully, due to diplomatic efforts on both sides, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) of 1968 was concluded. Signed by 190 states (excluding India, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan, and South Sudan), it builds on three pillars: Non-proliferation, disarmament, and peaceful use of nuclear energy. It also established five-yearly NPT Review Conferences, which eventually led to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW, 2017), signed by an entirety of 91 states. Despite its name, the TPNW is not only about prohibition but also victim assistan-

ce, health and environmental remediation, scientific and technical advice, and more.

In times of rhetorical use of nuclear weaponry and a semi-proxy war of east and west in the midst of Europe, it has rarely been more important to talk about the subject. Thus, our hosts, Nazia and Nadine, participated in the Youth Delegation 2022, attending the Tenth NPT Review Conference and the First Meeting of States Parties to the TPNW. Unfortunately, while the latter has concluded into several agreements, the former has not been as productive: In the backdrop of the current military conflict, it is to no one's surprise that the NPT Review has not adopted an outcome document, as it needs the approval of all Nuclear-Weapon-States, including USA and Russia.

To illustrate diplomatic difficulties that may arise during such a convention, our hosts invited us to an interactive assignment of simulating such an event in small groups. Given that each half of a group was appointed to be either pro or con nuclear weaponry, results varied drastically depending on the sub-topic discussed. An interesting and valuable taste of what may come at EfMUN and its second topic within the GA of Reducing Nuclear Danger.



EXPERT LECTURE BY MARTIN KOBLER



We were privileged to receive an invitation from the delegation from Bamberg to attend a lecture by Martin Kobler, a former German ambassador to Egypt, Iraq, and Pakistan, as well as the UN Special Representative and head of the UN Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The focus of his talk centered on the challenges faced by UN peacekeeping, with a special emphasis on his role in the UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), one of the largest and most intricate peacekeeping missions in the world.

Mr. Kobler highlighted the significance of having direct sources of information on the ground when making critical decisions. With such a vast and diverse mission, it is imperative that UN officials and other decision-makers have access to accurate and current information about the realities in the field. Furthermore, it is crucial to engage directly with local communities and involved parties to understand their perspectives and priorities.

This holds particular importance in the context of the complex and often volatile situation in the DRC. Ongoing conflicts and instability in various parts of the country make it challenging to obtain a clear and accurate understanding of the situation from a distance. Therefore, decision-makers without direct sources of information may be working with incom-

plete or erroneous data, overlooking essential factors that could influence their decisions.

In contrast, those with direct sources of information on the ground have a better understanding of the complexities of the situation and can appreciate the challenges and opportunities presented by different options and courses of action. This applies not only to UN officials and peacekeepers but also to local communities, civil society organizations, and other parties who are directly impacted by the mission's activities.

However, there is a particular concern regarding internal reports that are not self-critical enough. This can lead to decision-makers developing a false sense of security. When reports are overly optimistic or do not acknowledge shortcomings or areas for improvement, decision-makers may become complacent and fail to take necessary corrective actions or make strategic changes. This can lead to missed opportunities, decli-

ning performance, and ultimately, the organization's failure to achieve its goals.

A culture of open communication that acknowledges and learns from mistakes is essential for creating an honest and realistic data basis for making transparent and informed decisions. This approach is not only beneficial for the success of the organization, but it also fosters a sense of accountability and transparency, which can lead to greater public trust and support.

In conclusion, Mr. Kobler's insights emphasized the importance of having direct sources of information on the ground and being self-critical in internal reports. These are essential elements in the decision-making process, particularly in complex situations like the DRC. By fostering a culture of openness and honesty, organizations can make better decisions, achieve their goals, and build trust with their stakeholders.



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EXPERT LECTURE ON INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC LAW

“If lawyers say recent, they mean decades ago.” That was the most memorable line between many by Prof. Dr. Krajewski in our expert lecture about International Public Law. During the session, the professor advised us on the need of researching the current legal situation in the international community. If a delegate wants to propose new laws or regulations in an action plan, it is critical to remember what laws have previously been established and what is currently being debated. The emphasis was on the significant distinction between domestic and international law because both are constantly reinforced. Aside from very helpful guidance, the lecture’s main point was to define what public international law is. On the one hand, we learned that it is made up of binding

norms, which indicates that these are not moral or political principles and that it applies between subjects of international law, namely states and international organizations. The regulations cover international relations in terms of peace, defense, and conflict, as well as diplomatic ties. On the other hand, the lecturer brought up the astonishing fact that there is no International Court of Justice that would be able to penalize Member States for human rights violations. However, other regional courts, including the European Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights, are capable of taking on this duty. Another fascinating fact is that agreements between Member States are not legally binding due to



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the type of legal document agreed upon, but rather due to linguistics. A clause is legally binding if it specifies that something „shall“, which means „must“, be done. If a phrase contains the word „should,“ it is not legally binding.









THE CONFERENCES

The FAUMUN delegation attends multiple conferences throughout its semester of preparation. Our delegates participate in these conferences to ensure they are thoroughly prepared for the United Nations simulation in New York City, known as „NMUN“. Take a look at the following pages to gain impression of how MUN works and what it looks like...

