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The Secretariat cordially invites you ...

Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN) is the largest, oldest, and most prestigious continuously-running college-level Model United Nations conference in the world. Staffed entirely by Harvard College undergraduates, HNMUN prides itself on its excellence—its excellence in substantive debate, in providing enriching opportunities for delegates to debate some of the most pertinent global issues; its excellence in representation, in inviting thousands of delegates from colleges and universities around the world; and its excellence in pedagogy, in allowing delegates to develop skills in negotiation, diplomacy and communication. In our sixty-seventh session, we hope to continue this long-standing tradition of excellence. This session will be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel from Thursday, 11 February through Sunday, 14 February 2021.

Throughout the conference, delegates will gain insight into the workings of the United Nations by actively participating in the resolution of important global issues. Participants will not only work with hundreds of other motivated college students with the common goals of furthering international awareness and building consensus, but will also work within a lively social setting.

... to join us for the 67th session of Harvard National Model United Nations.

The HNMUN Philosophy

The drafters of the United Nations charter, when they met in June of 1945, envisioned an organization that would transcend international boundaries, that would serve as a forum for cooperation, that would be the preeminent unifying force on the global stage. HNMUN is held in this same spirit. In modeling this mission for students from colleges and universities across the world, we hope to facilitate discussions today that will lead to solutions tomorrow.

HNMUN strives to ensure both breadth and depth in our committee offerings. We hope that all delegates can find a topic that they are passionate about, and we ensure that that topic will be debated with comprehensive, educational rigor. Our directors work tirelessly both before and throughout the conference to make debate as realistic as possible so that our delegates get a sense of the complexities of real-world international negotiation. And, as with the real United Nations, we strive to place an emphasis on cooperation and compromise rather than on the supremacy of any one country’s position. In this way, each delegate gets a chance to learn about not only current international affairs and a particular nation’s policies, but also how to stick to that position while working with tens or hundreds of other delegates in committee.

We bring to the conference sixty-six years of experience and a staff that always exhibits the highest levels of enthusiasm and professionalism both in committees and behind the scenes. For both Model UN veterans and new delegates, HNMUN provides a unique and rewarding experience.
Why HNMUN?

Our staff of over 200 Harvard undergraduates dedicate themselves to this substantive excellence. They spend months tirelessly researching and working to provide not only the most well-informed, current, and comprehensive background guides as possible, but also to come into committee with the wealth of knowledge necessary to facilitate constructive debate. Our number one priority is ensuring that each delegate feels prepared and well-versed in the topic, and our directors are dedicated to that ideal.

With over 2,000 participants, HNMUN draws delegates from colleges across the United States and the globe. HNMUN 2020 attracted delegates from over 80 countries, and the staff of the 2021 conference will continue to highlight the diversity of our conference. We feel strongly that our diversity is an integral part of the HNMUN spirit and commitment to emulating the reality of the global community.

Founded only a decade after the creation of the United Nations, HNMUN is the oldest simulation of its kind and the product of years of gradual refinement. Each year’s session of HNMUN builds on the successes of the last, resulting in a continually improving delegate experience. HNMUN is thus founded upon a solid tradition but never ceases to innovate, and the 2021 conference will be no exception. This session will be the second to feature single-topic committees and award a fifth delegation award, the Outstanding Small Delegation award, and will see the evolution of our blog style update papers. More details will be posted to our website and conference materials.

HNMUN offers a wide range of resources to ensure that both faculty and delegates feel comfortable and prepared before and during conference. This includes a broad selection of preparation resources for faculty advisors, as well as a fully-staffed faculty lounge at conference—a place for faculty advisors to not only relax, but also to communicate directly with HNMUN staffers. We also offer a number of resources for all international delegates, particularly those new to Model UN. Our Delegate Guide is an invaluable preparation tool; it is where we outline our expectations and suggestions for preparation for the conference.

