



The Delegate



Keep the passion alive. Reach moderation.

In ancient Greece it was believed that the goddess of justice was blind in order to be impartial. That raises a crucial question; Is everybody equal before justice regardless of their power or wealth?

I think so. I think everyone is equal and must be treated in terms of equality. That is a very difficult question. Above all, I think opportunity shall be equal. Not in the end – if you say that everybody should make the same amount of money, I won't agree with that. But everybody shall have the opportunity to make a living. Everybody should have the opportunity. So, it depends on the topic, it depends on the subject. Of course I believe in equality, but there shall be some limits; should everybody have the same salary, no, but they should have the opportunity to have the house and salary, that is important to me.

In your speech in the opening ceremony, you mentioned the Aristotelean theory of moderation. Is it feasible to be applied in the modern society?

The answer for me is yes, but it takes effort. It takes strength, it takes sometimes courage – but is it possible? Certainly, it is possible. It is important I think that people find that “middle ground”. Extreme is good, passion is good – in certain areas. It is good if you are passionate for certain things, like your country or love for your wife or girlfriend or boyfriend etc – but outside of that there are certain extremes that are not so good. And it's good to know which are important and what to strive for. It's not always the success in reaching moderation, it's the attempt to reach moderation. It's the goal. And I think if you work for that goal, you can find success.

It is widely known that the ICJ is the most popular amongst the delegates. How beneficial do you think the participation in the ICJ is for them?

I think it's a wonderful opportunity. Students learn a great deal at school, many skills, and this is a chance for them to use their skills. Reading, reading for comprehension, writing, debating and all the listening- spotting issues, critical thinking. It's everything a student does in classroom, but with a project in mind. And practically applying what you've learned is what the ICJ is about. There are all kind of things in classes, and now you have the opportunity to do something that is practical, it's realistic, as this case is still pending. And the word is honing, they hone every skill they have, and that is nice. Also, if you're a delegate, sometimes you raise your hand but you do not get a call. The ICJ, there is no place to hide. The kids are involved all day long, every minute. All the time, whether you are listening, talking, taking notes or making questions, you are involved- all the time. And that's important to me. Sometimes, the kids say “All the day, my hand was up and nobody called me” but in the ICJ, you are on all the time.

Since it is the second time you attend the ATSMUN conference, we would like your comments on this year's case. Could you predict the verdict of the trial?

Ahead of time I couldn't predict it, I've done the case before four or five times and the result is always kind of the same. Depends on the voting. This one was very similar, too, and the end result was very similar to what students have done before- but those kids were excellent. You know, some of them are only fifteen, and I'm used to working with seventeen or eighteen year old students. Your group was a little younger, terrific though. Excellent preparation, which is what life is all about, being prepared- if you're prepared, doesn't matter what the result is, you win. You don't maybe get the verdict, but you don't get the verdict in every case, the evidence is with you, or not with you. But these kids were very well prepared, and I appreciated it, and everybody participated, everybody was involved. I said to them “When you have to dance, what do you do?” and they answered “We dance”. So I told them “This is your dance. I want all of you dancing”. And, in terms of the case they spotted the issues, they knew exactly what was going on, the evidence presented by both sides. In the end, it was heavier on one side than the other, but that was not due to the presentation. It was the evidence that was in favor of the one side, not the other. They did a great job, and you couldn't predict the outcome till the end. And they spotted the issues, and wrote down the issues, then discussed them and that was when they started to see what the case was about and how it was going to result. They argued for over three hours. Three and a half hours, they were debating.



Keeping up with the committees...

Historical

World War broke out. The delegates formed alliances in order to distinguish between Austria's supporters and enemies. The war was spread around the globe. The main topic of discussion that dominated the first day's session was the murder of the chief of the Nazi party by supporters of the communist party. The assassin's identity remains unknown and the assassination seems to be attributed to diplomatic reasons or episodes. At the end of the day the US alliance prevailed, ensuring worldwide stability

Security Council

The ATSMUN's Security Council was enthusiastic, active and well-prepared. The delegates soon showed courage to take a stand and express their delegation's policy engaging in heated debates. Greece's first real-life SC stimulation was a success and it officially declared that both the Council and the Secretariat enjoyed it. Extra Props and Academy Awards were given to the President Erdogan, Mr. Borris Johnson and Mustafa Akinci.

