

The Daily Delegate

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An Overview of this Year's ATSMUN Committees Pt.1

GA1: Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC): The Disarmament and International Security Committee, acronym DISEC is most commonly known as GA1, it is one of the hardest and most important committees in all of the United Nations because of its involvement with Disarmament and International Security affairs. The GA1's topics for this conference are: "Autonomous groups in Western Europe: their rise, influence and involvement in the political scene." & "The rule of law implementation in situations of fragility."

GA2: Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL): The Special Political and Decolonization Committee, acronym SPECPOL is most commonly known as GA2. It is also considered to be one of the hardest committees and it deals with Special Political and Decolonization issues like complicated political issues, territory disputes as well as intricate diplomatic affairs. This conferences topics for GA2 are: "Great Eurasia Geopolitical project: changing the global powers interrelation." & "The Uyghur Muslim in China issue."

GA3: Social Humanitarian Committee (SOCHUM): The Social Humanitarian Committee, acronym SOCHUM is the third committee of the General Assembly meaning it is also regularly referred to as GA3. Its agenda deals with questions about social and humanitarian affairs such as gender equality, the condition of refugees, racism and discrimination, child welfare on a global scale human right and their violations. GA2 also addresses issues related to crime prevention and criminal justice, international drug control and other important social issues. This year's topics are: "The global challenge of Ageism." & "Women as game changers towards eradicating humanitarian crises."

GA4: Legal Committee: GA4, otherwise known as The Legal Committee, is the fourth committee of the General Assembly. The main function is the GA4, is the application and derivation of international law. The committee deals with the investigation of various legal issues and also tries to resolve international legal disputes that may endanger international peace. This year's GA4 ATSMUM topics are: "Providing a legal framework for safeguarding energy supplies." & "The effectiveness of legal frameworks on anti-trafficking legislation."

ECOSOC - Economic and Social Council: The Economic and Social Council most commonly referred to as ECOSOC works towards bringing innovation and overall improving living standards. Its main objective is to promote the three main aspects of sustainable development which are the economic aspect, the social aspect, and the environmental aspect. It majorly aids in coordinating countries efforts in realizing jointly agreed upon goals and is responsible for the enforcement and completion of previously agreed upon UN resolutions. The issues the ATSMUN ECOSOC committee will discuss in this conference are: "Commercialization of data as a new form of capital." & "The transformation of food systems towards achieving equality and inclusivity."

UNEP - United Nations Environmental Programme: UNEP is an organization within the United Nations that carries out environmental activities and serves as a power-holding advocate for the environment of the world as a whole. The organization places special importance on sustainable resources, actions, and development. The UNEP's topics for this MUN conference are: "Addressing the sustainability of big scale international events." & "Water-Energy- Food: longterm strategies for resilience through the System Dynamics Modeling."

Yesterday's ATSMUN Committee recaps

(according to the committees themselves)

Economic and Social council ECOSOC: Firstly, we finished lobbying on topic 1 (for both alliances) and then we proceeded with lobbying for topic 2. The delegates were able to create parts of the draft resolution for topic 2, but we decided to allocate 20 minutes extra for lobbying. The delegates were able to construct clauses based on good ideas related to the topics which will certainly help with the flow of the debate today and tomorrow. Even if the majority of the delegates were new-comers or inexperienced, they were able to contribute during lobbying. They were also able to cooperate and merge their ideas effectively. Today we allocated approximately 40 minutes on lobbying for topic 2 and then we proceeded with debating. So far, we have debated only on the first topic which is "Commercialization of Data as a New Form of Capital". In the draft resolution created by the first alliance there was some participation and three amendments were entertained. Yet, some delegates appeared reluctant to speak and found it difficult to follow their unfamiliar, to them, rules of procedure. However, even if inexperienced, significant progress was made when debating on the resolution of the second resolution. The delegates appeared much more active and engaged while productive ideas, speeches, and amendments were made.

International court of justice (ICJ): Things are heating up between Gabon and Equatorial Guinea. Their land dispute has the judges really concerned. This ICJ is shaping up to be one of the most fun and challenging so far. Mr. Stern, with all his experience and mastery on the ICJ, has everybody on their feet. The tension is real.

YDF Young Delegates Forum: The first day of the conference and we faced some difficulties but overall it was fun. We did lobby on both topics and the delegates were so great! I thank them and my co-chairs for the great work that they are doing YDF is really great this year and we hope we have even more fun tomorrow !! Furthermore mr. Skiadas was our keynote speaker. His speech was really informative and I believe that it helped the delegates in my comitee! Today it was the second day of the conference, and everything went on more smoothly considering the fact that my co-chair Kalliopi Vareli was in person here. The delegates were really nervous during debate but there was participation from almost everyone. The delegates have many thoughts on the topics and that's really positive. Hybrid is a real challenge i can say but we handle it and it is working well. We hope the delegates have fun and enjoy the experience as much as we do! I thank Sofia Koumianaki and Kalliopi Vareli for the great cooperation.