MINIMUM

“Great moments are born from great opportunity.” – Kurt Russel

MiniMUN was the day to which all our efforts and preparations led. The excitement of the first conference cannot be described with any words, it can only be felt. The whole team has come a long way in deep inner work and practice in a short period of time. It has been only a month between our first meeting and our first conference, but we have all lived a little life in that time period. Going from not knowing each other and having no idea how the conferences should be held to taking part in our first conference. What a victorious moment that will be a part of each of us.

I was very fascinated by the preliminary preparation of each participant because we actually were acting as our countries would have acted. My fellow participants have done outstanding research about potential allies, positions, historical backgrounds, and typical behavior of each Member State. We were doing our best to practice negotiation skills, understand how the time during informal sessions should be managed, and make a decent working paper.

There is always room for improvement, but the team has done a fantastic job for the first conference experience. We have learned our lessons and understood what can be changed for the best. None can preliminary teach you about the practical experience you get, and this is the best part. Because you never know what will be your next move in an unexpected critical situation. MUN is much more than the conference

experience, it is about becoming a better version of yourself.

The country I represented during MiniMUN was the Russian Federation. It was an exciting experience since I knew my choice was not the easiest one looking from the perspective of searching for partners for the working paper, but I am glad I have made it. We have had a fantastic team with Eastern counties, and our project „MECCA“ was highly acclaimed. Critical lessons for me are: trust and task delegation are the keys to the team’s success, pre-

paring the historical background for holding powerful unforeseen speeches and communicating with other delegations to get support during the voting procedure.

To sum up, I am sure that MiniMUN is the beginning of new achievements and horizons. There will be many more critical conferences, but the first one will always have a special place in our hearts. Having the first conference experience will be the team’s guide for a future experience where we will be even more powerful, confident, and intelligent.



ERLANGENMUN

ErlangenMUN was our second conference on the 26th of November. This time we modelled UNESCO discussing the topics Protecting Cultural Heritage in Conflict Zones and Harnessing Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Development.

Though one could think that we were more relaxed the second time we did a conference that was hardly the case. Of course, it was easier as we knew what awaited us and we had our experiences from MiniMUN that greatly helped with the preparation for this conference. But it was also the first time we were not only within our delegation group but had the delegation from the University of Bamberg as guests. So, this time we had to work with people we did not know from before, which was a great practice for the upcoming conferences in Erfurt, Nuremberg and New York City.

ErlangenMUN was also the first conference where we were not using our usual lecture room. While this was necessary due to the amount of people we were, it also felt like we left our little safe space for the first time. Another step to prepare us for the conferences to come.

Then the conference itself started. And it was amazing to see the different approaches each delegation had to the topics. While we discussed dangers for cultural heritage such as terrorism, war, armed conflicts, climate change and illicit trade we gained – almost in passing – a deep understanding for the various things culture can mean and represent – from actual cultural heritage sites to intangible heritage such as



traditions, languages, or handcraft. Just as versatile as the definition of culture were the solutions developed to protect cultural heritage. Our ideas ranged from redirecting existing funds to provide better emergency responses to the establishment of new working groups and networks for global participation.

But although we were able to vote on three substantial draft resolutions in the end, we learned once again that during a conference time is not your friend. While working in the working groups, time just flies by and in the end, it feels almost like a speed writing contest where you try to finish everything up in time. May the force be with our fingers for the next conferences.

In the end I would like to thank our project management team Anabel and Anastasia as well as our head delegates Theresa and Patryk for organizing this conference and helping us out throughout the day, whether we needed some tips on our working papers or a gentle reminder that the speakers list runs out faster than we think during a conference. Thank you, too, to the delegates from Bamberg for joining us and making the whole experience even more fun. And thanks to all the FAUMUN delegates for another amazing conference and for all the hard work you put into it.

BAMUN

After ErlangenMUN offered us insightful experiences working with Delegates from other Delegations, BaMUN at the lovely city of Bamberg was our first conference “abroad”. Two committees were modeled: UN Women and the Security Council. While the former was held in the main hall of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Security Council, since it is the smaller one, took place at a conferences room right next to it.

Parts of our delegation met at Erlangen. There were 3 days of speeches, negotiations and writing in front of us and with mixed feelings we boarded the RE3 that brought us to Bamberg central station. From there it was only a short walk through the city center and over the right branch of the Regnitz to the historic university buildings where we were already expected. The conference itself was opened at 4pm Friday and was about to go on until Sunday 4pm, 2 full days of conference. Notwithstanding that the first day was reserved entirely for the agenda setting, both committees were able to process that troublesome part very quickly. Until

