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The 7th ATSMUN is here!
 This year, we are once again staying home and so are our delegates.



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Opening Ceremony



The Opening Ceremony began in the morning of 5th November with a welcome speech from the Headmaster of Arsakeio Senior High School of Patras, **Dr. Emmanouil Petrakis**. In his speech he highlighted the educational value of ATSMUN as students are given the opportunity to interact and actively reflect on significant issues that concern the international community. He emphasized the role of Arsakeia schools in creating citizens equipped with humanitarian ideals and unfolding their inherent talents and virtues. He further thanked the President of Filekpaideytiki Etaireia Professor G. Babiniotis, the Board and the Superintended of Arsakeia Tositseia Schools Vasiliki Papapetrou for giving us the opportunity to organize such a conference, as well as the MUN Director Ms Kontogiani for spreading MUN and supporting its organization.

The next speaker **Dr. Dionissios Mantzavinos**, the sitting Vice-Rector of the University of Patras, and active Professor at the Department of Chemical Engineering, commended the Arsakeio Senior High School of Patras for setting up such an international event that brings together young people. He commented on the main topic regarding the ways technology may or may not offer viable solutions in conjunction with science and expressed his optimism that the system will return to a new steady state following the virus perturbation.



The floor was then yielded to this year's Secretary General **Thaleia Antoniou** who greeted everyone and gave a warm welcome to all the participants. She noted that such a conference sheds light on times where social isolation is present and constitutes a simulation for those who want to drive humanity towards greatness. She also encouraged delegates to discuss, collaborate and evaluate today's problems in a constructive way. She then declared the start of the 7th Web ATSMUN.

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Keynote Speakers - Day 1

The **United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP)** hosted **Dr. Panayotis Dimopoulos**, (the sitting Vice Rector and an active Professor at the Department of Biology at the University of Patras). He cautiously explained to the delegates in a detailed outline the definition of Sustainable Development and he elaborated on Technology Development and Sustainable Technology, providing various examples.



Dr. Mourtzis Dimitrios (Professor at the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics of the University of Patras) spoke in the **Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS)**. Dr. Mourtzis discussed the current developments in space exploration robotics and analyzed the advantages of the conquest of space by both humans and robots through Human-Machine Interface (HMI) that will facilitate the evolution from Society

Dr. Michael Paroussis (Head of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Patras, Professor for Jurisprudence, Practical Philosophy and Bioethics) spoke in the **Legal Committee** about the forms of governance we find our society experiencing due to the challenges posed by pandemics. Dr. Paroussis noted the need for the active involvement of citizens in decision-making in order to overcome the danger of compromising democratic values and creating a paternalistic, instructional state on the pretext of public health protection.



Dr. Apostolos Vantarakis, (Professor of Public Health at the Medical School of the University of Patras) was the keynote speaker in the **World Health Organization (WHO)** Committee. He elaborated on telehealth, digital healthcare and the ways they have improved healthcare. He noted their potentials and also highlighted their limitations. He further explained the reasons why digital health has become a priority nowadays.

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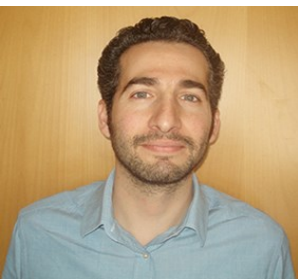
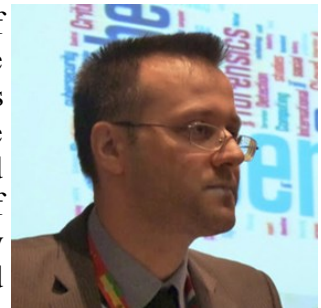
Keynote Speakers - Day 2

Dr. Constantinos Koliopoulos (Associate Professor of International Politics and Strategic Studies at the Department of International, European and Area Studies, Panteion University) spoke at the **Security Council**. He elaborated on these year's issues 'Israel and Palestine conflict after 2021: Navigating the uncharted waters of a post two-state solution' and 'The question of Syria: The World beyond the War'. He answered all the questions the delegates submitted to him, explaining policies from the point of view of an expert in strategies and foreign affairs.



Stephen John Taylor (Senior Presenter, Teacher-trainer and Team leader for Cambridge Assessment English, Southern Europe) spoke in the **Social Humanitarian Committee**. He discussed the issue of human rights violation during the challenging times of global pandemics. Furthermore, Mr. Taylor discussed the predicament of violence and sexual abuse in the workplace and clarified the terms sexual harassment, sexual assault and sexual abuse.

