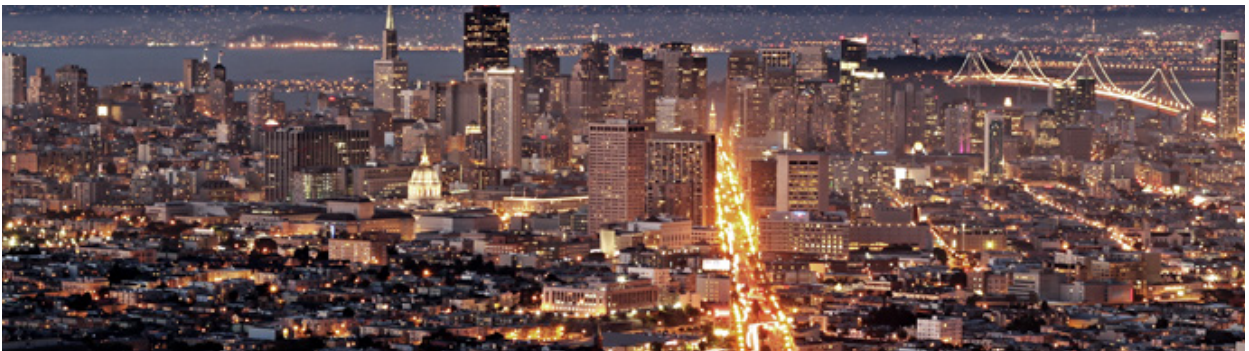




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PROSPECTUS



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WELCOME LETTER



Head Delegates and Advisors,

My name is Akash Sharma and I am the Secretary-General for the UC Berkeley United Nations Conference in February 2015. UCBMUN is in its 19th year and is proud to be one of the oldest Model UN programs in the country. Each year, our conference brings hundreds of delegates from top universities across the nation to San Francisco, California to debate global sociopolitical problems.

This year, UCBMUN XIX will be hosted from February 26th to March 1st at the Hilton, Financial District, San Francisco. Delegates will participate in committees, implementing months of research and preparation to seek resolutions for major problems of the modern world. Our diverse delegates come from various fields, like political science and nuclear engineering.

In this way, UCBMUN creates opportunities for potential leaders of the generation—students of all geographical, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds—to engage in multi-faceted dialogue, face personal growth, gain comprehensive perspectives on world issues, and learn about the trials and triumphs of international diplomacy, all in hopes of creating a better tomorrow.

Our conference tends to draw highly motivated individuals that have already made impacts in their communities and will undoubtedly continue to do so in the future. We look forward to your joining us in this exciting journey and experience all that UCBMUN and San Francisco has to offer!

Respectfully,
Akash Sharma
Secretary General
UCBMUN XIX



UC BERKELEY AND SAN FRANCISCO

Established in 1868, UC Berkeley is one of the oldest universities on the Western Coast of the United States of America and the flagship University of the University of California system of schools.

Considered by many as the finest public university in the world, UC Berkeley offers more than 350 undergraduate and 110 graduate programs. The students of UC Berkeley take pride in the academic heritage and excellence of the University. It is known for its rigor both in education and extra curricular activities. Located in the East San Francisco Bay Area, the campus of UC Berkeley has exceptional weather throughout the year, the university is 15 miles from San Francisco and 40 miles from Silicon Valley. The campus of UC Berkeley is situated on a hill and offers stunning views of the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco Bay.



'Beautiful', 'Diverse', 'Eclectic', and 'Vibrant' are the words that people often use to describe San Francisco. As one of the most popular tourist destinations in the United States, San Francisco is best recognized by the Golden Gate Bridge. In addition, San Francisco is well known for its steep roads and cable cars, as well as attractions such as Alcatraz, Golden Gate Park, and Fisherman's Wharf. San Francisco's Chinatown is the oldest of its kind in North America, and is also a very popular tourist destination in the city.



CONFERENCE AND HOTEL INFORMATION

Location and Dates

Hilton San Francisco Financial District
750 Kearney St, San Francisco, CA 94108
February 26th—March 1st, 2015

Hotel information

Hilton San Francisco will provide high quality rooms, dining, and service for the conference stay. Its spacious lounges and rooms are perfect areas for holding delegate meetings and private discussions. The hotel is also conveniently situated at the crossroads of Chinatown, Russian Hill, and Financial District. Food, nightlife, and various other attractions can all be found within walking distance from the hotel.

Reservations

To make a reservation, call Hilton Toll Free at 1-800-424-8292 and identify yourself as part of Berkeley Model United Nations. Price per room is \$195 per night for up to 4 people.