8pm we managed to form working groups and even commence working on small parts of our working papers. The topics that were addressed at BaMUN by UN Women were: I. Women as Drivers of Economic Recovery and Resilience and II. Combating Gender Inequality to End Poverty. The Security Council concerned itself with I. Improving Security for Peacekeeping Personnel and II. Preventing Terrorist Acquisition of Weapons of Mass Destruction. Both topics of both Councils were closely linked to different Sustainable Development Goals and we did therefore profit from our knowledge from the first FAUMUN meetings. The second day was full of very fruitful discussions. Luckily, meetings started at 9am and therefore all of us did show up well rested. After the first half of the day, the lunch break was a welcome opportunity to talk with the other delegates off-work at the quaint Christmas market of Bamberg. After 4 more hours that saw two more or less concordant Councils that opportunity returned in shape of a social event at the Spezial-Keller. And that place is truly special. Right next to

the astronomical observatory, we enjoyed our drinks together with a wonderful view upon the nocturnal city. Most of us stayed until well past 12pm but had to take a short sprint through Bamberg because the last train departed way earlier than we expected. The tasty Rauchbier might have contributed to some of us being a bit less well rested at Sunday morning. However, the show must go on and we went on valiantly until 4pm. The Security Council did even begin to discuss the second topic with four speeches but when the chair asked the obligatory “Are there any motions on the floor”, multiple placards were raised and unanimously, the Council voted to “adjourn the meeting until next year.” Although everyone was a bit relieved and felt a bit of joyful anticipation of some well earned rest, BaMUN will stay in our hearts and minds as one of the most intensive and professional conferences. To cite Mrs. Lambrecht: “many special impressions, many encounters with interesting, great people.”





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EFMUN

For most of us EfmUN was the first conference lasting several days. Our weekend started on Friday the 20th of January in the morning when we met in Erlangen. Then we drove in three cars to Erfurt, listened to music and laughed. In Erfurt we met the other delegates coming from the Universities of Trier, Bamberg, Würzburg, Paderborn, Erfurt, Chemnitz and Fulda. We moved into our hostel and put on our business attire.

The opening ceremony was held in the beautiful City Hall. There were three committees at the conference: the General Assembly which discussed the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and Reducing Nuclear Danger, the Security Council which debated on the Situation in Afghanistan and the Use of Robust Mandates in Peacekeeping and the UN Environmental Assembly which discussed the topics Climate Change and Health and Environmental Sustainability in the Textile and Fashion Industries. On the first day, all the committees set the agendas, gave speeches, discussed the topics intensively and exchanged plans. The day lasted until 9:30 pm and was rounded off with a debriefing by our team. At the end of the day we went to a bar for cool drinks, where we could get to know the other delegations. Afterward we went back to our hostel to sleep for a few hours and prepare for the upcoming day.

The new day began at 9 o'clock with the next formal meeting. After some speeches, we returned to the working groups formed the day before. Sometimes things went better, and



some may have had difficulty getting through or finding working partners. But everyone did their best work. For lunch, the EfmUN team took all the delegates to a nearby restaurant for a three-course meal and everyone recharged for the coming afternoon and evening. The Security Council voted on and adopted its first draft resolution by late afternoon. Applause in the hall. The other committees also continued to work diligently on their working papers. The day ended at 9 pm and again concluded with a debriefing, where each of us had the opportunity to say something about the day. After that we went back to the hostel and all met in our room of 7, played games and chatted. Everyone was happy about how the conference was going so far, but we also talked about a lot of things away from the conference. Then we went to the Delegates Dance in the nearby club and the FAUMUN delegation proved

that they are good at negotiating and have a lot to offer on the dance floor. After a little sleep we started the last day of the conference. The Security Council worked on the second topic and the other two councils were finishing their working papers. In the early afternoon all three committees started the voting procedure and many resolutions were adopted. Afterward there was a closing ceremony, where also FAUMUN delegates received peer and position paper awards. Congratulations! At 5 pm we deservedly left with the cars towards Erlangen. With us we had new many experiences, pride and achievements.

The EfmUN conference was exhausting and challenging but still inspiring and a fun weekend for all of us. Thank you all for that.



BAYERNMUN

BayernMUN was our last “rehearsal” conference before our final NMUN conference in New York. It was held from the 24th until the 26th of February in the beautiful Nuremberg castle. Participants represented a country as a group of two or alone, and for us it was the first time that we directly worked together with our committee partners with whom we will team up in the upcoming conference in New York. While different German delegations participated in BayernMUN, the conference also welcomed delegations from other European universities and schools, making it our first international simulation. This year’s BayernMUN simulated the General Assembly and addressed the topics of I. Forced Displacement Due to Climate Change and II. Promoting the Involvement of Women in Political Participation.

The first day of the conference started with an optional visit to the “Deutsches Zukunftsmuseum” and a training session on rules of procedure. At 2.30 pm, the official opening ce-

emony started with an introductory speech by BayernMUN’s Secretary-General Laura Folkendt. After that, all delegates had the opportunity to listen to a panel discussion on climate and security by three experts on the topic. Our first committee session started at 4.30 pm and mainly focused on introducing the chair and conducting the roll call via the app “MUN Command”, where all present delegations had to state whether they were “present” or “present and voting”. Afterwards, it was time to set the agenda. As Member States often hold different opinions on which topic is the most pressing, the committee listened to a variety of so-called “agenda-setting speeches”, which aim to convince other participants to vote for one’s preferred proposal. After some convincing speeches, the committee finally decided on setting the agenda in the following order: Topic I, Topic II. The next hours were characterized by formal sessions with speeches that strengthened the Member State’s own position,

followed by intensive discussions in the informal sessions. After finishing the second committee session, the BayernMUN team invited everyone to a game night that started at 9 pm. Besides game night our delegation got together to not only play some games, but also enjoyed some drinks at the bar and reflected on the just passed day.

