



YALE MODEL UNITED NATIONS CHINA 2015

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Invitation to Yale Model United Nations (Y MUN) China 2015

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The Yale International Relations Association (YIRA) is pleased to invite your institution to attend the second annual Yale Model United Nations (Y MUN) China Conference and Preparatory Institute. The conference will be hosted at the campus of the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, in co-organization with the the China Association for Model United Nations (CAMUN). The event will take place from August 12th-19th (Institute) and August 20th-23rd (Conference), 2015.

YIRA is the official Model UN association of Yale University. It hosts annual conferences around the world, including the Y MUN Conference in New Haven and conferences in Prague, Budapest, Seoul, Taipei, and Beijing. CAMUN is an association dedicated to the creation and support of MUN conferences in China, providing free academic support and logistical expertise to MUN conferences in different cities, as well as compiling results of MUN conferences from across the country.

During the four days of the conference, we will place a special emphasis on delegate training, regional diversity among delegates, and the smooth operation of committees. Countries will be assigned upon registration and participants will be exposed to the different committees of a Model UN conference, ranging from the Security Council to UNESCO. The staff of Y MUN China will be comprised of 15 representatives of YIRA as well as local support and co-teaching staff. The conference will award certificates of completion for camp attendees and several prizes of distinction, including Best Delegate, Best Debater, and Best Resolution. When appropriate, an opt-in separate tier of awards will be offered for ESL students.

The training institute will span the eight days immediately prior to conference and offers a great opportunity for novice delegates to gain more exposure and confidence, as well as for veteran delegates seeking to sharpen and refine their skills. The activities will include issue based content lectures and electives, small-group lab sessions, moderated conference caucuses, and plenary debate training.

Any inquiries about our event can be directed to our conference e-mail address at contact@ymunchina.com – please note that we are on GMT+08:00 or Beijing Standard Time.

Thank you for your attention and see you at Y MUN China Summer Camp 2015!

Signed,



Ms. Livvy Bedford
Y MUN Secretary-General



Mr. Tim Lewis
CAMUN Academic Director



QUICK FACTS



Dates:

12th to 23rd of August 2015

Venue:

University of International Business and
Economics

Features:

11 Committees including Parallel Organizations
(ASEAN, African Union, and EuroCouncil)

Keynote Address by a UN Representative

INSTITUTE SCHEDULE

DAY 1

How the world is run.

- The major world powers and their interests
- Regional power blocs and organisations
- Other important international institutions and how they are run.

How the United Nations works

- The history of the United Nations.
- UN procedures and their implementation in MUN.
- The security council, the general assembly and the other institutions of the UN

Peace through fear?

- Weapons of mass destruction, their proliferation and control
- Did Mutually Assured Destruction prevent the cold war turning hot.
- Current controversies (Iran, North Korea, Syria)

International Terrorism

- How should states deal with terrorism: negotiation, military action, alternatives?
- The causes of terrorism: religious, political, ethnic and economic.
- To what extent is terrorism an internal issue for individual countries or an international one.

The poor stay poor, the rich get rich.

- Why in our world of such massive economic growth and technological marvels are so many people still in desperate poverty?
- How do countries develop, what are the barriers and what can multilateral organisations do to help or hinder this.
- Is inequality a necessary cost of development?

International Aid

- How effective is international aid
- How and why do countries give aid
- Disaster relief and long term development aid.

World Health

- The History and role of the World Health Organisation
- Responding to pandemics and other health crises
- Improving Access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Culture and Sports

- The role of international sporting and cultural exchanges and events.
- The establishment and protection of world heritage sites and important cultural artifacts.

Theories of international relations

- An examination of the major schools of international relations theory, their academic background and real world implications.
- This will cover Realism, Liberalism, Constructivism and others.

Will China take over the world?

- Is this the end of the US hegemony?
- Will China be the sole superpower or are we moving towards a multipolar world?
- What impact will this have on other countries and international bodies.

