



# The Delegate



## Evolving Separatistic Discrimination: Intrinsic 'Child' of Globalization?

The mere process of globalization inevitably affects and fosters inequalities and discrimination tendencies on account of the need to identify and define global norms and identities that will shape and dictate the political, social and financial scenery at a transnational level; thus allowing no room to consider national or even local particularities. Things get even worse when we consider the 'rationale' underpinning the implementation of global rules that aim, in most cases, to reflect the interests of the MEDC's. Understanding the linkages between globalization and inequality is crucial because, nowadays, inequalities and disparity issues address and jeopardize key principles of human rights and pose challenges even to human security and environmental sustainability. In times of relative economic growth 'globalization' might perform fine by maintaining and aspiring to the increase of a wealthy and ground status quo. However, the large scale recession that several countries experience nowadays has a very negative effect on



the ongoing globalization and the consequential reduction of discrimination of many countries. The economic crisis has brought to light the weaknesses of globalization process since it excludes or takes no consideration of countries that do not meet the fiscal standards that are set regarding the developing rates of the most developed and economical empowered countries. As a consequence, extreme phenomena have been registered; from xenophobia and excessive nationalism to fiscal shortages, imposing severe fiscal policies at national level.

### How does one reconcile the visible benefits of globalization with the apparent downside?

Nobel Laureate Eric Maskin says *"The right thing to do is not to try to stop globalization - that would be foolish -because globalization certainly does increase average income in all countries."* A key principle to face separatistic discrimination issues and unequal endowments is to strengthen global regulatory agreements regarding political and social policies that support people's rights on provision of goods (shelter, food, sustainable livelihoods), liberty, education, medical care and freedom to move around the world. If we want globalization to be established as a healthy process that fosters equality in all domains, we need, first of all, to strengthen the disciplines that multilateralism brings. In addition, we need to strengthen and

increase the representation of developing and poor countries in global fora, such as the UN Security Council, the G8, G20, IMF, the World Bank and so on. Of course, upcoming challenges should be properly and fairly dealt to avoid future crisis and/or social and political turbulence. For instance, the large scale migration movement that we experience nowadays necessitates proper and prompt handling by a global authority institution (for example a UN-based International Migration Authority).

In general, globalization –at least on a theoretical basis – constitutes a vibrant and potentially powerful instrument that aspires to increase wealth and welfare: the global economic. However, there seems that economy's support is based on fragile global policies that foster separatistic tendencies. No one argues that Globalization is something beneficial and has improved the life of millions over the last decades. What we should do to ensure its positive implementation is to discard the inefficient and fragile policies and apply collective management and reforming strategies that promote global equality.

The MUN Press Team

# Student Officers

## **Nicholas Papandreou (Disarmament and International Security Committee)**

- ◆ Come prepared to the conference! Do your research into the policy of your country in each of the topics of the committee.
- ◆ I consider the Disarmament committee to be the committee that mostly serves in the maintenance of stability in the world. It is a committee in which, unlike the Security Council, the voices of all countries can be heard and, thus, a general consensus can be reached.



## **Yannis Skordas (International Monetary Fund)**

- ◆ My advice to the new-comers: Be yourself, be prepared and speak up!
- ◆ What makes ATSMUN so special is the fact that it is organized by Ar-sakeio School.
- ◆ In my opinion, respect is absent from today's world.

## **Sofia Chavele-Dastamani (League of Arab States)**

- ◆ Don't be shy! Be prepared and don't be afraid to be a know-it-all delegate! Support your country's positions, no matter how extreme!
- ◆ I have always been passionate about middle-eastern politics.
- ◆ ATSMUN is the only conference bringing together high school and university students. Also, I find committees like the LAS and the IMF particularly innovative and unique opportunities to experience different topics than the ones in other MUN conferences.



## **Maria-Athina Avgitidou (League of Arab States)**

- ◆ Delegates shouldn't hesitate! Be active, be courageous and be passionate.
- ◆ As a director of the League of Arab States, it is exceptionally interesting for me to be able to focus on the role of regional organizations that have a totally different mentality from European ones and get accustomed with the crucial issues that 'torment' the Middle East.
- ◆ The factor that makes ATSMUN more special than other simulation conferences is the so-called "family spirit". The feeling of togetherness that surrounds ATSMUN enhances fruitful collaboration.

## **Evangelia Alexandrou (Economic and Social Council)**

- ◆ My advice to the newcomers would be to relax and enjoy the session because that's what MUN is for: having fun, getting to know new people with the same interests and learn about the world.
- ◆ The specific committee has extremely interesting topics which are of paramount importance to the global economy. Thus, chairing in this committee will be an amazing experience.





### **Despina Petradakis (United Nations Environment Programme)**

- ◆ Don't stress, have fun and speak your mind. MUN is your chance to be heard! Take advantage of it.
- ◆ ATSMUN is new and fresh. It manages to be a fun experience while also keeping the serious MUN facade.