Our second day of the conference officially started at 9 am with the third committee session. The delegates mainly focused on getting to know their newly founded working groups and introducing different action plans to each other, while simultaneously starting to write down ideas in the form of working papers. In between sessions all participants appreciated delicious meals at the canteen of the Jugendherberge, although some delegates faced increased waiting times due to what felt like a never-ending queue. Overall, time passed quickly through vivid discussions, sharp thinking and a welcoming, cooperating spirit. After the last session





ended at 6.30 pm, all participating delegations were invited to join the Delegates Dance after dinner. Even though everyone was exhausted from the long day of negotiations, we had a great time dancing together at the club called “Basement 11/2” and getting to know delegates from other schools and universities in a more casual atmosphere.

On the third and last day of BayernMUN, the main focus was on finishing working papers and taking into consideration the feedback that we received from the chair. While it took additional time and effort, some groups decided to merge into one big working group. After a few amendments, the committee started the voting procedure, which resulted in the adaptation of all draft resolutions.

The closing ceremony of BayernMUN 2023 started at 3.15 pm, featuring a closing address of Laura Folkendt, a slideshow containing the best moments of the conference, and the presentation of the chair awards, the peer awards, and the position paper awards. Congratulations to all those who won an award and many thanks to the BayernMUN team for organizing and running the conference. BayernMUN 2023 and the valuable experiences we had during this time will remain in our memories for a long time.



NATIONAL MODEL UNITED

NATIONS PART I

The Model United Nations Conference in New York was a remarkable event that brought together a diverse group of young people from around the world. The conference was an extraordinary opportunity for these aspiring diplomats to engage in discussions, debates, and negotiations on a wide range of global issues. The atmosphere was electric from the beginning, as delegates arrived in New York City and started making their way to the conference venue. The delegates were excited to meet their peers from other countries, and they were eager to engage in discussions on the most pressing issues of our time.

The conference officially kicked off with an opening ceremony, which featured inspiring speeches from

prominent figures in the world of diplomacy. One of it including following quote: “Nothing gives me more pleasure than connecting with young people around the world. You are the future” powerful words spoken by the Ambassador Linda Thomas Greenfield which filled the Opening ceremony with a lot of applause.

Overall the delegates were encouraged to embrace the spirit of collaboration and to work together to find solutions to the challenges facing our world.

Over the course of the next few days, the delegates immersed themselves in the work of the conference. They spent long hours in committee sessions, discussing topics ranging from climate change to international security to human rights. The dele-

gates were passionate about their work, and they worked tirelessly to craft resolutions that would make a difference in the world.

Despite the long hours and intense discussions, the conference was filled with moments of levity and friendship. Delegates from different countries bonded over shared interests and experiences, and they formed lasting connections that would extend beyond the conference itself. One of the most uplifting aspects of the conference was the sense of hope that permeated the discussions. Despite the many challenges facing our world, the delegates remained optimistic that progress was possible. They recognized the importance of collaboration and of finding common ground, and they were





committed to working together to create a better future. Being diplomatic and respectful was a standard which led to a philanthropical spirit. As the conference drew to a close, the delegates reflected on the experience with a sense of pride and accomplishment. They had engaged in meaningful discussions, made lasting connections, and gained valuable skills in diplomacy and negotiation. Most importantly, they had gained a renewed sense of hope and optimism for the future of our world. Overall, the Model United Nations Conference in New York was an exciting, one of a kind and positive experience for all participants. It provided a unique opportunity for young people from around the world to come together and engage in important discussions on global issues. Through their hard work, dedication, and collaboration, the delegates demonstrated the power of diplomacy and the potential for positive change in our world.

In conclusion, the Model United Nations Conference in New York was more than just a gathering of young

diplomats. It was an inspiring example of what can happen when people from different backgrounds and cultures come together to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges.

Based on the positive and uplifting experience that the Model United Nations Conference in New York has offered to its participants, we believe that it would be a valuable and worthwhile experience for any young person interested in diplomacy, international relations, and global issues. Participating in such a conference provides a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions, gain valuable skills, and make lasting connections with peers from around the world. It can also inspire a sense of hope and optimism for the future and motivate future leaders to take action towards positive change. Therefore, we highly encourage any young person interested in these areas to consider participating in such conferences.

As we move forward from this conference, let us carry with us the lessons we have learned and the

friendships we have made. Let us continue to collaborate and work together to create a better world, one where all people can live in peace and prosperity.

Remember, each one of us has the power to make a difference. Whether it is through advocacy, activism, or diplomacy, we can all play a role in creating a better future for ourselves and for generations to come.

So let us be inspired by the spirit of collaboration and hope that we have seen at this conference. Let us use that inspiration to drive us forward, to work harder, to be more creative, and to strive for greatness in all that we do.

The future is in our hands, and together, we can make it a bright one.