Cognizant of how unique of an opportunity HNMUN is to meet delegates from schools and universities across the world, we are dedicated to providing myriad opportunities for delegates to take advantage of this environment. Our offerings at HNMUN 2021 will include a Delegate Dance, a Model Casino night and the return of Cocktail Hour, an International Bazaar, tours of Harvard, and more! Additionally, as our staff is composed entirely of Harvard undergraduates, we hope to also serve as a resource about Boston life, as well as places/destinations to visit when you’re in the city.
Conference Structure

As we uphold 66 years of tradition, for our 67th session, we also look forward to the future as we continue our commitment to providing a unique delegate experience. This means we will be adding new features to raise the bar even higher as we push HNMUN 67 forward.

General Assembly

• Seven Committees
• Four double-delegate
• Three single-delegate
• All UN Member States
• Individual application for Press Corps

Economic and Social Council & Regional Bodies

• Eight Committees
• Five double-delegate
• Three single-delegate
• Slots assigned according to Country Assignment List
• Individual application for NGO Programme

Specialized Agencies

• Ten Committees
• One double-delegate
• Nine single-delegate
• Slots assigned according to Country Assignment List
• Individual application for all SA committees

Committee Dynamics

Focus

• Delegates discuss how to approach the selected committee topic
• Debate over topic area will be either via formal debate or an unmoderated caucus

Debate

• Formal and informal debate facilitates discussion on potential topic solutions
• Initial working papers are drafted to express opinions of group of delegates on specific areas within the topic
• Working papers are introduced, amended, and merged

Resolve

• Working papers become draft resolutions (more formal solutions)
• Delegates debate and amend draft resolutions
• Voting procedure takes place, and up to one draft resolution is passed
• In some committees, delegates draft comprehensive directives instead

Pre-Conference Resources

FALL 2020: Background Guides written by Committee Directors released

WINTER 2020: Committee Update Blog Posts uploaded and released to delegates

Committee Sessions

FEB 11: Session I (3 hours)
FEB 12: Session II and III (6 hours)
FEB 13: Session IV and V (6 hours)
FEB 14: Session VI (2 hours)
The General Assembly committees are truly representative of the international community. With all 193 members of the United Nations represented, the GA has the unique ability to foster debate amongst all countries to ensure no state is left unheard. With the largest committees at conference, delegates get to experience debate and compromise in an environment typical of the United Nations. Delegates discuss issues in politics, society, culture, economics, security, development, and the law. In the General Assembly delegates will work together in the spirit of diplomacy to draft resolutions that address critical issues currently facing the global community, as well as issues it will face in the decades to come. In their efforts, delegates are assisted by the Press Corps, which will provide realistic media presence and coverage at conference. The diversity of delegates and topics in the GA ensure that diplomacy, negotiation, and teamwork become the driving force behind committee proceedings, ensuring a balance of power that prevents any countries from dominating over others.

The Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council consists of committees representing specialized international bodies. The ECOSOC truly embraces diversity in terms of topics, solutions, and the countries represented. Delegates and staff alike can gain an understanding of these diverse issues through debate and the process of writing and passing resolutions. The Economic and Social Council also offers the Non-Governmental Organizations Programme, a dynamic committee experience unique to HNMUN in which delegates explore the distinct challenges that NGOs face in the real world. Delegates in the NGO Programme will be able to participate in debate in multiple committees throughout conference. The ECOSOC delegates get to experience crisis, innovative applications of technology, and incredibly substantive debate in an environment that encourages committee bonding and cooperation. This blend requires a type of delegate that can manage quick, articulate thinking, as well as broader strategies of long-term planning and cooperation.

The Regional Bodies

The Regional Bodies allow delegates to focus on important international issues as they relate to particular areas of the globe. Some of these committees are not formally part of the United Nations organizational system, and these specific differences of mandate and responsibility particular to each organization enrich and diversify debate. This year’s Regional Bodies—CELAC, the Non-Aligned Movement set in 1973, and OPEC—span multiple continents. With approximately between 55 to 80 delegates in each committee, they provide the opportunity to discuss important issues in a more intimate setting and allow for greater flexibility in negotiation. These committees will engage and challenge delegates, combining the conventional debate experience with exciting and innovative presentations and crisis simulations.
The Specialized Agencies

