

UMassMUN XVII



Delegate Handbook



Dear Delegates and Advisors,

It is with great excitement and pleasure that we invite you to join us at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Secondary School Model United Nations Conference! UMassMUN XVII will take place March 9th to March 11th, 2018 in Amherst, MA at the UMass Hotel and Conference Center, located in the center of the Commonwealth's flagship campus.

Hosted and staffed by the UMass International Relations Club, the goal of UMassMUN is to bring our delegates together into an environment that fosters creative thinking and open-mindedness in debate. We strive to provide a unique, exciting, and challenging experience with each conference in order to foster communication and public speaking skills, test critical thinking, and proliferate knowledge of international relations. Our committees are designed to present delegates with multi-faceted international issues ranging from political and social movements to crypto currencies and organized crime. We work to keep them in touch with the state of our globalized world.

It is our distinct pleasure to announce the theme of UMassMUN XVII will be Justice and Equality. In a world where the many are suffering the consequences from the actions of the few, it is important to turn our topics of discussion to those experiencing hardship throughout the world. At our conference, we hope to generate discussion and simulate potential resolutions in our committees on: universal broadband and net neutrality, human trafficking, referenda around the world, the Rohingya Crisis, Latin American trade, women's health in combat zones, Bitcoin, the Bolshevik Revolution, and our newest addition: a Joint Crisis focusing on the East China Sea. We are very excited to roll out our first joint crisis this year with our most experienced staff yet. The Joint Crisis will consist of three separate cabinet rooms from different countries (China, United States, and Japan) with vested interest in the East China Sea. These cabinets will react in real time to crises and create multilateral diplomatic directives in order to keep the never-ending brinkmanship of the region under control.

UMassMUN XVII also strives to provide its delegates and advisers with a professional and enjoyable conference setting. An opening reception is provided for both delegates and their advisers, and numerous social events including a dance and trivia take place on Saturday evening. Together, the experiences in and out of committee make UMassMUN one of the premier high school Model United Nations conferences in the Northeast.

We look forward to seeing you in March!

UMass MUN XVII Secretariat

UMassMUN Keynote Speaker- Dr. Paul Musgrave

Assistant professor of political science; UMass Amherst



Dr. Musgrave is an assistant professor of political science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He primarily studies U.S. foreign policy, international relations theory, and how oil revenues change political institutions. He focuses his research on two questions: How do domestic institutions shape U.S. foreign policy? And how does U.S. foreign policy shape international order? The first question is the basis for his dissertation, which is now being prepared as book project. The second question is associated with an incoming article with Daniel Nexon in *International Organization*.

Dr. Musgrave's research has also been featured or is forthcoming in *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Theory*, *American Politics Research*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, and the *Indiana Magazine of History*. He has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, al-Jazeera (Arabic and International),

KCRW's *Press Play* with Madeleine Brand, ABC's (Australia) *The World*, BNN (Canada), and Ottawa's 1310 NewsTalk radio. He has been quoted in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, and the *Guardian*. Non-peer-reviewed writing of Musgrave's has appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Cato Unbound*, and *Slate*.

Musgrave holds a Ph.D in government with a focus on international relations from Georgetown University, an M.A. in Politics from University College Dublin, and a B.A. in Political Science and History from Indiana University-Bloomington. Before attending graduate school, Musgrave worked for a year as an assistant editor at Foreign Affairs. Additionally, Musgrave is the recipient of many prestigious awards and fellowships. He was a research fellow at Georgetown School of Foreign Service Qatar from 2013-2014, and also received the Lilly Teaching Fellowship from UMass Amherst in 2017.

Musgrave teaches courses on U.S. foreign policy, resource and energy politics, undergraduate research methods, international relations, the conception and influence of apocalyptic scenarios, and empires. He also manages a prominent twitter account, @ProfMusgrave, where he broadcasts news and views about international relations, social science, and American politics to more than 16,000 followers.

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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY

Registration Check-In: 3:00-6:00pm
Campus Center Concourse

Opening Ceremonies: 6:30-7:30pm
Campus Center Auditorium- light refreshments will be served

Committee Session I: (Group A) 8:00-9:20pm
(Group B) 8: 10-9:30pm

Advisor Reception: 8:00-9:30pm
Marriot Center- 11th Floor Campus Center

Curfew at 11:00pm - All delegates must remain in own rooms at this time

SATURDAY

Committee Session II: (Group A): 9:00-11:45am
(Group B):
9:10-11:55am
Lunch Break: 12:00-1:30pm

During this time- tours of campus will be offered to those who are interested.

Committee Session III: (Group A): 1:30-4:40pm
(Group B): 1:40-4:50pm

Advisor Meeting 3:00-3:30pm
Dinner Break: 5:00-7:00pm

Committee Session IV: (Group A): 7:15-9:00pm
(Group B): 7:25-9:10pm

Delegate Dance, Boardgames and Trivia: 9:30-11:30pm
Campus Center Auditorium

Curfew at 12:00am - All delegates must be in own rooms at this time

SUNDAY

Committee Session V: (Group A) 9:30-10:45am
(Group B) 9:45-11:00am

Checkout of UMass Hotel by 11:00AM

Closing Ceremonies: 11:15-12:00pm
Campus Center Auditorium

Committee Rooms- *Located in Campus Center*

SPECPOL	163
UNODC	904
UNHCR	165
Group of 77	162
World Health Organisation	168
CELAC	174
ECOSOC	804
JCC: USA	805
JCC: China	903
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Transportation Schedule

All buses will leave from Campus Center Circle (next to the parking garage and across the entrance to the Campus Center) and rotate within the time frames allotted.

Friday 3/11: Leaves Campus Center at 9:50 p.m. for Howard Johnson

Saturday 3/12: Leaves Howard Johnson at 8:20 a.m. for first Committee Session

Leaves Campus Center at 11:10 p.m. for Howard Johnson

Sunday 3/13: Leaves Howard Johnson at 8:45 a.m. for Campus Center

Joint Crisis Procedure Notes

Notes on Crisis Parliamentary Procedure:

The parliamentary procedure for joint crisis committees is exactly the same as General Assembly except for the following few additions:

1. Crisis Directives

1. Committee Directive - A short and concise set of actions that can be taken in accordance with the power of the committee. These have to be voted on by the whole committee
2. Joint Directive - A set of actions carried out by two or more (maximum 3) members of the committee exercising their individual powers together to take action. These do not have to be voted on by the committee, but can or cannot be taken into consideration by the crisis staff
3. Personal Directive - A set of actions that exercise the power of an individual in the committee. These do not have to be voted on by the committees, but can or cannot be taken into consideration by the crisis staff.

2. Communiqués/Crisis Notes

1. These are meant not as a concrete set of actions, but as a means of communication between committees
2. These are usually a precursor to directives and are meant for one committee to understand the views of the other(s).
3. They should clearly lay out the committee's intended action and/or question, their reason for reaching out and the ideal resolution to the issue in their eyes.

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All of the delegate advisors who have given their weekend up so that their students can enjoy and learn at our conference

All of the participating delegates, who I am sure will dazzle us with their debate and creative thinking this weekend

All UMassMUN staffers, who have put countless hours into writing background guides, attending training sessions, all while juggling schoolwork and attending collegiate MUN conferences as delegates themselves. You are the life force of this conference and we are especially grateful to have you here.

And finally, to the **UMassMUN XVII Secretariat**. Without your experience, grace under pressure, and amicability, this weekend would not be possible. Thank you for your dedication and devotion to us, our club, and the conference as a whole. You are all incredible people and we are privileged to have been afforded the opportunity to work with you.

Jack Eccles,
Secretary General

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