NATIONAL MODEL UNITED

NATIONS PART II

NMUN 2023 was a very special experience for all of us, our delegation, and everyone else who attended. For five days we debated, we negotiated, we held speeches and we had very little sleep. But let's start at the beginning. Preceding the conference, most of us arrived on Saturday, April 1st. After settling into the Hilton Midtown, some of us used the opportunity to recover from jetlag while others hit the town and explored the city with Broadway and Central Park close by. Ending the night with how many nights would end at NMUN, a nice beer, and good conversation on the 4th floor. Before the conference started with the official opening ceremony, we had the morning to do

some last-minute preparations. For the opening ceremony, we had the extraordinary pleasure of hearing the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Linda Greenfield, speak. Especially touching was her hopeful outlook and the high hopes she saw in us. After opening we headed into our respective committees. Representing Argentina, we had seats in the General Assembly (GA) 1, GA 2, GA 3, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the UN Environmental Assembly (UNEA), the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), the Commission for the Status of Women (CSW), the Human Rights Council (HCR), the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and finally the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and discussed a variety of topics ranging from nuclear energy policy to promoting sustainable farming practices. Ending it with the daily debrief where everybody talked about their experience in their council. Starting the week on Monday, the delegation visited the German House where we met the PR manager for the permanent German mission to the UN. We all agreed that not only had he had a fast knowledge of the UN and diplomatic work, but he also answered our questions genuinely and was not afraid to weigh in with his own thoughts.





For the second day of committee session, everybody started working in their respective groups and started on their first working papers and again ending with our delegation internal debrief. Tuesday or as it is NMUN known as 'Terrific Tuesday', started early and ended late. More than 12 hours of committee sessions left their marks on all our delegates though we all got a lot of work done and by the end of it, some even had finished their working papers. Wednesday started with lots of coffee and an early morning session for the smaller committees leaving the bigger ones a possibility to rest for a little longer. Meanwhile, our Head Delegates, Theresa and Patryk, worked hard as well, attending the meetings for all Head Delegates and representing us and our needs. The day ended a bit early which allowed us to explore the city while others chose sleep and relaxation. Unforgetta-

ble was the spontaneous party that took place in the basement of our hotel where almost all delegations were present and partying. Thursday and therefore the last day of the conference started with our visit to the European Delegation to the UN. There we were greeted by the negotiator for the EU. She specialized in the negotiation of weapons and disarmament. Similarly, to the German Mission, everybody was highly impressed by her achievements as well as her ability to answer all our questions in detail, often drawing on personal experiences. Some of us even had the luck to tour the UN buildings after this visit, having the unique experience of visiting the UN Security Council amongst others. All the others enjoyed a longer lunch break before attending the closing ceremony. The closing ceremony was held in the General Assembly Hall of the UN and offered background to a lot

of photos. A long list of speakers, including the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs as well as the Director for Global Corporate and Social Responsibility at Uniqlo USA, made this a very special event. The whole experience was made perfect by our delegation winning the Distinguished Delegation Award. Leaving exhilarated and happy we went back to the hotel and got ready for dinner. Following the tradition, our delegation met up in Brooklyn for Thai food and a walk over the Brooklyn Bridge, finishing the night dancing and celebrating our delegation's success at the Delegates Dance. It is safe to say that NMUN was a unique and exciting experience, which exceeded all our expectations and hopes.





THE DELEGATION



Theresa Pfund - *Political Science & Public Law*

Head Delegate

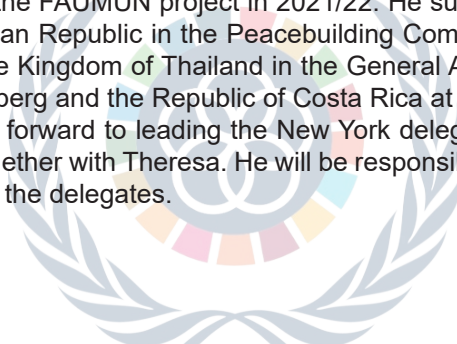
Theresa studies political science and public law in the bachelor's degree program and participated as delegate in the FAUMUN project in 2020/2021. She successfully represented the Argentine Republic in the Human Rights Council at BaMUN 2020 in Bamberg and the Republic of Singapore in the General Assembly at BayernMUN 2021 in Nürnberg. She is looking forward to leading the New York delegation as Head Delegate with Patryk in 2022/23. She will be responsible for guiding, advising and mentoring of the delegates.



Patryk Zielinski - *Political Science & Economy*

Head Delegate

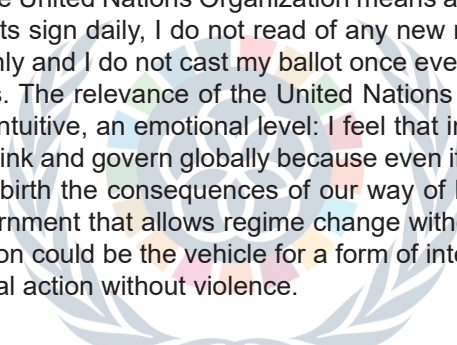
Patryk studies political science in the bachelor's degree program and participated as delegate in the FAUMUN project in 2021/22. He successfully represented the South Korean Republic in the Peacebuilding Commission at SecMUN 2021 in Munich, the Kingdom of Thailand in the General Assembly at BayernMUN 2022 in Nürnberg and the Republic of Costa Rica at NMUN 2022 in New York. He is looking forward to leading the New York delegation of 2022/23 as Head Delegate, together with Theresa. He will be responsible for guiding, mentoring and advising the delegates.



