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DEAR HEAD DELEGATES AND ADVISORS,

My name is Varsha Venkatasubramanian and I am the Secretary-General for the UC Berkeley Model United Nations Conference in March 2016. UCBMUN is in our 20th year and we are 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 and the world to San Francisco, California to debate sociopolitical issues that resonate across the globe.

This year, UCBMUN XX will be hosted from March 3rd to March 6th at the Hilton, Financial District, San Francisco. Delegates will participate in committees, utilizing months of research and preparation to develop resolutions for major geopolitical problems. Our diverse delegates come from various fields, colleges, and regions.

UCBMUN creates opportunities for potential leaders of the next generation 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 the hopes of creating a better tomorrow.

Our conference draws 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 have to offer! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me at sg@ucbmun.org.

Sincerely,

Varsha Venkatasubramanian





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UC BERKELEY & 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.





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 cross-roads of Chinatown, Russian Hill, and Financial District. Food, nightlife, and various other attractions can all be found within walking distance from the hotel.

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 \$230 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

CONFERENCE & HOTEL

Location and Dates:

Hilton Financial District
750 Kearney St
San Francisco, CA 94108
March 3 —March 6 , 2016



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REGISTRATION & PROGRAMMING

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

At UCBMUN you will experience 16+ hours of engaging, distinctive, and active debate, socials on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and other fun events such as the Bear Crawl, Cub Crawl, and tours of San Francisco's many districts!



CRISIS COMMITTEES

The Ad-Hoc Committee of the Secretary-General

Seeking to challenge experienced delegates, high quality debate is expected from this application-based committee.

Although the committee topic will only be disclosed a week before conference, we can describe the nature of the challenge before you. With fast-paced crises and constantly shifting circumstances, the Ad-Hoc promises to be unconventional and highly memorable. Diplomacy, leadership, creativity, and copious amounts of crisis notes are expected. Come prepared - critical decisions await you.

As there's little else we can reveal until March, we encourage you to ponder the words of John Stuart Mill:

“War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things ... The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight... is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.”

A Clash of Three Kingdoms: The Battle at the Red Cliffs

The year is 208 AD, and the warlords of China are hell-bent on seizing the emperor's throne. The Eastern Han dynasty has collapsed. The fearsome Cao Cao has already taken over the southern province of Jingzhou, and he is set on unifying China under his control. To the South, two more formidable forces await Cao Cao's inevitable advance. On one side, Liu Bei rules over his Kingdom of Shu. On the other, Sun Quan and the Kingdom of Wu. From each of these factions emerges a series of great warriors and heroes. China is a powder keg ready to explode as the three kingdoms prepare to clash in the Battle of Red Cliffs. This battle's outcome will determine the future of the Three Kingdoms. Delegates, the destiny of China rests in your hands.

Obama Unleashed or Rejected: The Cabinet of the Presidency of the United States

President Obama's cabinet will be tasked with a variety of short and long-term challenges throughout the course of the committee. From averting violent conflict with the Iran Nuclear Deal, to navigating the war campaign against ISIS, and handling Russian expansion into Ukraine, the diverse group of individuals that makes up the executive advisory board council will have no room for the squeamish. Equally important will be improving education, creating effective legislation to tackle climate change, and addressing the ongoing issues of historically marginalized groups like women, immigrants, and the LGBT community. This committee, however, is about more than just passing directives, delegates will need to also negotiate with outside governments, handle a variety of calamitous crises, and deal with the consequences of their choices. So what will it be: Obama unleashed or rejected?





Conquering the Web: Industry, Government and the Dark Net

With new technological paradigms come novel opportunities and challenges for industry and government alike. Fast-forward to 2025. A unified international legal body has failed to regulate the Internet and Dark Web, which has continued growing at a geometric rate. Consequently the Dark Web has become a new frontier, a new Wild West, where international corporations have waged an economic war, vying for power in this new unregulated space and across the globe. In this economic war, one particularly fierce industry has been biotech, and rapidly growing and changing systems of alliances have formed to maximize odds of success, fighting on both legal and legally questionable fronts. In this committee the major biotech companies and government regulators are meeting to discuss appropriate international regulation on the Dark Web and Internet, with obviously conflicting interests. Who will conquer this new frontier? Will this space become regulated, or will international monopolies form? It is up to you.

