

Hello and welcome to Porfiriato: Mexico's Anti-Revolution committee at UCBMUN XXI! My name is Noah Gerber and I have the honor to serve as your head chair. I am a third year at Cal, double majoring in history and political sciences. This is my sixth year in MUN and my first time serving as a head chair (though I have vice chaired a couple of committees). Aside from MUN, I enjoy playing my guitar, reading any good fiction and non-fiction, geeking out to DC and Star Wars, and unwinding to some indie/alt tunes. So any recommendations for new bands are greatly appreciated!

This committee seeks to examine the tumultuous beginnings of the Mexican Revolution. While seemingly simple, the Revolution embodied the interests and mindsets of various revolutionaries and politicians. Delegates will work to understand the interests of the people and do their best to keep the regime in place. Given this, delegates should be prepared for a fast paced committee that will deal with diplomatic, military, and personal problems. It is expected that delegates will come into committee with an accurate understanding of the history of Mexico up until this point and what the various causes are that started the Revolution. Of course, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to conference!

-Noah Gerber, Head Chair, Porfiriato: Mexico's Anti-Revolution

Welcome to the “Porfiriato: Mexico’s Anti-Revolution” committee at UCBMUN XXI! My name is Aric Chang, and I am honored to serve as your Crisis Director. I am a third-year; I am a Political Science major with a concentration on International Relations, and an Asian Studies major with a concentration on China. This is my third year with UCBMUN. Last year, I was the Crisis Director for the Battle of Red Cliff committee. Outside of MUN, I am an editor for the Berkeley Student Journal for Asian Studies and the Pledge Educator for Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity. I am also in the Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program at my school, in which I conduct research with one of the professors from the Political Science Department. My interests include listening to hours of EDM on Soundcloud, going to concerts and festivals, and partying at my fraternity. Unfortunately, there is no way for me to sound less basic.

This committee is set as the cabinet of *científicos* of Porfirio Diaz in 1910. As the technocrats of a ruthless ruler, you must maintain control over a rebellious nation. Labor strikes in the north, peasant rebellions in the south, and United States intervention are just three of the many issues your cabinet must resolve in order to survive. Also, there will be a lot of war. Successful delegates must be able to maintain order over Mexico and also win battles against enemies you are bound to make in the north, the south, and abroad. Many of the crises will be time-sensitive, and be prepared to make or break unexpected alliances. I expect you all to be as cunning as *científicos*; I want to see communiqués, joint-personal directives, backstabbing, and assassinations. The more creative and the more daring your plans are, the more likely I’ll have them pass. However, though I love crazy crisis plans, it is very important that you set up your plans and assassinations with

due preparation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I wish you all the luck in maintaining the power of the Porfiriato.

-Aric Chang, Crisis Director, Porfiriato: Mexico's Anti-Revolution

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