Nicholas Andrae - *Medicine*

Economic and Social Council Plenary (ECOSOC)

I cannot say that the United Nations Organization means anything to me personally. I do not see its sign daily, I do not read of any new meaningful laws that affect my life monthly and I do not cast my ballot once every four years to elect my representatives. The relevance of the United Nations Organization to myself is on a rather intuitive, an emotional level: I feel that in our time as we live globally we must think and govern globally because even if we never physically leave our place of birth the consequences of our way of life do. If democracy is the form of government that allows regime change without force, the United Nations Organization could be the vehicle for a form of international governance that allows global action without violence.





Nerissa Büttner - *Political Science & Public Law*

Commission on Population and Development (CPD)

I applied to FAUMUN because I have always had a keen interest in foreign policy. During my studies I already learned a lot of theory about international politics, thus representing a country in an international conference would combine practical work with theoretical work. From my participation I mainly expect to learn a lot about skills like giving speeches, discussing but also to learn how to convince others in a political context. It is also a great possibility to look at politics from another perspective through the different countries we will be representing at the conferences. I hope that it will provide insights into political frameworks and also helps to understand political boundaries or compromises that one has to make in order to achieve a certain goal for a country.



Felix Gänsicke - *Molecular Medicine*

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

Everyone striving for a career in international relations must reach an in-depth understanding in analysing influences on the behaviour of various countries regarding their foreign policy. Model United Nations proves to be most helpful in providing students the opportunity to gain practical knowledge of world affairs and exchange opinions with experts and students from different cultural backgrounds and their experiences and skills. Moreover, MUN is a chance to cultivate the universities and student's academic network. What is the purpose of universities other than not to enlighten already bright minded students and enable them to contribute effectively internationally?



Sophia Herges - *Int. Business Studies*

General Assembly Second Committee (GA2)

The United Nations are the essential foundation our complex and interconnected world requires in order to maintain international peace and security. Offering a platform for all nations to voice their concerns and matters, it promotes dialogue rather than warfare, laying the cornerstone for cooperation and relationships among all nations. As the largest intergovernmental organization, the United Nations provide access to education for children around the globe, humanitarian aid during times of crisis and raise attention to those who cannot speak for themselves. Taking a look into the future, global issues like the climate crisis are obstacles that can only be overcome through international cooperation. Concerning these challenges, I understand that there is no other international forum extensive enough with which such a global effort could be materialized.



Carima Jekel - Book Science

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

The United Nations Organization means for me that despite all the differences and all the conflicts in the world, states are still willing to communicate with each other and be part of a worldwide network. It gives me hope to know that there is still a bit of cohesion left even though it often does not look like that and even though it might be heavily ritualized. For me it shows that communication is one of the key elements in the political world and that no matter how big or small and how powerful or not every country deserves to have their voice heard. But at the same time the organization reminds me that we still have a long way to go until every human can live a life in dignity and respect.



Hannah Kästl - Social Economics

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

First of all, FAUMUN definitely creates exchange between different students from different fields of study and stimulates exchange of ideas. It also greatly promotes FAU students and opens doors for careers in the future. In turn, successful alumni cast a very good light on the university and create a good alumni network, which in turn can help future students. The FAU delegation is very successful in New York every year, creating international publicity for our university and encouraging international exchange. In general, the delegation can exchange with many different universities on site. In addition, I find it very admirable how much the students organize and manage themselves in terms of the program. Overall, the visibility and evaluation of the university but also the individual students can definitely be increased and expanded by FAUMUN.



Julia Klopsch - Political Science & Public Law

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

FAUMUN is an excellent way for our university to represent itself and its students in an international environment, especially when the project will have a positive outcome for the FAUMUN Delegation. It also allows its participants to gain firsthand experience in working in an international field. Additionally, it trains its participating students to improve specific soft skills like language skills, debating techniques or to give speeches in front of a large crowd of people. Having students learn these skills will have FAU grow in all academic fields. FAUMUN has the ability to show people who think about studying at FAU what opportunities the university offers its students to enhance their skills and experience.



Daniela Kolland - Law

Commission on Population and Development (CPD)

I always strive to grow from new and interesting challenges. Since I am majoring in International Law, I hope to learn about this complex of topics. I would like to make new contacts and interesting encounters. To me, the dynamics of working in a group are exciting. You can learn a lot about yourself from working under pressure and in a group. I would also like to train my rhetorical skills, especially in the English language. Sometimes it is incredibly important, not only which position you defend in a discussion, but also how you do it. Throughout your whole life, not only referring to a professional career, having these kinds of skills is extremely useful. Generally, I think that the project will give me a new perspective on many global challenges.