United Nations Environment Programme

An American factory located in China had a gas leak. China put the blame on the US as they did not take the agreed upon precautions defined by the Paris agreement. The Head of State, Xi Ziping, forced the US to reimburse China and pay sanctions until they start implementing the agreed upon terms. Donald Trump was on the verge of quitting the agreement to avoid reimbursement. Both China and the US threatened to use their nuclear missiles.

Special Political

The committee members were quite hesitant on the first day. They managed to generate debate but it was slow-paced and most delegates made but sporadic contribution. On the second day, however, things changed. After passing one resolution, they proceeded with a crisis on the topic and that was when things lit up. Delegates who had not even spoken once took the stand and appeared to be intrigued and engaged.

International Court of Justice

During these three days the delegates gained a lot of knowledge and invaluable experience attending the ICJ. All the members of the committee were well prepared and willing to actively participate.

International Monetary Fund

The issue of loan conditionality was debated during the second day of the conference. The delegates argued on their countries' policies, having a market-targeted bloc and a social-driven one. They finally managed to agree on some clauses and as a result a fruitful resolution was passed.

On the third day, the executives discussed over regulations on foreign investments. Developing countries need capital flow to promote growth, but this has to be done through a special framework that the executives planned.

League of Arab States

After a fierce debate on the political unrest in Yemen and the unfolding military conflict between Iran and Saudi Arabia, the delegates drafted a working paper on the topic of the relocation of refugees in Arab countries. The delegates experienced a crisis when informed that the city of Damascus was bombed by ISIS and thousands of refugees fled towards Middle Eastern countries. The delegates had to decide on the relocation of the refugees and their possible settlement in the Middle East countries. Saudi Arabia expressed its refusal, while the ambassador of Syria made a statement calling for help.

Economic and Social Council

A great relationship was established among the delegates. Although the majority of them were newcomers, everyone had the chance to take the floor. All four resolutions were managed to pass with the delegates responding to the crisis.



Meet the press team



The issue you are holding and enjoy reading would not have come into life if it had not been for the superb press team. We all worked hard throughout the conference and did our best by taking photos, interviewing people and writing articles. We hope our efforts were fruitful and kept you all well entertained!

Aristeidis Aggelopoulos
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It was a pleasure to cooperate with the students of the press team.

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Everybody dance now!

Everybody had a great time on Saturday's night party held at the Main Hall of Arsakeio School. All participants danced under the excellent music choices of J. Bebelis and apart from having fun the event was a chance to relax and socialize. Everyone enjoyed themselves and wished to meet again in the next MUN!



A few words from our advisors

Being an ATSMUN Advisor is a privilege and at the same time a huge responsibility. It is an incredible learning experience for our students which can change their lives, their university choices and sometimes their career track.

I reckon Model UN conferences benefit students' knowledge of global issues, enable students to develop their public speaking skills and their critical thinking whereas at the same time give all of us the opportunity to get together with teachers and students from different countries – schools – cultures and make new friends. I would like to thank all participants to this 2nd ATS MUN conference for making it so successful!!!

Kassiani Eleftheriadi



This is my second year as an MUN Advisor and the overall MUN experience in all its forms, stages and aspects has been none other than thrilling and utterly enjoyable. Seeing all these young people engage in discussions about the most difficult and contentious global issues is one of the most interesting and rewarding experiences of my teaching career. MUN has the students at its core and what I find of the utmost value is that MUN offers them the grounds on which they can seek knowledge and information for themselves, find the means, skills and inner strength to communicate it in public and be responsible for it throughout. MUN teaches such great lessons without the often stagnant pressure of formal evaluation and exams. I admire all MUNers and want to thank them for making the 2nd ATSMUN such a wonderful experience for all of us.

Kafousia Patroula

The people behind the scenes

Our main concern, both before and during the conference, was to keep the premises clean and tidy.

The cleaning staff



It's been our second year working on the secretarial support of the MUN conference. Having a single target, the successful conduction of the conference, we cooperated wholeheartedly and willingly. Our last year's experience helped us overcome any obstacles and difficulties.

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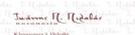
There are a lot of things to be arranged before such an important conference. Some of these were: the security of the premises, seating arrangements, repairs and material supplementation. These were our main concerns to be satisfied and we all hope we have met the high demands of such a conference.

The technical staff

Thank you all for your help and kind contribution!!!!

Snapshot Time!





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