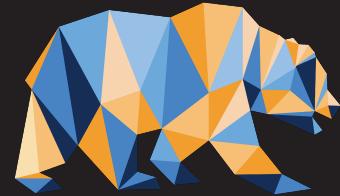


UCBMUN XXV REGISTRATION GUIDE

March 11th-14th 2021

Welcome delegates, to San Francisco.

A Letter from the Secretary General



Dear Esteemed Delegates, Advisors, and Partners,

On behalf of my Secretariat and staff, it is my privilege and honor to invite all of you to the lovely Bay Area and the heart of San Francisco's historic Financial District for the Twenty-Fifth iteration of UCBMUN, UC Berkeley's Model United Nations Conference. Every Spring, this conference hosts some of the world's brightest minds, discussing the most pressing and urgent global issues.

UCBMUN XXV is at the heart of Silicon Valley, and thus, global innovation and endeavor, with which we hope our delegates appreciate and take with them. As we embark on this twenty-fifth edition, we strive to make this conference's experience even more unforgettable, transformative, and unique. We hope our delegates find our amazing array of committees intellectually enriching and exciting. From racing to create a new civilization on Mars, to settling the future of the Mongol empire, those interested in Crisis-based committees will participate in rapid problem-solving, which challenges delegates to discover innovative, yet realistic solutions. Those wishing to participate in the General Assemblies or Specialized Bodies can expect extremely substantive and relevant topics coupled with a diverse and collaborative debate style second to none.

Beyond committee experiences, the beautiful city of San Francisco offers delegates a once in a lifetime opportunity to socialize, network, and sightsee. Delegates can find spectacular views at Golden Gate Park or Mission Dolores. A mere trolley ride away from the world-famous Ghirardelli Square, delegates can enjoy the delicious Ocean Beach sundae, my favorite dessert stop in the entire city. From there, one can take a late night stroll to Pier 39 and Union Square and enjoy the amazing SF skyline and oceanside view. We hope that the city by the bay makes your experience absolutely unforgettable.

In a city where the historic UN charter was signed, hosted by a university that embodies free speech and democracy, UCBMUN XXV has been one of the most competitive and historic conferences not only on the west coast, but in the United States. Today, more than ever, the world is faced with unknown and increasingly complex situations, dilemmas, and threats; thus, it is important that we channel the ideals inherent to the grand institution that we model. I hope that all of you find UCBMUN XXV to be one of the highlights of your 2021 calendar year.

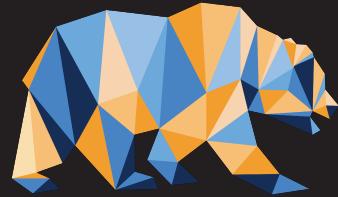
With this in mind, I hope that you take a moment to explore our website with its incredible committees and staffers. I strongly encourage all of you to look over the registration details on the website, and if you have any other questions or concerns, feel free to email any member of our UCBMUN XXV Secretariat or me personally at secretarygeneral@ucbmun.org.

The UCBMUN staff and I look forward to welcoming you on February 25, 2021 in person!

Best Regards,

Rithika Neti
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY/SPECIALIZED BODIES

ECOFIN: Southeast Asian Economies



Welcome to the Economic and Financial Committee: Southeast Asian Economies, or ECOFIN. This committee takes place in present day, and is meant to address the myriad of public health concerns, natural disasters, and economic crises that have developed in the post-COVID-19 era. As members of ECOFIN, you are expected to use creative thinking and collaborative planning to help stabilize dynamic and often rivalrous Southeast Asian economies. This may include building infrastructure, regulating the flow of trade between this caucus both regionally and internationally, and planning for future calamities. It is essential that this committee provides not only helpful but relevant solutions – we encourage you to plan for short term relief and long term development. Economics touches every aspect of our everyday lives, from unemployment to resource scarcity, and we hope in our time together we are able to holistically improve post-Corona topography of Southeast Asian nations.

US Senate: Data Privacy and Cybersecurity



Should the United States government restrict the use of Huawei technology in telecommunications infrastructure? Can Microsoft be compelled to copy data from an Irish server to an American server by an American Court? Should the US implement its own version of the EU's GDPR? Is the "going dark" problem a threat to American security or the key to protecting America from criminals? These questions have generally been addressed by courts grappling to interpret 1980s era statutes written before we had any understanding of the scale of modern computing. In this committee, the greatest deliberative body in the world seeks to answer these questions core to Cybersecurity and Data Privacy with solutions built for the modern world.