Other Lodging Options

Mandarin Oriental San Francisco
222 Sansome St

This five star hotel is located on the top 11 floors of a 48 story high hotel building that offers spectacular view of the city and one of the top luxury stays in San Francisco.
\$455/night

Hotel North Beach

935 Kearney St, San Francisco, CA

Located in a convenient place for not only attending the conference but also visiting key attractions in the city like the Coit Tower and the Transamerica Pyramid.
\$109/night

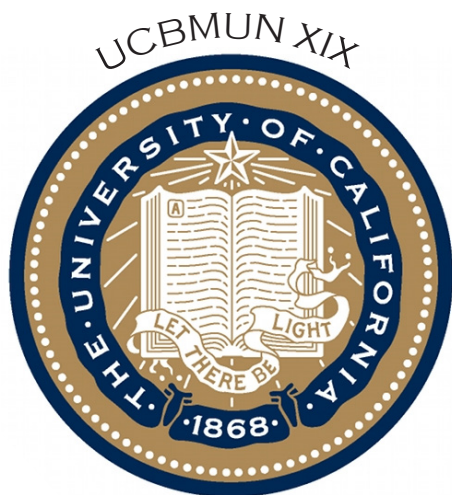
Hotel Astoria

510 Bush St, San Francisco 94108

Hotel Astoria offers an affordable and comfortable stay. Located in the heart of San Francisco, the hotel allows convenient travel to multiple attractions.
\$109/night

Additionally there are other budget options, such as hostels located within walking distance





REGISTRATION AND PROGRAMING



Coming to UCBMUN you will experience 16+ hours of engaging, distinctive, and active debate, socials on Friday and Saturday, and other fun events such as the Bear Crawl, Cub Crawl, and tours of San Francisco and Berkeley!!

Registration Period	Dates	Delegate Fee	Delegation Fee
Early	Sep 15 - Dec 1	\$80	\$85
Regular	Dec 2- Feb 15	\$90	\$95

UCBMUN XIX does not charge any advisor fee.

CRISIS COMMITTEES

SEASTEADING

The New Frontier of Civilization: Welcome aboard the Poseidon! The world's first ever sea stead. Sea steading is the concept of creating fully autonomous and self-sustaining floating cities, called sea steads, that are free from the jurisdiction of any country. You are going to have to deal with everything from volatile politics to terrifying storms. So be ready to get your hands dirty because this committee is most definitely going to be a challenge.



A NEW WORLD- FRANCE

With Columbus' discovery of the New World, France, under the rule of King Charles VIII must begin the scramble for power in the Americas. As a member of the French royal court, your duty will be to advise the king in matters concerning the exploration and colonization of the New World. Whether you are a royal family member, a trusted advisor, or a French explorer, it will be up to you steer France to success in its colonizing ventures.

A NEW WORLD- SPAIN

Spain, newly unified under Isabella of Castile and Ferdinand of Aragon, has its sights set on a world empire. With the discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus, Spain's ambitions in this regard have come to the forefront. However, Spain's enemies are quickly catching up, and delegates must work together to devise and implement a coherent strategy to ensure Spain's success. Meanwhile, domestic problems are exploding, and there are rumors of ministers plotting against one another...

A NEW WORLD- ENGLAND

The year is 1492 and England is at a turning point in history! After years of war and turmoil, King Henry has recently claimed the throne and established the Tudor Dynasty. However King Henry has a busy agenda with England's depleted treasuries, pesky European neighbors, and a whole New World to explore. Join the King in a dynamic and ruthless committee that will see England's rise to the top!



CRISIS COMMITTEES

UNSC

This year at UCBMUN XIX, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has specifically been called to address the subject of the Islamic State (IS) which continues to plague the Middle East, and threatens to spill over into neighboring countries and destabilize the region as a whole. The council must address issues pertaining to territorial aggression with specific regard to the Chinese belligerence in the 'South China Sea.' Additionally, delegates must be prepared to deal with the issues of militancy, famine and disease that weaken the integrity of the African continent. Finally, delegates will have to confront the alleged Russian backed rebellions in Ukraine. Each issue needs to be tackled with tact and without hesitation or error. We invite you to come tango with us.

OSTPOLITIK: THE GOVERNMENT OF WILLY BRANDT 1969

The government of Willy Brandt has come to fruition! Brandt intends to take a new approach towards international and domestic politics. The cabinet will be focused on topics varying from relations with Western allies to the creation of economic relations with the Eastern bloc. Will the cabinet be successful or will the government fall to its own idealism? Apply for the committee to find out!

VIKINGS 865: THE CONQUEST OF THE BRITISH ISLES

Vikings 865 is based around the solidified Viking conquest of the British Isles. It will combine the fast-paced nature of Viking conquest with the complicated clan loyalties and fighting that the Vikings are known for. The Vikings were notorious in their quests for glory and riches, and their actions now are expected to be no different. Delegates will be able to navigate through battle planning, wars, and plan for every eventuality!