Kai Langer - Physics

General Assembly First Committee (GA1)

During the project I see it as a unique possibility to get to know and train the different aspects of the work of a delegation to the UN and experience a simulated work of the UN first-hand. Especially, the realistic insight of the work in the field of international politics is very exciting for me and I see it as an opportunity for which there is no apparent equivalent to get to know the international cooperation in the UN and experience the underlying negotiations of international relations. I hope to have the possibility of, besides being challenged by tasks in the field of international politics, being able to get to know an international network of other young and engaged students from all over the world, which are also interested in international relations and politics. This, I also see as very beneficial to further broaden my horizon and possibly also to gather new international friendships.



Hannah Laska - Int. Business Studies

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Although with the political situation right now most young people are afraid of what's to come, many are hesitant to speak up or act. Whether this stems from fear or uncertainty about where to engage, political engagement is now more needed than ever. Model UN not only gives participating students the opportunity to actively engage but the project also helps to spread awareness among fellow students. Participating students become advocates of important political topics. By providing students with projects such as FAUMUN they receive the political education they need to become politically involved. Only through collaborative involvement of many students change can be achieved.



Ecaterina Lastovetcaia - *Int. Business Studies*

Economic and Social Council Plenary (ECOSOC)

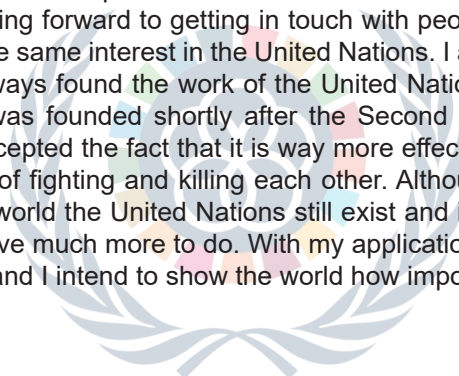
For me, the UN is a hope for a better society we all want to live in. It is a glimpse of bright future that might happen if people join forces and strive for a perspective together. „United“ means exactly this and demonstrates that pursuing only our own interests does not really have a long-term perspective. Therefore, the United Nations Organization means faith for me that millions of years of evolution are not in vain.



Naemi Müller - *Lehramt English, Spanish & History*

General Assembly First Committee (GA1)

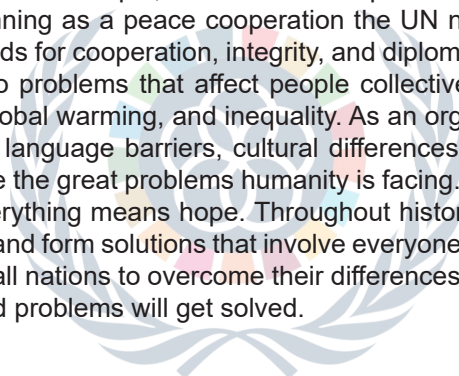
I want to learn as much as possible about the UN in a very limited time. Furthermore, I am looking forward to getting in touch with people from all over the world who share the same interest in the United Nations. I applied for FAUMUN because I have always found the work of the United Nations very fascinating. The organization was founded shortly after the Second World War because the world finally accepted the fact that it is way more effective to work together as a team instead of fighting and killing each other. Although nowadays there is war all over the world the United Nations still exist and in comparison to the beginnings they have much more to do. With my application I want to show my support to the UN and I intend to show the world how important the UN still is.



Selina Offenwanger - *Political Science & English*

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

The United Nations is a unique, international cooperation of all the countries in the world. Beginning as a peace cooperation the UN now stands for much more. The UN stands for cooperation, integrity, and diplomacy to strive for peace and solutions to problems that affect people collectively across the world such as poverty, global warming, and inequality. As an organization the United Nations overcome language barriers, cultural differences and partly diverting view on life to solve the great problems humanity is facing. To me this cooperation more than everything means hope. Throughout history humans struggled to maintain peace and form solutions that involve everyone, the fact that the UN manages to allow all nations to overcome their differences, gives me hope that the aforementioned problems will get solved.





Lars Padberg - *Int. Business Studies*

General Assembly Second Committee (GA2)

FAUMUN catapults me into the environment I want to potentially be working in. It lets me enhance and test my cultural competence that I have gained through theoretical studying. It leads me to a greater understanding of international politics and lets me practically experience the topics I have studied before. In summary, FAUMUN makes FAU more attractive to potential students, increases its standing in rankings, expands its international presence and produces more competent and excellent students that have gained practical experience while studying and therefore are set for influential careers.



Franziska Reder - *Int. Business Studies*

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

I personally expect from my participation to first of all broaden my knowledge about the UN and all its agencies. I also want to work especially on my negotiation and discussion skills, as it is important in every aspect of life. As I got to spend my semester abroad in South Africa and especially with what is going on in Iran right now, I feel the urge to do something purposeful and educate myself as far as I can. Furthermore, I took some politics related modules in my master studies and discovered my passion for international relations and politics, so I want to find out whether a working environment like the UN would actually suit me. I am also very keen to expand my network within the university and beyond.