Dr. Andrew N. Liaropoulos (Assistant Professor at the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Piraeus) spoke in the **Disarmament and International Security Committee**. Dr. Liaropoulos talked about the use of national security as a pretext for justifying surveillance politics. He highlighted the need for a digital social contract which could regulate the relationship between citizens and states, regarding the issue of cyber surveillance. Dr. Liaropoulos also discussed the threat posed by bioterrorism and stressed the need for effective biodefense strategies and explicit frameworks of international governance.



The issues of the situation in Myanmar and the distribution of vaccines and public health policies as a means of new age imposition were thoroughly discussed in the Special **Political and Decolonization Committee** by **Dr. Sotiris Petropoulos** (Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science and International Relations of the University of the Peloponnese).

The **International Court of Justice (ICJ)**, this year deals with the issue of 'Guatemala's Territorial, Insular and Maritime Claim' and is run online by the ICJ THIMUN Coordinator Mr. Robert Stern.





This year's new committee Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - COPUOS

The **Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS)** was set up by the General Assembly in 1959 to govern the exploration and use of space for the benefit of all humanity: for peace, security and development. The Committee was tasked with reviewing international cooperation in peaceful uses of outer space, studying space-related activities that could be undertaken by the United Nations, encouraging space research programmes, and studying legal problems arising from the exploration of outer space.

The Committee is serviced by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs. The committee initially consisted of with 24 members. Since then, it has grown to 95 members – one of the largest Committees in the United Nations. The Committee reports to the Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth Committee), which adopts an annual resolution on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

The Committee meets annually in Vienna, Austria, to discuss questions relating to current and future activities in space. Topics for discussion include maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes, safe operations in orbit, space debris, space weather, the threat from asteroids, the safe use of nuclear power in outer space, climate change, water management, global navigation satellite systems, and questions concerning space law and national space legislation.



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Interview with our Secretary General Thaleia Antoniou



Why ATSMUN?

There is no why, just go for it. Being an IB2 student and also trying to juggle activities you actually enjoy is a nightmare and sometimes exhausting...but every time...rewarding! When I started looking for conferences to participate in during this school year, it wasn't a hard decision. I wanted to contribute to the Greek MUN community which has helped me in so many ways. Although not from the same schools, classes or even cities, the Greek MUN community is extremely bonded. This bond is something that I look forward to every time I undertake a conference. No matter the hardships, we're always there for each other and have slowly become family. Even if some of us have never met in person, we are all extremely happy to have one another and more than excited to be joining conferences and discussing topics of utmost importance. ATSMUN represented this for me, and now looking at it retrospectively, it was a wise decision.

What are the challenges of an online conference?

As much as we like to call online conferences easier and more convenient, they definitely have some tricky parts. Yes, being at the comfort of your own home is tempting, but that also comes with massive other responsibilities. Since you're not solely dedicating your weekend to traveling to the venue of the conference and being there all day, quite literally zoned out from reality. On the contrary, while being online, the world is still running. You're still expected to fulfill all your responsibilities, and being a perfectionist and control freak, like myself, doesn't really make it easy. I can assure you that online conferences are much harder than physical conferences. In physical conferences, you can barge in the room and whisper something to a student officer. In an online conference you need to be fine tuning everything, as it isn't sure that the person you're trying to contact will be available with eyes checking each and every platform you might try to contact them through. Therefore this gap in communication is one of the biggest challenges. However, that doesn't only concern the organizing committee. It's also equally as hard to contact delegates. Imagine a committee of 70 people, who barely participate. It's like talking to a wall.

What advice would you give to your delegates?

Guys take it easy! I see delegates stressing out about their speeches and not feeling comfortable with speaking in front of their committees. Firstly, you'll never overcome that fear if you don't face it, so go for it! You seriously have nothing to lose! Especially in a conference outside your country that you'll attend once or twice in your life, no one will care if you make a small mistake or say something that doesn't necessarily make sense, no one will literally care, so why should you and why should you stress yourself about it? Furthermore, sitting in the back of the room and barely talking is basically losing a weekend from your life, where you could have done something much more productive. You will never enjoy a conference if you don't participate, it's literally the worst thing you can do to yourself, it's miserable. So...stop caring so much about what others think, and you'll see how much fun you will have and how much easier life will be in general. Everyone will always have an opinion on everything but if we spend so much time and energy on other's people's opinions, we never have time to develop our own concrete ones.



Interview with our President of the General Assembly

Marina Anastasia Drosou



Why ATSMUN?

Even though this is my first time taking part in an ATS-MUN conference, I can say with certainty it won't be the last. What initially drew me in was the intriguing agenda topics and the theme of the conference, seeing as both are extremely relevant and require our attention as well as imminent solutions.

What have you gained from MUN conferences?