Up in the Air 1945: International Air Transport Association



The year is 1945. With a world emerging out of its second global war in three decades, a little known trade association, the International Air Transport Association, is formed. It markets itself as a consortium of the world's largest airlines, helping to move the then-nascent commercial aviation industry forward and promote safety, efficiency and passenger satisfaction. As the leaders of world's foremost airlines, your job is to battle it out in the industry for dominance over the skies and control of the market. It's capitalism at its best and nastiest; but deep within, a darker secret lurks...

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UNSC: Sudanese Uprising



This committee explores the conflict in Sudan that began in late 2018 that arose from thirty years of dictatorship and civil war and a crumbling economy. Beginning with the ousting of President Omar al-Bashir on April 11, 2019, delegates will be asked to deal with a variety of crises, including the challenges of a transitional government, egregious human rights violations against protestors, internally displaced peoples (IDPs) and refugees, shortages of food and fuel, and the continuing conflict along the border with South Sudan. As delegates of the UNSC, it will be your responsibility to engineer innovative and comprehensive solutions to a conflict that has affected the lives of millions. The future stability of the country and the region is in your hands—best of luck delegates.

Unification of the Caribbean



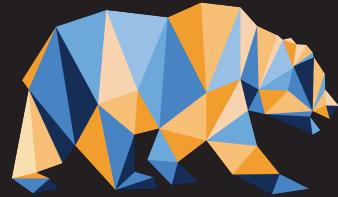
Avast Ye! British and Spanish imperial officials are cracking down on the Caribbean underworld during the Golden Age of Piracy (1650–1730). Blimey! Take the helm as iconic figures such as Blackbeard and Anne Bonny navigate the treacherous waters of Caribbean politics. As European empires vie for control of the vital region, will you unite our infamous captains together to face them? Or will your endeavors end in your seizure of a beautiful bounty? After all, dead men tell no tales. Set sail on your path to the Unification of the Caribbean!

Mission to Mars



Welcome to the Mission to Mars! Launching in 2021, this committee aims to do what no human has ever done: operate a manned mission to Mars and colonize the red planet. To achieve this seemingly insurmountable goal, the committee will rely on NASA engineers, SpaceX entrepreneurs, and U.S. politicians working together to bring the mission to reality. You will be competing with other companies and space agencies to be the first to Mars. If you make it, you will also attempt to build the first Martian outpost and establish a permanent human presence on the planet. To succeed in your mission, you will need to navigate bureaucratic red-tape, unforeseen scientific challenges, and of course the countless other issues that could arise in the 100 million miles to your destination.

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Court of Versailles: The Reign of Louis XIV



In an unprecedented move to consolidate power, the year 1682 saw King Louis XIV of France build the opulent Palace of Versailles to centralize his government and royal court. With the nobility now forced to attend to him in elaborate rituals necessary to remain relevant, the internal affairs of the French monarchy have become an intricate game of royal intrigue – all under the watchful eye of the king. Meanwhile, large scale threats loom across the country. Louis XIV and his penchant for war threaten diplomatic crisis as talk grows of other European countries potentially joining forces against France. Continuously funding the royal war machine, however, could spell economic crisis and lead to trouble out of the already dissatisfied peasantry. Questions are also arising about how to deal with the growing number of Protestants that threaten the Catholic order of things. It will be the job of the King's Court at Versailles to help Louis XIV deal with these external threats to France while figuring out how to navigate the interior dealings at the palace to maximize individual influence. It's of critical importance to bring glory to the French monarchy and – of course – long live the reign of the Sun King.

The First King: Kamehameha's Council of Chiefs



The year is 1782, and the ali'i nui of Hawai'i, Kalani'ōpu'u, has passed away. His throne has been succeeded by his son, Kīwala'ō, who has solidified control of the island with the help of his half-brother Keōua Kū'ahu'ula, as well as his uncle, Keawemauhili. Despite granting his kingdom to his son, Kalani'ōpu'u named his nephew Kamehameha as the Guardian of Kūka'ilimoku, the god of war. Kamehameha has risen to prominence as a result of his new role, and his accomplishment of moving the Naha stone has not gone unnoticed. According to Hawaiian prophecy, an individual who moves the Naha stone will be able to rule all of Hawai'i. Kamehameha's fame and ambition has attracted significant attention and strained his relationship with King Kīwala'ō. The Council of Chiefs are Kamehameha's most trusted advisors, a collection of leaders, family, and foreigners invested in the success of the young warrior. It is up to each member of the Council to advise Kamehameha as he seeks to challenge for the title of ali'i nui, not only on the island of Hawai'i, but for the entirety of the Hawaiian islands.