Lauritz Regner - *Political Science & Public Law*

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

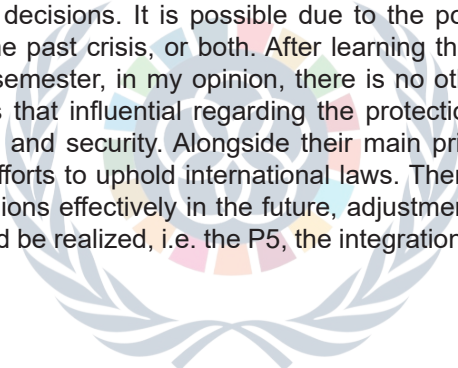
FAUMUN provides a unique opportunity for students at FAU to experience the processes of decision making in the UN firsthand. In addition to that, the program enables us to acquire skills and insights we normally would not be able to. Especially the participation in the assembly meeting in New York is a mayor argument for participating. We will be able to get to know students from all over the world and not only form bonds with with them but also experience their distinct view of the world state. At the end of the program, I would like to have improved not only my written and spoken English but also acquired skills in negotiation and presenting.



Kristiane Srock - *Int. & European Studies*

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

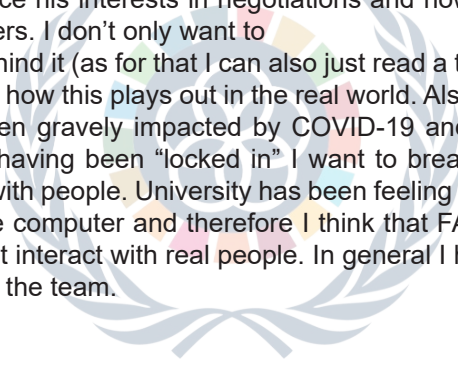
Growing up, the UN always seemed quite distant to me because I did not feel the effects of their decisions. It is possible due to the power of the EU, the unrelatedness of the past crisis, or both. After learning the importance of the UN in my second semester, in my opinion, there is no other international organization which is that influential regarding the protection of human rights, international peace and security. Alongside their main priority, the UN made and makes great efforts to uphold international laws. Therefore, to be able to carry out their missions effectively in the future, adjustments to several areas of operations should be realized, i.e. the P5, the integration of more NGOs and a higher budget.



Lukas Suttner - *Political Science & Philosophy*

Human Rights Council (HRC)

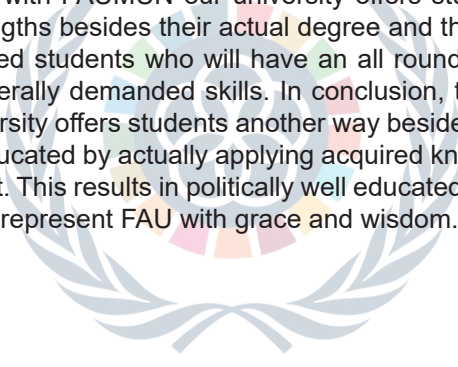
I applied mainly because I want to know and see how real diplomacy works. How one can enforce his interests in negotiations and how to forge coalitions with possible partners. I don't only want to know the theory behind it (as for that I can also just read a teaching book about diplomacy) but also how this plays out in the real world. Also: If I am honest the last years have been gravely impacted by COVID-19 and have been brutal. After two years of having been "locked in" I want to breathe international air again and interact with people. University has been feeling stale at some points alone in front of the computer and therefore I think that FAUMUN sounds like a program you must interact with real people. In general I hope for a good and educating time with the team.



Valentina Tatsi - *Law*

Human Rights Council (HRC)

Besides the fact that FAU seeks international recognition among other universities and globally, with FAUMUN our university offers students a platform to develop other strengths besides their actual degree and therefore creates motivated and educated students who will have an all rounded education and a higher level of generally demanded skills. In conclusion, this means that with FAUMUN the university offers students another way besides the academic curriculum of being educated by actually applying acquired knowledge and putting it actively to the test. This results in politically well educated, skilled and motivated students which represent FAU with grace and wisdom.





Leopold Wernitz - *Political Science & History*

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

FAUMUN bridges the boundaries between different fields of study and thereby generates great synergy effects. Students break new ground together and gain experiences that would not be possible within a university course. Especially the interaction of many different international students provides a unique atmosphere and opportunity. The delegates act as representatives of FAU. On the one hand, we carry the name of our university to New York but also into the Model UN community. On the other hand, they also sharpen FAU's profile and portfolio. In addition, former participants contribute their accumulated experience and insights to the FAUMUN participants so that we can benefit from it. The impact of the program is, thus, increased and provides a positive impulse to the curriculum.



Ralph Zeitler - *Political Science & English*

General Assembly Third Committee (GA3)

I applied for FAUMUN because it is the perfect opportunity to gain insight into how political matters are handled on a global stage. Being highly interested in international relations the United Nations Organization is a construct of great fascination to me. To be able to represent the interests of an entire nation in the face of an international collaboration requires a desirable level of professionalism. Therefore, my expectation for the program lie in acquiring the practical capabilities for researching, presenting and communicating relevant information, as well as improving my public speaking and negotiation skills.



Marco Zimmer - *Computer Science*

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

FAUMUN provides a hands-on approach to international politics, a place where students not only gain first-hand experience but also have a forum for intensive exchange and cooperation – something that I have been missing in my studies yet, which were often purely academic in nature. Given my relatively modest view of the United Nations in its current state, I hope to gather insight into its inner workings, to „walk a mile in their shoes“ so to say.



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