### **Magda Katsanou (Economic and Social Council)**

- ◆ The ATSMUN conferences are unique because they follow their own path which makes the climate of the whole organization more pleasant, without disrespecting the rules of procedure.
- ◆ As far as I am concerned, the world today is lacking empathy and consciousness.



### **Farmakis Orestis (League of Arab States)**

- ◆ You don't have to panic. Pay attention to the procedure and soon you will find yourself comfortable to deliver a speech.
- ◆ Honesty seems to be missing from our world nowadays.



## **Brain Teasers**

You can see me in water, but I never get wet. What am I?

Feed me and I live, yet give me a drink and I die. What am I ?

Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?

Look at me. I can bring a smile to your face, a tear to your eye, or even a thought to your mind. But, I can't be seen. What am I?

## Oups! Crisis broke out!!

### LAS:

For many years, Yemen has been under political unrest. It has been a war between National Forces, under President Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi's government, and those aligned with the Houthi rebel movement. A crisis broke out, when the legitimate governor of Yemen, President Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi, was captured in Saudi Arabia and executed in Syria by Al-Qaeda militants. In light of these events, the LAS decided to:

- Impose embargo on the Islamic Republic of Iran, which backs the Houthi rebel opposition
- Establish a military drone strike on Al-Qaeda bases in Syria and Yemen
- Capture and 'strictly punish' the leaders of Al-Qaeda and the Houthis.

After these decisions were made, the Ambassador of Iran informed them that as an act of revenge, they would send their troops to the border of Saudi Arabia



### DISEC:

Today in the Disarmament and International Security committee, a crisis regarding a military invasion of the DPRK in the Republic of Korea has broken out. An alliance led by the USA and Russia was formed. Delegates took positions either favoring the start of World War 3 or maintaining a neutral stance that entails the continuation of the existence of the DPRK. Debate reached a very advanced level with a lot of engagement and passion from the delegates; something very important while having just 30 minutes to lobby!

### SPECPOL:

By what was reported by the American media outlet "Fox News" as a response to North Korean aggression, the United States launched a dozen nuclear warheads which landed by "mistake" in the East coast of Canada. Canada has neither declared war nor has any other party. The world stage is frozen and the UN's political committee is called upon to resolve the issue, with a resolution on dispute settlement being one of its most vital tools in doing so.



## Reflections by the Headmasters of Arsakeia Schools

### **Dimitris Vlachodimitropoulos: Headmaster of Arsakeio Junior High School of Patras**

Arsakeio of Patras Model United Nations (ATSMUN) is a fully student run Non-Governmental Organisation in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Our goal is to promote the ideals and principles of the United Nations among the youth – university students in particular. In the alignment with the spirit of the United Nations, founded in 1945, ATSMUN strives to foster a constructive forum for open dialogue on complex global issues, including international peace and security and economic and social progress. MUN stresses the in-depth examination and resolution of pressing issues, emphasizing process over product. During the conference, students learn the importance of balancing national interests with the needs of the international community, while also learning about the powers and limitations of international negotiation. To this purpose, delegates will strongly try to preserve their countries' national policy while negotiating in the face of other, sometimes conflicting, international policies.

From year to year, these activities have to be developed in order to fulfill the ideal of MUN as a permanent platform that young people can use to discuss international affairs, the role of the United Nations and its values.



### **Maria Touliatou: Headmistress of Arsakeio Elementary School of Patras**

I consider MUN to be an exceptional and multi-leveled experience for the participating students. I am really looking forward to seeing the students of Primary Education live this experience in the future.

During the MUN Conferences students are given the opportunity to talk and reflect about global issues that remain unsolved and/or necessitate careful handling. Moreover, students' participation in MUN conferences helps them develop valuable skills that will guide them throughout their adult life.

Having students engaged in global issues and developing critical thinking and problem solving skills in a creative way is a unique lesson!

### **Petrakis Manos: Headmaster, Arsakeio High School of Patras**

The Arsakeia Schools of Patras are a carrier of education and culture not only for the city of Patras but also for the wider area. In this context, besides the modern syllabus applied in the Arsakeia Schools, there are also implemented projects aiming at innovation, creativity, experiential actions, entrepreneurship and culture. On the top of these educational and training actions is the conduct of the simulation of the international conference carried out at the United Nations. This year, similar to last year's expectations, five hundred 'delegates' from all over Greece and abroad have come to the Arsakeia Schools of Patras, divided in committees, to talk about current issues that address crucial humanitarian topics. Students gain unique experiences by participating in such educational processes; they learn to argue and back their claims by using formal debate terms and procedures, and they also have the opportunity to communicate with peers from all over the world – which is the main idea underlying a globalized society.

# Snapshot Time!