AD-HOC COMMITTEE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The Ad-Hoc Committee of the Secretary General is the flagship committee offered by UCBMUN. Delegates will be tested on every nuance of MUN, from accurate debate to diplomacy and leadership. The topic and background guide will be released a week before committee. This committee will do everything it can to completely reshape your life and change the way you think – and we hope to see you there.

CRISIS COMMITTEES

TONG WARS

With the committee room situated just blocks away from where these bloody battles played out, the Tong Wars committee will relive a deadly era in San Francisco's history delegates will be responsible for ensuring the dominance of the Chee Kong Tong by any means necessary, as dangerous rival tongs, the San Francisco police, and a terrified community lurk at every turn, seeking to bring about your downfall.



THE SECOND PELOPONNESIAN WAR

With overwhelming sea power, a zeal for democracy and an unwieldy coalition more afraid of Sparta than loyal to Athens, delegates will get the chance to maintain political solidarity, set the objectives for the war and ultimately claim victory in a conflict that pits the two Greek superpowers of the age against one another. Delegates should come prepared to fight a war like no other.

WORLD PETROLEUM CONGRESS

2020 marks the year of the 23rd of the premier global legislative body on oil, gas, and energy. The committee will be faced with issues from oil companies in the face of a global thrust towards clean energy to complex political crises impacting petroleum markets and to the development of breakthrough and potentially dangerous energy technologies. We look forward to a fast-paced committee unafraid to tackle a range of crises.

REIGN OF TERROR

Delegates in this committee will be a part of the Committee of Public Safety, led by Maximilien Robespierre. Over the course of the conference, Robespierre will lead the Jacobins in an effort to purge Paris of enemies of the revolution, while their opposition makes a series of attempts to stop them. Only you have the power to build, from the ruins of a revolution, a new and better France, for Liberté, Égalité, and Fraternité.



SPECIALIZED BODIES

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ)

This committee will be trying the case of Nicaragua v. United States of America. In 1981 the pro-communist FSLN regime took power in Nicaragua. The group had allegedly channeled arms through El Salvador in support of leftist guerrilla units attempting to overthrow the government. The US acted under "collective self-defense" and attempted to undermine the communist leadership through military and paramilitary efforts. This committee will judge the case and determine whether this committee's ICJ will follow or diverge from the court's original rulings.

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM)

The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) was formed in 1961 in the midst of the Cold War as an alternative to aligning with either the USSR or the United States. This committee will focus on two topics: Third World Debt & Disaster Recovery and Self-Determination Movements. Rebuilding after natural disasters burdens countries with debt and threatens their non-aligned status, and popular NAM policies are often in opposition to the US and other world bloc powers in regards to furthering self-determination. Delegates will debate how to best address both issues while supporting the independence of non-aligned countries.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - SOCIAL CULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE

The first topic this committee will consider is the torture of prison inmates, particularly those in areas of conflict. The committee will examine how much international progress has been made since the Abu Ghraib revelations of 2003, and where changes must still be made. Secondly, the committee will explore the changing landscape of privacy in an age of digital evolution. Since governments increasingly have the opportunity to launch digital surveillance on their citizens and purchase personal data from tech corporations, this committee will investigate whether it is permissible for states to do so, and to what extent human rights are violated by such actions.

COMMITTEE: WORLD BANK

The World Bank is an international financial institution whose aim is to reduce poverty. In doing so, this organization offers loans, advice, and training in the public and private sector to developing nations. Members of this committee will pass loan proposals for the following topics: Improving Trade through Transportation Infrastructure and Overcoming the Informal Economy. These are both stumbling blocks to developing countries' economic success. The overall goal of this committee is to create comprehensive, creative and effective proposals to improve the financial infrastructure of developing nations.

COMMITTEE: AFRICAN UNION

The Assembly of the African Union focuses on two very pressing events: the ethnic violence in the Central African Republic, and the presence of terrorism in Nigeria. Violence is rampant in the Central African Republic, and the establishment of a stable government for the Central African Republic is vital. In Nigeria, radical Islamist groups are growing in strength and number, culminating in the recent kidnapping of 200 Nigerian schoolgirls who still remain missing. Immediate and comprehensive steps need to be taken against this growing threat.

REACHING UCBMUN XIX



By Air:

San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is well connected to all major cities in the United States and Europe. After virtually touching down on water, attendees can transfer to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) from within the airport and get off at Montgomery Station in Downtown San Francisco to arrive a few blocks away from the conference location.



By Road:

San Francisco is well connected by major Interstate Highways like the I-80 and the US-101. It is also accessible by other large regional highways like the scenic California Highway 1 and the speedy California Highway 5. The hotel is a few blocks away from the heart of San Francisco's Financial District.

By Rail:

Rail is a very convenient way to reach the Bay Area and a viable option for California residents looking to avoid steep gas and parking prices. To get to San Francisco by rail, it is as simple as taking Amtrak and transferring to either the CalTrain, BART, or Amtrak buses to reach Downtown San Francisco.

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