Through my participation in MUN conferences both as a chair and a secretariat member I have greatly expanded my knowledge on global politics and gained insight on some very important matters. However the most important thing that the MUN word taught me is the confidence to express my opinion and share my thoughts with like minded individuals, who ultimately became my friends.

Why should students participate in a Model United Nations conference?

I can honestly say that there is a never-ending list of benefits for students that participate in MUN conferences. From teaching organization and communication, to expanding knowledge to the greatest extent, every student undoubtedly has something to gain from these experiences. Every aspiring student should begin this journey with the goal to better themselves and truly acquire all the benefits that this simulation has to offer. I believe that one can truly comprehend the magnitude of such conferences towards the end, almost like a full circle moment, as I myself have realized.

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Interview with our Deputy Secretary General

Ioanna Flessa



How has your past experience in MUN conferences helped you on a personal and professional level?

MUN is one of the most unforgettable experiences I have ever had. During those conferences, I was able to improve my English skills, overcome my fear of public speaking, learn about critical global issues and the most important one; it helped me establish and maintain friendships that I am convinced will last a lifetime. Apart from those, MUN helped me improve my diplomatic skills (I had none) and gave me the chance to travel to an exciting country, The Hague, and meet people from all around the globe.

In your opinion, what qualities does a delegate need?

As Alexander Graham Bell said: “Preparation is the key to success” and based on that I have to say that during an MUN, preparation is essential, because being prepared increases the efficiency and quality of the debate and saves a lot of time that can be spend on gossip box, ice breakers, funny awards or other funny and relaxing things that are also a part of the conference. Courage, patience, commitment, determination, optimism, receptiveness, self confidence and the willingness to communicate are virtues that are helpful not only throughout the conference, but throughout life.



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Thank you all for making this Web ATSMUN possible.
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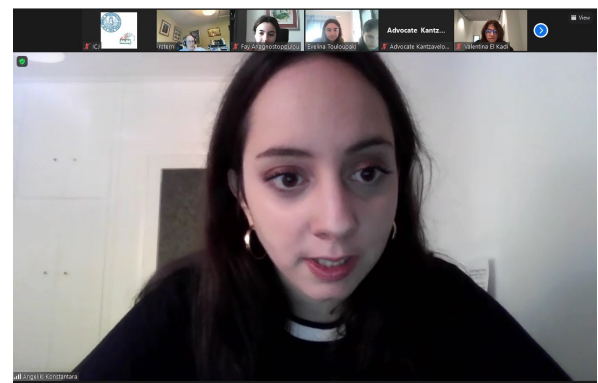
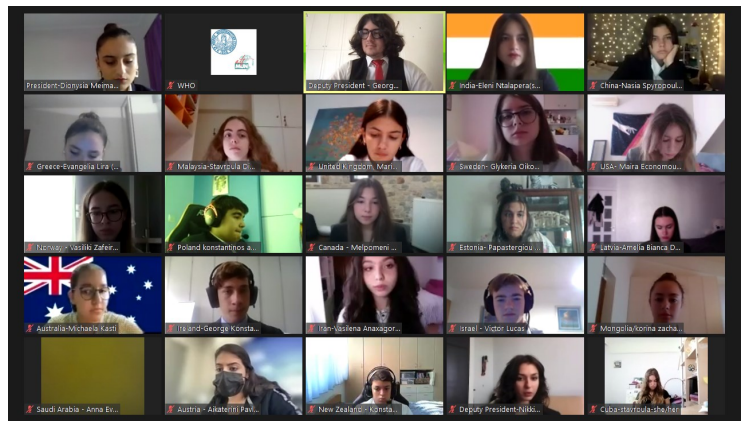
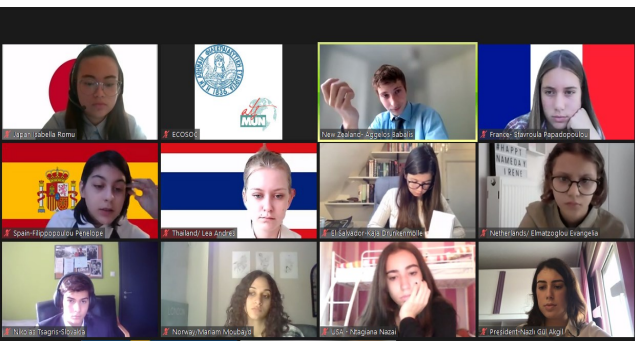