Too big to fail.

- The causes of the financial crash and its lessons.
- The role of Multinational Corporations,
- How different types of business spread in a globalised world.

International trade

- The major issues affecting international trade.
- The costs and benefits of free trade and protectionism.
- The role of multilateral organisations like the World Trade Organisation, World Bank, International Monetary Fund.
- The Establishment of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Banks and it's impact.

Global climate change

- Legislative responses and political challenges
- The role of business and pollution
- How nations can develop while maintaining their environment

Impacts of environmental change

- Climate change adaption and mitigation
- Refugees caused by climatic changes
- Ensuring food and water security

The future of the United Nations

- Should the institutions of the United Nations be reformed, and if so in what manner?
- Is a more powerful United Nations desirable?
- Are disputes best solved through the United Nations, or through regional bodies and bilateral negotiations?

Examining individual issues

- Research and identifying important information
- How to compile and present your information in the most persuasive way possible
- Examples of currently controversial issues and how to develop a case for different positions

DAY 2

DAY 4

DAY 6

DAY 8

DAY 3

DAY 5

DAY 7



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Day 1 - August 20, 2015 - Thursday

12:00-14:30 Student Arrival and Check In
14:30-15:30 Opening Assembly
15:30-16:30 Keynote Address
16:30-18:00 Orientation
18:00-19:30 Dinner
19:30-20:30 Committee Introductions
20:30-22:00 Free Time

Day 3 - August 22, 2015 - Saturday

7:30-9:00 Breakfast and Check In
9:00-9:30 Reconvening of Committees
9:30-10:00 Debate and Argumentation
10:00-12:00 Lab
12:00-13:00 Lunch
13:00-15:00 Committee Debates and Plenary Submissions
15:00-17:00 Convening of Plenary Sessions, Opening Statements
17:00-19:00 Open Door Caucuses
19:00-20:30 Dinner
20:30-22:00 Free Time

Day 2 - August 21, 2015 - Friday

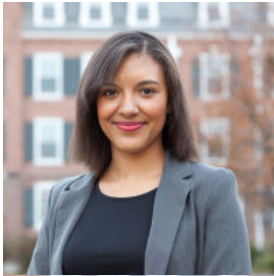
7:30-9:00 Breakfast and Check In
9:00-12:00 Committee Sessions, Opening Statements
12:00-13:00 Lunch
13:00-16:00 Closed Door Caucuses
16:00-17:00 Tea Break
17:00-19:00 Committee Debates
19:00-20:30 Dinner
20:30-22:00 Free Time

Day 4 - August 23, 2015 - Sunday

7:30-9:00 Breakfast
9:00-10:30 Reconvening Plenary & Sec-Gen Address
10:30-12:00 Plenary Debates
12:00-13:00 Lunch
13:00-16:30 Plenary Debates, Resolution
16:30-17:30 Closing Ceremony

MEET THE SECRETARIAT

The committee directors and staff of YMUN are passionate and dedicated to YMUN's mission. We firmly believe in enriching delegates of all levels and backgrounds and offering the best committee experience possible. In committee, YMUN uses Hybrid, a procedure which we believe brings together the best of UNA-USA (American) style MUN, and THIMUN (international) style MUN. The new style emphasizes in-committee debate and builds critical thinking skills. Our training course for directors results in committee leaders who are prepared to lead and moderate focused, dynamic and informative committee sessions. Each of our topic guides is carefully written and our diligence and hard work show when many delegates leave our conference with a deeper sense for international relations and a greater awareness of the issues that shape our world.



Livvy Bedford Secretary-General

Livvy Bedford is a Junior in Davenport College at Yale University. Livvy has participated in Model UN since sophomore year of high school and is glad to be able to continue doing so at Yale. In addition to participating in Model UN, Livvy is a dancer and choreographer for Danceworks, a teacher for YIRA's Hemispheres program and will be running a committee at the YMUN conferences.