Khan of Khans



Chinggis Khan conquered the largest span of territories in history, but also left this legend short due to his sudden death. Internal conflicts and conspiracy soon rose after his descent and the divide materialized after the death of his grandson Mongke Khan in 1259 without a clear successor. The descendant Khans who ruled each part of the vast territory were all eager to claim their autonomous authority. Conflict and skirmishes arose; no Khan was yet able to claim total control of the Khanate like Chinggis Khan. Should the great Mongol Empire be divided as history dictated, or will a Khan rise among all Khans? This is a time of opportunity and risk.

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JCC Survival of Nixon: Nixon Administration



JCC Survival of Nixon: Council of Liberty



Every president in American history has faced criticism, but the Nixon presidency, in particular, faced not only criticism but also deep mistrust from the public; it undoubtedly left its mark on history. From the Vietnam War, the rise of social movements that resulted from the Free Speech Movement of the 1960s, the creation of better foreign affairs in East Asia and South Asia, and the release of the Pentagon Papers to the eventual downfall of President Nixon following the Watergate Scandal, it was a presidency fraught with issues from the start. Richard Nixon was elected into office in the 1968 election, and his first term saw success in both foreign and domestic policy. However, near the end of his first term and going into his second term, Nixon resolved to fight against a left-wing conspiracy within the government and media that he believed wanted to delegitimize himself and his administration, especially due to the Pentagon Papers, which marked a turning point for his presidency. You are the cabinet of the Nixon administration tasked with deciding important government policy that will affect the outcome for these issues. This committee must actively work with the "Council of Liberty," which is the other side of this Joint Crisis Committee that consists of the press, congresspeople, top military officials, and leading opposition to Nixon. Ultimately, the fate of President Nixon, the United States government, and the American people lies entirely in your hands.

Ad-Hoc Committee of the Secretary-General



The Ad-Hoc Committee of the Secretary-General is the premier committee of high-caliber debate at UCBMUN XXV. The committee's topic itself will remain hidden and will be announced shortly before the conference begins.

Position Assignments

Please note that delegations will only receive their committees and assignments after payment can be confirmed. If you have any extenuating circumstances, please reach out to secretarygeneral@ucbmun.org.

Registration Policies and Procedures



SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Upon submitting your registration form, our Director of Delegate Affairs will reach out to confirm your submission. After this is done, please expect an invoice for payment within two weeks of submitting your registration form. Please try to submit your payment within one month of receiving the invoice. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact secretarygeneral@ucbmun.org.

Early Registration

Delegate Fee

\$30

Regular Registration

\$35

IMPORTANT DATES

Early Registration ends December 30th, 2020
Regular Registration: January 1st- March 1st 2021
REGISTRATION ENDS AFTER MARCH 1ST 2021

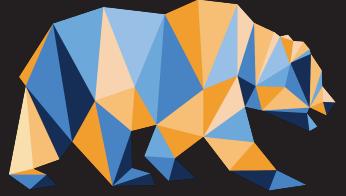
REFUND POLICY

If your whole delegation chooses not to attend UCBMUN XXV, the refund policy will be dictated by the following dates and delegations fees correlate to their total payment:

Full Refund - Before January 5, 2021
Half (50%) Refund - January 5, 2021 - February 10th, 2021
No refunds will be given after February 10th, 2021

DELEGATE WITHDRAWAL

Delegations may add or drop delegates at any time. However, they must release claimed delegates before February 10 in order to receive a full refund on the delegate fee. All delegates dropped after February 10 are required to pay the delegate fee in full.



Virtual FAQs

Since UCBMUN is going virtual we want to ensure that you can clarify any confusions or concerns you may have with us at secretarygeneral@ucbmun.org. Below are some Frequently Asked Questions on UCBMUN XXV Virtual!

What will UCBMUN look like this year?

UCBMUN XXV will be held online in March of 2021. In light of UC Berkeley's plans for spring semester and the current public health situation, UCBMUN will be held entirely virtually in order to best protect the health and safety of delegates and staffers.

Have any registration deadlines changed?

Early registration will take place until December 30th and costs \$30. After that until the final deadline of March 1st, that price will increase to \$35.

What will be the pricing for a virtual UCBMUN?

The pricing for a virtual UCBMUN will be significantly less than an in-person conference. There will be no delegation fee and the price per delegate will be \$30 for Early Registration and \$35 for Regular Registration.

What committees will be offered?

Currently, we are planning to offer the same variety of General Assembly, specialized body, and crisis committees that we would have in-person. Our list of committees can be found under the Committees tab.