HNMUN 2021 will feature an expanded selection of Specialized Agencies, showcasing exceptional diversity in the bodies it simulates. As delegates immerse themselves in the diplomacy, debate, and discussion expected in Model UN, they will face some of the most original and unexpected crisis experiences available. HNMUN 2021’s roster of Specialized Agencies committees includes government bodies and councils that range from 31 B.C. to the near future and spans over four continents. Across the ten committees, delegates will have the opportunity to examine the intricacies of Roman politics; the challenge of crafting a new constitution in Tunisia; the difficulties of defending Haudenosaunee tribes from colonial settlement; and much more. In our small-sized committees with high delegate-to-staff ratios, participants in the Specialized Agencies will be able to engage in substantive and structured debate in the committee room and exciting and constructive plotting through crisis. Delegates will also be given the opportunity to connect the lessons that they learn through crisis to real-world happenings, through Sunday Colloquium discussions facilitated by dais staff.

## Committees at HNMUN 2021

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SPECIAL FEATURES & INNOVATIONS

HNMUN is so much more than a simulation. As we build on the last 66 years of conference, we plan to continue the HNMUN’s legacy as a trailblazer of the Model UN circuit, both inside and outside the committee room.

The Resolution Project is an international organization whose mission is to “to develop socially responsible young leaders and empower them to make a positive impact today,” and is also our conference partner. We work with them to host the Social Venture Challenge, a competition where HNMUN delegates form teams and create proposals for actual social projects to better their local communities. Winners will receive seed funding and strong advisory support to carry out their ventures.

In addition to traditional UN committees, HNMUN 2021 will feature innovative simulations, such as ECOFIN’s pressing discussion of Inuit communities, a historical simulation of the 1973 Non-Aligned Movement, and a 1944 meeting of some of the first female fighter pilots, the Soviet Night Witches. By diversifying the types of committees we simulate, we seek to increase international awareness, promote diversity of opinion and position, and facilitate consideration of new angles on prominent issues.

The Press Corps and NGO Programme will be returning to HNMUN 2021, celebrating their 11th year of existence at conference. Individual delegates and delegates attending with delegations will have the option of applying directly for the Press Corps and NGO Programme. At conference, Press Corps participants will have the opportunity to participate in committee press conferences and contribute to a website and social media platforms that will be read by delegates across the conference. NGO Programme participants will simulate the actions of actual Non-Governmental Organizations, working within different Economic and Social Council committees to spread the interests of their organization.

HNMUN every year has the privilege of hosting a wide variety of international delegations from all around the world that in total represent over 60 nations. Continuing our tradition of celebrating the extraordinary global diversity present at our conference, this year’s HNMUN will once again invite delegates to participate in our International Bazaar. Delegates will have the opportunity to share with thousands of fellow delegates their culture and background as well as raise awareness of important current affairs relevant to their home countries and communities. All delegates are encouraged to attend this unique conference-wide cultural exchange event.

Our website will continue to provide links to committee blog updates, our study guides, and important conference documents and updates. Registering for and participating in HNMUN will be easier than ever because of ongoing improvements in our web-based database (MUNBase) and the support of a dedicated Administration staff.
AN UNMATCHED EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Get first-hand experience with...

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Delegates in every committee will have opportunities to gain experience with speaking in front of an assembled audience of peers on difficult international issues.

COOPERATION & NEGOTIATION
Whether speaking to 400 General Assembly participants or negotiating in unmoderated caucuses with much smaller groups, successful delegates will learn to communicate their ideas persuasively, cultivating skills useful in settings that extend far beyond Model United Nations.

Use this opportunity to gain...

KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
By synthesizing the information provided in our background guides, delegates' individual research, and ideas presented by other delegates in committee, HNMUN participants will become exceptionally knowledgeable about their committee's topic area.

NEW PERSPECTIVES
Through simulation, delegates have the unique opportunity to represent nations with values, beliefs, and cultures not familiar to them. In so doing, delegates have the opportunity to learn about other cultures in an enjoyable and rewarding fashion.

Hear from and meet...