Lily Engbith Director-General

Lily Engbith is a sophomore in Davenport College. She intends to pursue a degree in Political Science. Apart from her work as Director-General of YMUN China, Lily directs the YIRA side of the WSC Tournament of Champions, serves on the advisory committee for Yale Young Global Scholars, and works as a research assistant to Professor Susan Hyde at the Jackson Institute.



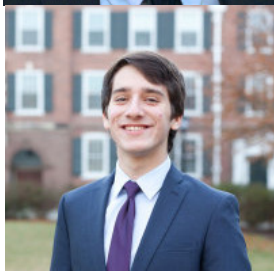
Jonathan Simonds USG of Enrichment/Director of UN Environment Programme

Jonathan Simonds is a sophomore in Morse College at Yale. He is interested in the intersection of these fields, global health, and international environmental cooperation. He spent the summer studying Chinese in Harbin at the Harbin Institute of Technology. Besides YMUN China, Jonathan has chaired committees for YMUN and SCSY, and participated as a delegate in many more.



Matthew Stone USG of Delegate Training

Hailing from the beautiful city of Chicago, Matt is a sophomore in Ezra Stiles College. Matt is involved with YIRA, TEDxYale and the Yale Daily News. He loves to travel, backpack and run, has hiked a marathon, and plans to run one in 2015.



Brandon Marks USG of Committees

Brandon Mark is on the Freshman Class Council, and is a researcher on international development for the Roosevelt Institute. He is interested in international economic development and the role of energy policy and sustainability. At YMUN-China he is the Under-Secretary General (USG) for Committees. Within the Yale International Relations Association (YIRA), he is also involved in Hemispheres.

MEET THE SECRETARIAT



Aaminah B'Hat
Aaron Long
Alexandra Small
Alizeh Maqbool
David Steiner
Joao Pedro Drechsler
Melody Wang
Mike Yoon
Yelena Gankin
Helder Toste

Director of African Union
Director of World Health Organization
Director of Special, Political and Decolonization Committee
Director of UN Security Council
Director of European Council
Director of World Trade Organization
Director of Regional Summit on Latin American Inequality
Director of Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee
Director of UN Human Rights Council
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REGISTRATION POLICY



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International Participants must complete the form available at <http://www.tinyurl.com/yalemunchina2015>

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For the 4-day YMUN Conference, official accommodation is available on request. Choices include the Park Plaza Hotel Chaoyang or the Huiqiao Hotel.

3

For the 8-day YMUN Preparatory Institute registration includes accommodation at one of our hotel partners, the Huiqiao Hotel.

4

Preferred payment options for international registrants is done online. We accept VISA and Master card. If your institution needs to use alternate means (wire transfer or bank draft), please contact us by e-mail.

Conference Policies

All participants must have both a waiver and a code of conduct, acknowledged by their parents or stay-at-home guardian, allowing him/her to participate in YMUN China. Failure to provide this document may result in delays in participation.

Attire for debating events is business formal.

A briefing about logistics and safety will be given following the opening ceremony on the first day of competition. Guidelines on decorum, discipline, and safety will be made clear then so as to ensure an orderly running of the competition.

COMMITTEE PROFILES



ELECTIVE MODULES



During several evenings of the camp, students will be able to choose between several electives, each relating to a major dilemma or crisis in foreign policy. Sample electives include:

- Nuclear Disarmament and the International Atomic Energy Agency
- An Introduction to the Disputed Islands in the South China Sea
- The Economics of Energy: Generation, Distribution, and Consumption
- Comparative Politics of Constitutional Monarchies and Republics
- A Brief on the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant
- The European Union's Process of Accession for New Members



ACCOMMODATION



All international participants will be housed in the Huiqiao Hotel in Chaoyang, Beijing. The hotel is in close proximity to the University venue and is fully equipped with modern room facilities and broadband internet access. Delegates will be arranged two-to-a-room.

See this map for address and directions.





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