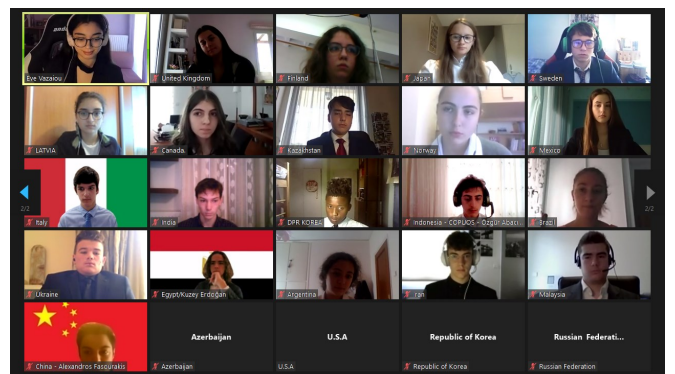
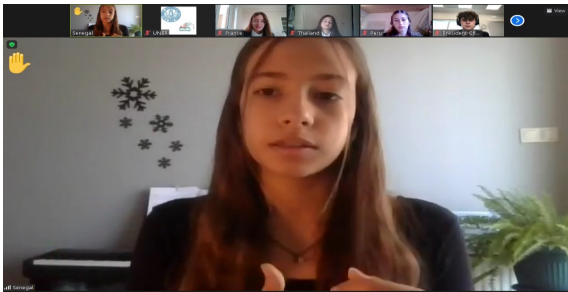
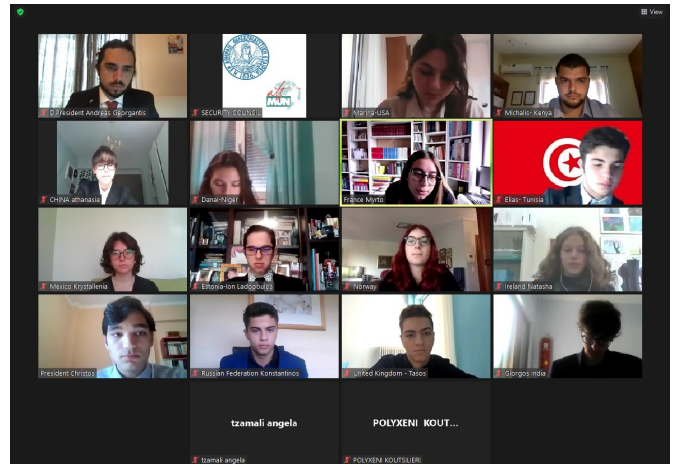
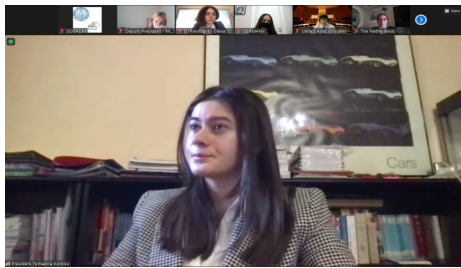
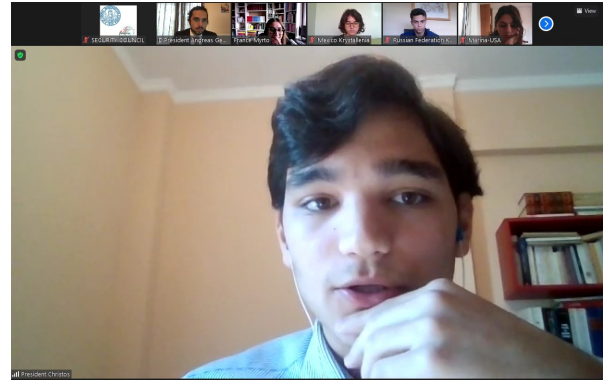
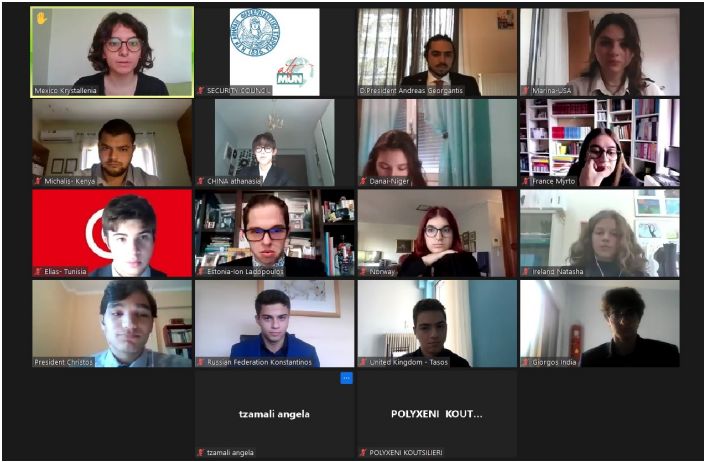
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