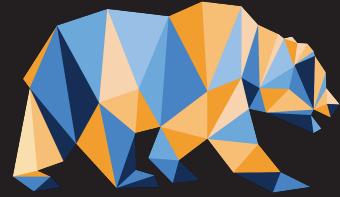
What if I've already registered for UCBMUN XXV?

If you've already registered for the conference, you have the option of receiving a full refund or adjusting your costs for the virtual setting.

Do I have to be in the US to compete in UCBMUN XXV?

No! We welcome competitive delegates from universities all over the world. While most committees will operate on Pacific Time, we are working to develop committees that can accommodate those in different time zones.

Virtual FAQs



Can we receive VISA letters for UCBMUN XXV?

UCBMUN XXV is proud to welcome and support delegations from across the world. However, UCBMUN is not responsible for any visa-related costs or refunds and delegations are not recommended to pursue a visa. Please reach out to the Director of Delegate Affairs at delaffairs@ucbmun.org with any questions.

Will the schedule for the conference look any different?

Conference will be held Friday through Sunday with the Thursday night session eliminated completely. Committee sessions will also be shortened and include breaks to minimize Zoom fatigue*. If you would like more information, a more detailed schedule can be found under the About tab on our website.

What out-of-committee events will be offered?

While we will no longer be hosting our Saturday night social, we hope to hold a variety of professional development events for our delegates. Additionally, UCBMUN will be holding a virtual Policy Proposal competition this year which offers delegates a new and innovative way to compete.

How will delegates receive awards?

Delegates will receive their awards in the mail after the conference.

*For more information on managing Zoom fatigue, consult this guide on strategies to combat Zoom fatigue as well as this article from UNC-Chapel Hill Physical Health and Sciences.



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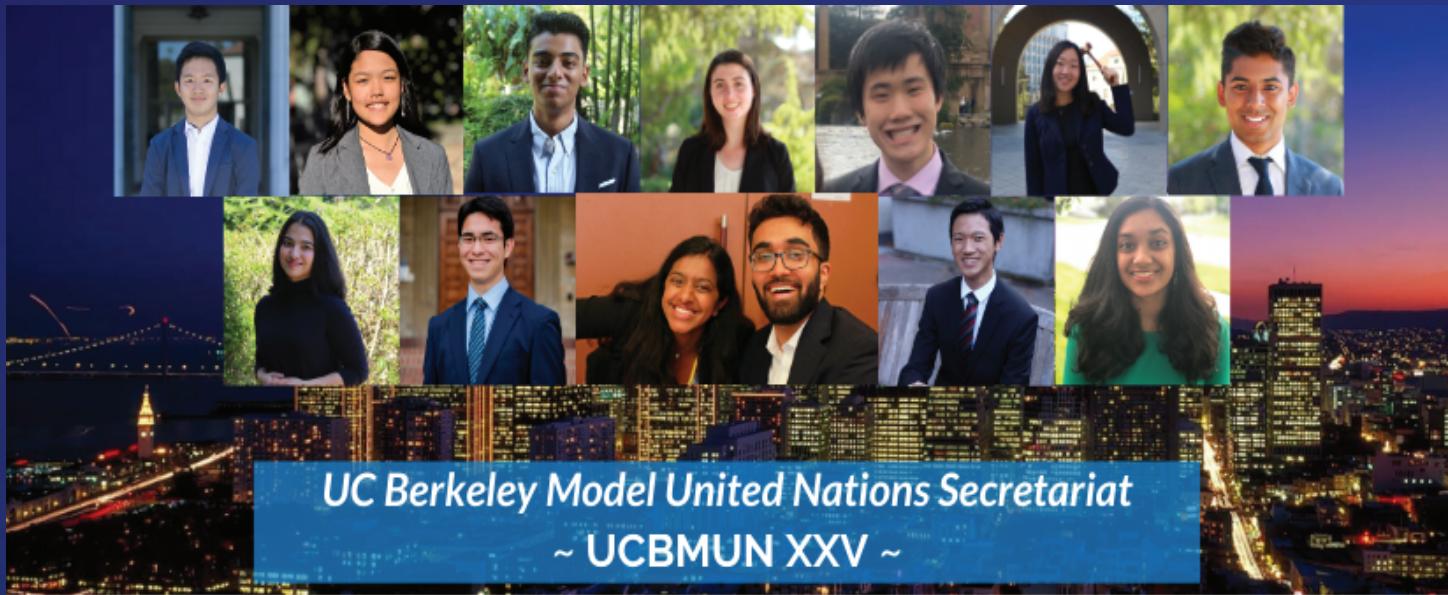
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