WMO: Firstly, started with the first topic's policy statements of every delegation since they were a lot of new comers and weren't very familiar with the procedure. We entered the key note speaker who gave us very interesting and various information. Later on we did lobbying on the first topic and the delegates made their resolution. The resolution where very good as the delegates had a wonderful lobbying. All delegates are talkative participants and we are very grateful for that. The second day went way better as we were more organized, we had some more lobbying and we had a fruitful debate on our topics. Something that can't be excluded is the honourable keynote speaker we had. Mr Andrew Kazantzidis, the head of Laboratory of Atmospheric Physics, Professor and Head of the Physics department , University of Patras. With his interesting presentation we learned a lot about climate change and he had an inspiring speech. We thank him a lot for giving us the change leading so many interesting things, it was an honour have him to our committee

SPECPOL: The conference officially opened with lobbying. Two alliances were created based on the countries policies and they made one resolution on the first topic. After the lunch, topic 2 was introduced and again two alliances were created, one resolution each alliance. The delegates were beyond fantastic, and they were all participating constantly. As a simulation of the UN, SPECPOL provides an opportunity for students to both replicate the work of the UN and to view the problems facing the international community from a unique perspective. Sotiris Petropoulos the keynote speaker was very helpful and elaborated on both topics to a great extent. The delegates deemed that he was extremely helpful, since an expert in the field can explain the issues at hand in a more spherical and holistic view than sole research can. We want to thank him for his help since we believe he helped into making the committee more fruitful. Today the debate took place. We first started debating on the first topic, and the resolutions that the two alliances made. Then we moved into voting procedures. After the lunch, we started debating on the second topic, and the resolutions the alliances made, then again we moved into voting procedure. The debate was fruitful, and all the delegates were productive.

IEA: Our delegates were introduced to the IEA and its goals, exchanged policies with their counterparts, and participated in lobbying, drafting 4 resolutions in total, on the topics of "Digital business models in the new energy economy" and "Redesigning the power planning systems to support the energy transition process". Everyone showed eagerness, and delegates managed to cooperate with much efficiency, overcoming any issues. Lobbying was completed, and delegates began debating. All four resolutions were debated upon, with more than half of them passing! Delegates proposed amendments and made speeches that were vital in the very positive outcome of the debate procedure. In the end, even newer delegates, albeit a little shy at the beginning, had begun to actively participate and interact with everyone alike. Our delegates were introduced to the IEA and its goals, exchanged policies with their counterparts, and participated in lobbying, drafting 4 resolutions in total, on the topics of "Digital business models in the new energy economy" and "Redesigning the power planning systems to support the energy transition process". Moreover, Dimitrios Mourtzis, Professor at the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics at the University of Patras, delivered a very topical speech on "Planning of the Societal Necessities in Energy versus Production and Distribution". Everyone showed eagerness, and delegates managed to cooperate with much efficiency, overcoming any issues.

Interview with George Bakalis (Deputy Secretary General)

Can you tell us a few things about yourself?

My name is George-Alexander Bakalis, and I'm serving as the Deputy Secretary General in this year's ATSMUN conference. I'm a student in the First Arsakeio General Lyceum of Psychiko, with the goal of getting a Mechanical Engineering degree. Ultimately, I hope to be able to work on prosthetics and other artificial body parts, to aid those in need of such devices. Of course, one of my greatest interests is MUN and politics as a whole. During and after the pandemic, I found myself researching different political movements, societal issues and greater affairs of our time, and developed a deep knowledge and respect for civil rights activists, advocates for the rights of different minorities and the working class. Since then, I've done everything in my power to support these movements. Other than that, my main interests include Movies, Dungeons & Dragons and generally any form of storytelling media. I love to immerse myself in the millions of different stories that have been told, and to sometimes imagine my own, and I believe that it is one of the most accessible and effective forms of self expression that unfortunately often gets overlooked. As you can tell, I'm toototally fun at parties.

What are the two most significant moments of your MUN career?

This is quite frankly a very tough question. With how different of an experience each conference or position is, it's difficult to decide on only two that I deem the most important. If it comes down to it however, the first would probably be the very thing that got me into MUN in the first place.

It was the middle of the school year in 7th grade, and my English teacher also happened to be the advisor of the MUN club. Naturally, she would often have us debate in class and frequently introduced us to MUN-adjacent activities. One day, after a debate I quite frankly can't remember the topic of, she grabbed me in the hallway and asked me "Why aren't you in the MUN club?". This phrase alone was enough to kickstart my MUN career, and gift me with one of my most treasured interests I've ever had.

The second moment I treasure is, frankly, receiving the email that I've been accepted as the DSG of this conference. Being a member of the secretariat had been my ultimate goal, and something I was working towards for years. Finally achieving that, on top of it being one of my last conferences, gave me an unparalleled sense of accomplishment and satisfaction.

Why should students participate in a Model United Nations conference?