WORLD-RENOVLED SPEAKERS
Sixty-seven years of tradition means that HNMUN will attract a variety of notable and dynamic personalities relevant to government, international relations, and contemporary issues to conference. Past HNMUN keynote speakers have included Samantha Power, a past US Ambassador to the United Nations and a renowned human rights expert; Lawrence Summers, former US Treasury Secretary and President of Harvard University; Gillian Sorensen, Under-Secretary-General of the UN; Fernando Valenzuela, EU Ambassador to the UN; and Robert Putnam, celebrated economist and sociologist.

DELEGATES AND FACULTY ADVISORS FROM 300+ UNIVERSITIES
The Faculty Lounge will remain a central point for head delegates and faculty advisors to attend a variety of panels, presentations, and receptions throughout the weekend of the conference. These events will allow faculty to interact and learn from each other, in addition to drawing on the intellectual resources of Harvard University and the Boston area through Faculty Speakers and informal opportunities. We are greatly expanding our in-committee guest speaker program and our faculty advisor panels this year to ensure that all participants at conference have the opportunity to hear from real experts on the most pressing issues facing our world today.
BEYOND THE COMMITTEE

HNMUN is also committed to providing an enjoyable delegate experience outside of formal committee session. Delegates can use our helpful conference guide to explore the city and enjoy the restaurants, theaters, cinemas, shops, bars, and clubs conveniently located within walking distance of the Boston Park Plaza. Our aim is to ensure that each delegate leaves Boston with new friends and fond memories.

THURSDAY

Cambridge and Harvard Campus Tours

Fully led by Harvard students themselves, the campus tours provide a wonderful opportunity to get an insight into student life at Harvard, view the historic and beautiful Harvard campus, and purchase Harvard souvenirs.

Model Casino Night and Cocktail Hour

HNMUN’s Thursday night offerings will feature the return of Cocktail Hour to the BPP. Our traditional Model Casino Night, held in The Loft, will now include a bar with drink offerings for delegates and faculty 21+.

FRIDAY

International Bazaar

A highlight of the HNMUN conference, the International Bazaar is a venue for our many international delegates to showcase their cultures. From snack foods to performances to cultural knowledge, this is a wonderful opportunity to not only socialize with other delegates, but also to be exposed to the myriad cultures that our delegations come from.

SATURDAY

Delegate Dance

HNMUN 2021 will feature the renowned Delegate Dance, giving all participants in the conference a chance to dance the night away to music by one of Boston’s top DJs. This dance is an ideal opportunity for delegates to cement their new friendships outside of the formal conference structure before the final day of committee sessions and Closing Ceremonies.
## Important Dates 2020-2021

### October 1

**Priority Registration Ends**
Submit Application and non-refundable Registration Fee (US$90 per school) via hnmun.org. Schools that submit both the application and registration fee by this date will be considered in our first round of country assignments.

**Priority Financial Aid**
HNMUN is committed to ensuring the accessibility of the conference, regardless of ability to pay. We offer financial assistance to delegations with demonstrated need on a case-by-case basis, providing aid towards the cost of transportation and accommodation. Applications for financial aid submitted by this date will be considered in our first round of financial aid decisions.

### November 1

**Special Applications**
Submit applications for Special committees including Press Corps, NGO Programme, and the Specialized Agencies via hnmun.org. All applications received by this date will be considered during country assignments.

**Regular Registration and Financial Aid End**
All applications received by this date will be considered in our second round of country assignments and financial aid. All applications after this date will be subject to late registration fees.

### December 1

**Delegate & Faculty Advisor Fees**
delegate (US$85 each) and Advisor (US$60 each) fees due. Each school is responsible for all other expenses.

### January 24

**Room Reservations**
Delegates and faculty advisors are encouraged to stay at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Each school must make its own hotel reservations directly using the reservation form available on our website by this date. Special discounted rates are available for HNMUN affiliates. Details about the hotel, 2021 room rates, transportation, and Boston can be found on our website.

**HNMUN LXVII**
We hope that this prospectus has given some insight into what the HNMUN experience has to offer and the value of its educational mission. Yet no booklet or description can replace seeing HNMUN 2021 firsthand. We hope you will join us February!
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Panama City.
Join us.

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