

Welcome to UCBMUN XXI! My name is Dianne Chung and I am honored to serve as your head chair for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) committee. I enter this committee with high hopes and excitement as the blank slate with potential for change is presented to all those with an open mind and commitment to this safe space.

As for myself, I am currently a sophomore pursuing a degree in Molecular and Cell Biology with a concentration in Neurobiology as well as a minor in Peace and Conflict Studies. Since joining UCBMUN as a freshman last year, I have served as a vice chair for the World Social Forum during UCBMUN XX as well as head chair for BayMUN Spring '16. Born and raised in Southern California (which makes me an avid LA Dodgers fan by default) with a Korean-American identity, I can be found actively advocating for the increase of Asian American voices in the American political process. Otherwise, you'll often find me curled up at a café reading a book or travelling in search of new experiences, out and about and always wandering.

This year's committee will find itself addressing the topic of censorship while considering its nuances and the implications found in the distributions of responsibility as the world becomes increasingly technologically dependent. This committee will also address a second topic of sexual education in an endeavor to lay out a foundation for the future with a focus on learning, awareness, and accessibility. With these in mind, I hope that having the option of two topics will not undermine the quality of debate and discussion for each topic. Furthermore, a critical characteristic of UNESCO is the organization's commitment to creating an opportunity for all delegates to have a voice, indicating the crucial necessity for collaboration and compromise.

I am excited to hear what you will bring to this committee and am looking forward to meeting all of you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the background guide, the procedures, or the structure of the committee.