Something I've noticed when telling others about MUN is that, as I'm sure you're aware, it sounds extremely boring on paper. I can't even begin to explain the amount of weird looks I've gotten when mentioning it, even in passing conversation. This is why I think a lot of people turn away from MUN. But, I believe that if people manage to look past that predisposition, they will discover how truly amazing of an experience it is. MUN can give so much to participants, not just knowledge on politics and current affairs, but extremely important life skills like public speaking or creating a well structured argument. However, In my opinion, the most important part of MUN is, beyond a shadow of a doubt, the relationships and friendships you build. It's through MUN that I've met or gotten close to some of the most important people in my life, and if it weren't for this silly little roleplay convention I would've been a completely different person.

Could you share one of your favorite quotes with us?

(adding a couple because I can't decide on one)

"Not everyone will understand your passions, but their reaction isn't yours to shoulder"

- Matthew Mercer

"Protect the child, because if the child gets away, there's still hope"

- Pavlos Sidiropoulos

"Because things are the way they are, things will not stay the way they are"

- Bertold Brecht

"Necropolis, Metropolis, Doomed to die but still alive, Necropolis, Metropolis, My dream lives on"

- Panx Romana



Interview with student officers

Could you tell us the person that you admire the most from the political scene?

Sofia Koumianaki, Deputy President of YDF

The person I admire the most in the political scene is Nelson Mandela simply because he has experienced it all. From life imprisonment to a Nobel Prize. He was a revolutionary anti-apartheid, philanthropist, politician and one of the greatest leaders of the world.

Serafeim Iakovou, Deputy President of SPECPOL

The person that I admire the most from the political scene is Barack Obama.

Gregory Kyriakou, President of SECURITY COUNCIL

For me the only answer to that question would be Barack Obama. He was one of the most impactful Presidents of the USA that we have met in the latest years, and through some of his actions he managed to save a nation from their Great Recession, provided health insurance and captured one of the most dangerous terrorists that the world has seen

Panagiotis Bouloutas, Deputy President of IEA

I'd say that the person I admire most from the political scene is Nelson Mandela.

Nagpal Medha, Deputy President of OAS

The person that I admire most from the political scene Michelle Obama just because she's a person who does use her platform to raise awareness on issues in an informative manner.

Ioanna Maria Kritikou, Deputy President of WMO

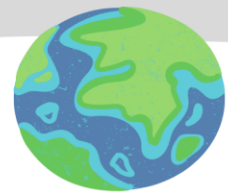
My answer would have to be Ioannis Kapodistrias. It is important to mention how he took a ruined country after 400 years of slaving, organised it from nothing and laid the foundation for a new country with the opportunity to develop and become independent. Specifically, he founded the Georgian school in Tirrana, brought important products like the potato into the country, created regular army, founded schools and supported Greece's economy by making new coins. His actions define him as a politician as he promoted crucial regulations so the country's economic and political system could develop and remake a nation once again even under difficulties and challenges.

Xenia Maria Mitsi, Deputy President of SOCHUM

A current political figure that I admire is Alexandria Ocasio - Cortez, also known as AOC. She is an American politician and activist of Puerto Rican descent, and she is part of the Democrat Socialists of America. AOC's beliefs include creating single-payer medicine for all citizens, establishing public schools and universities, cancelling all student debt (which is a massive economic issue in the US), enacting gun control policies, and much more. I admire Ocasio - Cortez, as she supports policies that will assist middle-class and low-class American citizens into acquiring stronger roles in society and politics. Furthermore, the main reason why I support her is because she is very authentic. She is a young politician who is not afraid to speak her mind, take risks and express her beliefs with passion. AOC has also had a different start to her career than most politicians, as she does not come from a family involved actively in the political scene but has been able to make a name for herself relying completely on her powers. She went from being a struggling university student and part-time waitress, to becoming one of the most popular and likeable politicians in her party.

GOSSIPS OF THE DAY!!

- The president of ECOSOC is very attractive.
- Canada and Russia from ECOSOC are fineee.
- Who are the two girls roaming around?
- The Deputy Secretary General's hair is honestly goals. Hair care routine?
- The chair of GA2 and Russia are like the BEST couple or what?
- This MUN is full of good looking boys ;)
- Please stop wearing sneakers! There's a dresscode for God's sake.
- We want more loukoumaka. At least 3 bowls of them!
- Sri Lanka from WMO come back or at least call :(
- Loving the salad!!
- Deputy president of WMO and president of GA4 are couple goals!
- We want t-shirts like the stuff's!!!
The first conference in which the admin stuff do not fully hate their lives.
- WMO chairs>>>
- Syria and Serbia from WMO are a ship!
- Y-all tryharding<3
- The President of YDF should be in the next GNTM!



8TH ATSMUN IN NUMBERS



APPROX. 500 PARTICIPANTS



30 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES



12 COMMITTEES

- Staff is amazing<3
- ICJ chairs are cute.
- Chair in ECOSOC...interesting ;)

XOXO Gossip Box.....



Interview with Christos Zotos the G.O.A.T

Who are you?

The man behind everything.

Which is the best football team in Greece?

I have no idea, Juventus? That's the only team I support

What's your star sign?

Leo like a lion.

Favorite music artist?

So many to choose from if I were to pick one it would be OASIS.

Best tv show?

Hands down Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.



Pictures from today's conference:

