

UCBMUN XXIX

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REGISTRATION GUIDE



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS



To our esteemed delegates from around the world,

Welcome to UCBMUN XXIX! Our names are Adinath Lane and Olivia Lapinsky, and we are incredibly excited to serve as your Secretary-General and Director-General for the oldest premier collegiate Model UN conference on the West Coast. On behalf of our Secretariat and Staff, it is our pleasure to welcome you back to the InterContinental San Francisco for another exciting weekend of thought-provoking and captivating debate. We cannot wait for you to see what we have in store this year!

Both San Francisco and Berkeley are famed for their creativity, counterculture, and commitment to justice. UCBMUN holds these ideals close to heart, creating truly innovative committees that challenge delegates to reach their full potential. Whether navigating the circuit's first double-delegation GA Ad-Hoc or surviving the Upside Down in our Stranger Things committee, we are confident that your weekend will be both informative and exhilarating. Our team of over 100 staffers, all with competitive experience on the circuit, is committed to fostering a weekend filled with substantive debate, inventive committee mechanics, and the opportunity to connect with your fellow delegates both inside and outside committee.

At UCBMUN, the well-being of our delegates is our utmost priority. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us—we are always available to address any issues that may arise. Once again, on behalf of our staff, we are beyond excited to welcome you back to the historic city of San Francisco. Join us at UCBMUN from February 27th to March 2nd, 2025 for an unforgettable weekend. We can't wait to meet you!

Best Regards,

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REGISTRATION PROCEDURE



We're so glad to welcome you as registrants for UCBMUN XXIX! Our registration process involves the following steps:

1. Continue reading this Registration Guide for detailed information about signing up for UCBMUN, including payment methods, deadlines, refund policies, visa letters, and financial aid.
2. Fill out the Registration Form (once per delegation) to sign up for UCBMUN XXIX! Registrants will receive a confirmation email upon their submission of the form.
3. Registrants receive an invoice for UCBMUN no later than 2 weeks after registering. Once this invoice has been paid, delegates will receive a confirmation along with hotel and air travel discount codes.
4. Congratulations on registering! We will email you in early 2025 regarding your delegation's desired committee allocations. If you want to add delegates after registering, email us at registration@mun.berkeley.edu.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

Topic A: Combatting Gender-Based Harassment in the Workplace

Topic B: Addressing Human Trafficking of Women and Girls

Gender inequality remains pervasive, affecting all types of organizations worldwide. It is often perpetuated by societal norms and insufficient enforcement of human rights, which fosters a security dilemma around gender roles. Such inequality challenges global development, leading to economic inefficiency and societal unrest. The International Labor Organization (ILO) aims to develop global strategies to tackle gender inequality when it comes to labor.

This is a Double-Delegate Committee.



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Topic A: Vaccine Equity and Diplomacy

Topic B: Antimicrobial Resistance

Topic A will address the vaccine accessibility and distribution process globally. During and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccine nationalism, misinformation, IP rights, and development constraints prevented high and low-income individuals from being vaccinated equally. Delegates must balance development and innovation with ethical considerations for vaccine accessibility. Topic B prompts delegates to tackle the ever-increasing arms race against rising antimicrobial resistance. Globally, diverse microbes are finding new ways to evade even long-established defenses in both medical and agricultural settings. Delegates must discuss how to ensure that we are victorious in this perpetual arms race of mother nature.



CAVIAR, CHAMPAGNE, AND TRUFFLES: LES EXCELLENTES CUISINES DU MONDE

Welcome to Les Excellentes Cuisines du Monde, a global organization composed of the finest chefs and culinary talent from across the planet. The menu for this weekend will feature the relevancy of the Michelin Guide. Our starter will be celebrity chef culture as a whole, and if it is healthy to the industry. Controversy of the Michelin Guide will compose the entree, and will be sure to not leave anyone hungry. And finally, for dessert, a question that only the finest in the industry can answer: what defines fine dining? Get your palates ready chefs for a weekend full of flavor and flair as we take a deep dive into the culinary world. Bon appétit!



AD-HOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

The Ad-Hoc General Assembly of the Director-General is a premier committee of high-caliber debate at UCBMUN XXIX. The committee's topic itself will remain hidden and will be announced shortly before the conference begins! **This is a Double-Delegate Committee.**

LIGHTS, CAMERA, STRIKE: THE 2023 HOLLYWOOD STRIKES

The Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) and major studios find themselves at a crossroads. Central to their negotiations are issues including fair compensation, the treatment and security of gig economy workers, enhanced residuals for streaming content, and protection against new industry practices, such as the use of AI in performances. The 2023 strike raises questions about the sustainability of current business models, the fair distribution of profits generated from digital platforms, and the rights of creatives in an increasingly fragmented market. In this committee, you will assume the roles of contemporary actors, studio executives, union leaders, and other key industry players tasked with drafting a new contract that addresses the union members' demands.



ALEXANDER THE NOT-SO-GREAT: THE MACEDONIAN INVASION OF INDIA, 327 BCE

Shortly after becoming the Macedonian king, Alexander the Great launched a series of military campaigns to overthrow the Achaemenid Empire before continuing eastward towards India. The year is 327 BCE, and India must prepare to counter Alexander's impending invasion or risk losing critical territory, resources, and power. However, India is far from unified, instead splintered into several smaller states that often clash with one another. As a war cabinet composed of representatives from each of these states, you must develop effective military strategy to counter Alexander the Great's seasoned military tactics or risk India becoming another conquered land.



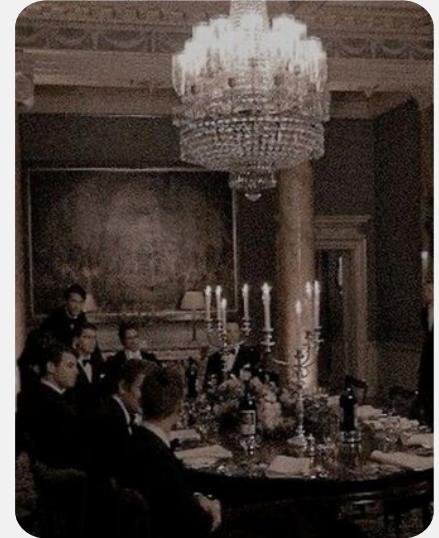
NOW WE'VE GOT BAD BLOOD: THERANOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 2003, Elizabeth Holmes founded Real-Time Cures, which sought to perform myriad tests on tiny blood quantities. By 2010, the startup was called Theranos and Holmes had secured \$92 million in funding. As the newly founded Theranos Board of Directors, the clock starts in 2013: Theranos has launched its first Walgreens partnership. Delegates will oversee collaborations and creations like the Edison, Nanotainer, and MiniLab, leaving an indelible mark on biotech. Ensuring accountability across the company, including the CEO, is crucial. Will you ask necessary research questions, demand lab tours, or comply with governmental inspections? Or prioritize profit and innovation at all costs?

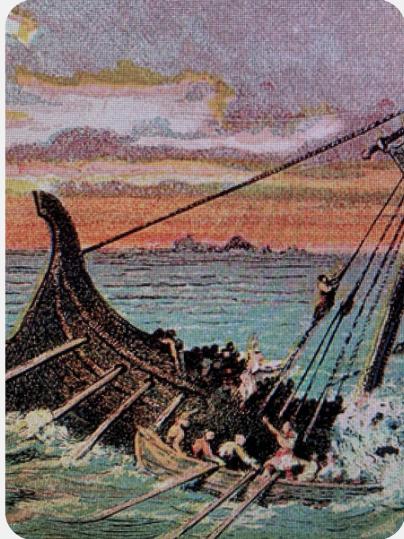


PASTA AND PISTOLS: THE SICILIAN MAFIA, 1865

Buongiorno Delegates! It is 1865, and you, the esteemed members of Cosa Nostra's inner circle, must navigate the waters of crime, loyalty, and influence. Power struggles brew, and reputations are at stake. Law enforcement's grip tightens, and amidst this chaos, only the cunning survive. Each participant assumes the role of a high-ranking mafia member, each with ambitions, loyalties, and secrets. The committee must reestablish control, manage alliances, and secure the mafia's future. Key decisions include whether to escalate conflict, seek peace with rivals, or forge new alliances with international networks. As government forces close in, every move could mean the difference between maintaining the empire or seeing it crumble.



WHITE SHIP WRECKED: THE BRITISH ANARCHY PERIOD, 1135



In the year 1120, the sinking of the White Ship off the Normandy coast killed William Adelin, the sole legitimate son of King Henry I of England. With no apparent heir, King Henry I sought to secure the throne for his daughter Matilda. However, his passing in 1135 triggered a bitter civil war known as The Anarchy. This conflict saw Matilda contend against her cousin Stephen of Blois, who claimed the throne with the backing of numerous nobles. The Anarchy, lasting from 1135 to 1153, plunged England into a period of political instability, lawlessness, and feudal warfare. As a collection of English political hopefuls, advisors, and allies from all sides, you are responsible for navigating this succession crisis to secure the throne.

LITTLE PRINCE, BIG PROBLEMS: THE BRAZILIAN REGENCY ERA, 1831

Amidst a period of chaos, Brazilian Emperor Pedro I shocks the kingdom and decides to abdicate his throne, placing Pedro II, his five-year-old son, on the throne. As the mini-monarch is far too young to shoulder the burden of the royal crown, the senators form a provisional regency to govern Brazil. The regents and other court advisors of this period--the Brazilian Regency Era--aim to maintain a stable government until the preteen prince comes of age. However, as members of Pedro's court, you will have more than babysitting to contend with as you face religious, ethnic, and ideological divisions within the empire as well as threats from neighboring kingdoms.



STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED: HAWKINS CITY COUNCIL, 1986

It is the summer of 1986 in Hawkins, Indiana. The once-charming town is now overshadowed by eerie, supernatural events. Residents report strange behavior and disturbing hallucinations, re-living their darkest fears. This "disease" appears fatal, with a growing link between victims and disfigured bodies found in town. As a member of the Hawkins City Council, you must address these events swiftly and decisively. Your duties include allocating resources, collaborating with law enforcement, and preventing mass hysteria. With rising fatalities, time is of the essence. Will the council uncover the root cause?



JCC- BRAINZ OVER BRAWN: THE SIEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

It has been 2 months since a viral pathogen has ravaged the planet--one that turns the infected into shambling zombies! Many nations have fallen; even The United States of America is in the midst of a ruthless civil war. The United Nations and NATO have officially declared war on the zombies and the World Health Organization is close to finding a cure to the zombie pathogen. The State of California has broken away from the United States, and has formed a new nation: The Civic Republic of California (CRC).

Note: Both Brainz over Brawn Committees are Joint Crisis Committees (JCCs). JCCs operate as normal crisis committees, but actions made in one committee will directly affect updates in the other!

JCC- ZOMBIE SIDE

BRAINZZZ! (Can your zombie characters help the horde invade San Francisco--the last bastion of California's defenses--before the merciless U.S. army cuts them down? Only you can decide; whether you're an undead actor, shambling scientist, or brain-hungry brigadier, it'll take all of our zombified blood, sweat, and tears to claim the city by the Bay as ours.)



JCC- HUMANS SIDE



The Federal Forces are in the process of stamping out the secessionist movement's governments--including the one of the CRC cabinet. Additionally, rumors have been heard of advanced zombie attacks--suggesting a level of sapience amongst the shambling zombie herds. These attacks have been accompanied with strange reports of highly advanced military units, which allegedly have been seen being commanded by zombies... The CRC is spread too thin: they cannot fight two fronts against the Federal Forces and this new intelligent zombie threat--a threat which can be camouflaged anywhere, among the never-ending zombie herds... can you defend 'Frisco and gain international recognition before succumbing to the horde? Only you can decide.

THIS IS GUINEA-BISSEAU CRAZY: UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, 2013

The year is 2013. The Gulf of Guinea is at the epicenter of a maritime crisis, plagued by rampant piracy threatening international trade and regional stability. Everyone is involved, from government officials and businesspeople to militias and the mafia! Petro-piracy, in particular, is emerging as a major issue, siphoning off vast quantities of oil and exacerbating the crisis. As regional leaders and key stakeholders, you must navigate these treacherous waters and devise a comprehensive strategy to combat this escalating issue.

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AD-HOC COMMITTEE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

"It's a great huge game of chess that's being played—all over the world—if this is the world at all, you know."

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To learn more about all 15 committees as well as meet their Dais members, please visit ucbmun.com/committees/.

REGISTRATION POLICIES



PRICING AND DEADLINES

	Early Registration (10/15/24)	Regular Registration (01/15/25)	Late Registration (02/16/25)
Delegation Fee	\$95	\$100	\$105
Delegate Fee	\$95	\$100	\$110
Advisor Fee	\$60	\$70	\$80

WAYS TO PAY

We accept a variety of payment methods, including check, Venmo, wire transfer, credit card (with 2.9% + \$0.30 surcharge), and Zelle.

REFUNDS & LATE PAYMENTS

Please try to submit your payment within 25 days of receiving the invoice. All late payments will be subject to a 5% late penalty per week.

- Delegate fees for changes prior to January 15th are eligible for 100% refund.
- Delegate fees for changes made between January 15th and February 16th are eligible for 50% refund.
- Delegate fees for changes made after February 16th are ineligible for a refund.
- Delegation fees are non-refundable.



FINANCIAL AID

Price shouldn't be a barrier to attending UCBMUN XXIX. Our conference offers delegations that haven't attended UCBMUN in the past 10 years a **\$50 discount** in their delegation fee. We've also negotiated **discounted hotel rates** at the InterContinental for **all delegates**.

We also offer **flight discounts** for several airlines. Please email us upon registration to inquire about specific discounts!

We are happy to discuss additional aid on a case-by-case basis if your delegation requires it. Financial aid requests from **international or large delegations** will be prioritized as we value a conference that highlights the diverse backgrounds of future leaders.

If you have any questions or requests, don't hesitate to email registration@mun.berkeley.edu to talk with our External Chief of Staff, Nastaasia Haq!

VISA LETTERS

If you are an international delegation and require a tourist visitation letter, please contact secretarygeneral@mun.berkeley.edu for more information.

Questions or concerns?

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