Rome's Forgotten Colony: Pontius Pilate and the Divisions of Judaea

It is a glorious time for the Roman Empire. Already holding the Mediterranean Sea, Tiberius Caesar's reach seems unstoppable, stretching further in all directions. Internally, Rome sees a period of unprecedented peace and economic prosperity yet all is threatened by a single, seemingly insignificant colony. Although it's one of the smallest territories, Judaea perpetuates a state of constant turmoil and rebellion, its stubborn and fervently devout people resisting the authority of its governor, Pontius Pilate, at every turn. Not just political, but religious upheavals plague the land as well, as ancient traditions are broken, kings are forsaken, and rumors of a savior are circulated in the countryside. From his seat in Jerusalem, Pilate faces a city on the brink not just of rebellion, but of revolution. His pleas for help are ignored by Caesar, so he must turn to the city and its leaders for help. Will he manage to achieve peace for the land destined to become one of the most contested holy territories in the world? Or will he be overpowered by a proud people, desperate for their own king?

Colombia: Peace Accords with FARC

For the past fifty years, the government and people of Colombia have endured violence, human rights violations, and what many denominate as a civil war with rebel armed groups, most importantly, Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia, known as FARC. President Juan Manuel Santos, like many of his predecessors, attempted to negotiate with FARC, and his efforts have been perhaps the most significant peace process that Colombia has seen in decades.

This committee will simulate the current negotiations between the government of Colombia, FARC representatives, humanitarian organizations, and other stakeholders such as displaced populations, conflict victims, and Colombian politicians.

Aligning with the actual process, it will set forth an agenda of issues to be addressed and in which parties should reach consensus. The voices of the Colombian people, tired of being terrorized, and those of the FARC, arguing for equality, rural development, and investment in peripheral Colombia will face issues in which they agree and many in which they disagree.

The Rolex 12: Marcos' Philippines under martial Law

The 1970s were a tumultuous in the Philippines. Communist and Leftist movements were rising in membership, terrorism and violence began to become an everyday event. Simultaneously, President Ferdinand Marcos was to be term-limited in 1973. A plan was hatched. As early as 1970, Marcos began meeting with top advisors in his inner circle to devise a plan that would allow for Marcos to stay in power, for Leftist dissidents to be crushed, and for the Rolex 12 to build a new Philippines.

On August 21st, 1972, a rally of the Liberal Party was held at the Plaza Miranda in Manila. In the middle of the rally, two hand grenades were tossed on stage, killing 9 and injuring 95. While no perpetrators were identified, blame conveniently fell on Communist rebels. This was the first of two false flags that would set the plan in motion. In September of 1972, Marcos agents shot up Secretary of Defense Juan Ponce Enrile's car. "Luckily" Secretary Enrile was riding in the backup security vehicle. Using these two events and the countrywide discord as pretext, Marcos issued Presidential Proclamation 1081, establishing martial law throughout the country, and suspending the constitution.

The Philippines are at a turning point. Violence and discord proliferate. An anemic economy keeps millions in poverty. Increasingly militant Muslims organize in Mindanao. All the while, the Philippines are still searching for its place in the Cold War world.

United Nations Security Council 1947

Welcome to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), a committee that promises be characterized by debauchery, intensity and but of course, the veto. Take a trip back in time with us to 1947 where we encounter a world struggling to recover in the wake of the Second World War. Travel with us first to Greece to help us find an answer to the Greek Question that is the Greek Civil War. Then to India to negotiate a compromise between the fiery people of the subcontinents two largest nations, India and Pakistan, in the midst of the bloodiest migration in recent history. Our journey will end in the murky forests of Indonesia as we try to mitigate the effects of the Indonesian National Revolution. Keep your wit about you, as this committee will require quick thinking, decisive action and, most importantly, cunning diplomacy.

Wikileaks: Cyberwarfare is Now.

Delegates will be in charge of a specific portfolio within the Wikileaks agency, and all of them will be equal in power. Each delegate will have their own informants, moles within organisations, hackers at their service, etc. The truths they will uncover and the choices they will make may change the course of history, and threaten the world's peace by publicising information that would be better left unknown. When spying and counter-spying are a baseline expectation from everyone, only the most skilled will go under the radar and survive. Delegates' resolve at knowing what's right and what's wrong will be crucial; when an information they have can cause wars, and when their skills can make them billionaires at will, only the strongest will live.





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JOINT CRISIS COMMITTEE

BATTLE FOR THE HEART OF AFRICA: THE RHODESIAN WAR

The Government of Rhodesia

‘The wind of change is blowing through this continent. Whether we like it or not, this growth of national consciousness is a political fact.’ The year is 1964, and Rhodesia is in the crosshairs. It’s voters, a white minority comprising a mere 5% of the country, have overwhelmingly indicated that they’d rather declare independence from Great Britain than allow native Africans into government. The ‘Wind of Change’, or Britain’s decolonization policy, continued to blow against the Rhodesian rock as stubborn as its leaders. Fed up with the conservative regime, two rival factions, the Maoist Zimbabwe African National Union and Leninist Zimbabwe African People’s Union, have been established to dethrone Rhodesia by diplomacy or dynamite. Committee will start by throwing the Rhodesian cabinet into the drama of declaring a ‘Unilateral Declaration of Independence’ from its mother country and surviving the wrath of the international community. The committee must then face off against two rival political forces, each eager to install a new government, whilst managing the policies, politics, and people of a nation steeped in controversy and chaos.

Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU)

The era of European imperialism is gradually coming to an end, and with events as they are, it is not certain what the future of Africa will look like. Already there are splits within the ranks of the opposition to the white minority government of Rhodesia, creating the potential for a two-front conflict. Whether the land of Zimbabwe will thrive under the Maoist principles of ZANU, succumb to the Leninism espoused by ZAPU, or remain under the imperialist control of the Government of Rhodesia will be up to you to decide.

Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (ZAPU)

The Soviet-inspired Zimbabwe African People’s Union (ZAPU) has recently parted ways with the Maoist Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), and Rhodesia has just declared its independence. ZAPU must decide how to respond to this historic injustice, while building its ideology and infrastructure to make its case for a revolution of the proletariat.

SPECIALIZED BODIES

World Social Forum: Another World is Possible!

The World Social Forum (WSF) is a gathering of activists, intellectuals, community organizers, and people from all walks of life united by a dream – the dream of a better world for all. Since the first WSF in 2001 in Porto Alegre, the forum has stood for a world in which human beings and nature are considered the ultimate concern for politics and society, not capital. The WSF strives for a world distant from a capital focused, militarized and neo-liberally globalized world. As stated in the forum's charter it is an open space for dialogue, reflective thinking, and the formation of proposals. It does not aim to be a body representing civil society nor does it aim to steer the global struggle for a better world. It is an event free from the constricting forces of UN bureaucracy and top-down fixed agendas. It is a safe and open space where you, the participants, will share, learn, dream, and create together.

2016 NFL Owner's Meeting

America's most popular sport finally comes to UCBMUN as delegates from around the nation come together in this 2016 NFL Owners Meeting Committee! Commissioner Roger Goodell has called the owners of all 32 NFL franchises to debate some of the most pressing and controversial topics facing the National Football League: head-related injuries, domestic violence in the NFL, cheerleaders in the NFL, the NFL's drug policy, the Washington Redskins' name, relocation to Los Angeles, changing the NFL schedule and so much more! And upon special invitation, this committee will also feature three representatives from labor unions such as the NFL Players Association (NFLPA) to ensure that the employees of the NFL have their voices heard. This committee is designed not to address one or two topics in great depth but rather to explore a large number of issues the National Football League faces today. Such topics are very different from one another, representing the ubiquitous impact professional football has on business, politics and American culture. All delegates, from the experienced veteran to the 'just starting out' neophyte, are welcome to participate in this committee (as long as they have an undying love for American football). Furthermore, in this committee your delegates can expect an entirely unique MUN experience. While the committee will operate under the standard Specialized Body committee framework, this one-of-a-kind committee will also incorporate modified crisis updates that will truly simulate the urgency under which the NFL leadership operates. The committee's fast-paced and crazy fun debate is one MUN experience delegates will never forget.

Legal Committee: European Court of Human Rights

Proselytism, nationality, and freedom – oh my! Perhaps those were not the things Dorothy envisioned upon entering the woods, but they are indeed things that the Legal Committee of this year's UCBMUN will be debating on. This year's Legal Committee takes place at the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), an international court based in Strasbourg, France that was established by the European Convention on Human Rights. The ECHR regularly hears cases that concern a state violating one or more human rights that were outlined in the Convention. This year, the ECHR will be debating and ruling on two exciting cases: *Larissis and Others vs. Greece*, and *Petropavlovskis v. Latvia*. While Legal Committee never guarantees straightforward rulings on the cases that are presented, we can always count on spirited and fiery debate from our delegates, and we are very excited to see the arguments that will take place with this year's cases.





DISEC: Disarmament and International Security

The primary aim of the Disarmament and International Security Committee is to ensure that the international community gains security and peace. In order to achieve this goal, UCBMUN's DISEC committee is focused on confronting terrorism in Pakistan. Terrorism in Pakistan is one of the most critical issues concerning not only the country itself but also the International Community as a whole. It is only a matter of time before the terrorist groups, which have occupied the Northern parts of Pakistan, move to the hub of the country and severely hamper political and economic growth and development. The recent attack on an army high school in Peshawar, which resulted in the loss of hundreds of innocent lives, coupled with the attacks on the Sri Lankan National team on their visit to Pakistan for a tournament, has put the country in a state of turmoil and immense depression. A number of questions have been raised. Are the religious extremist groups independent groups like the Taliban, or are they being sponsored from an unknown source? Whatever the case may be, what approach should Pakistan and the International Community as a whole take in order to eradicate terrorism from the country? We also should not overlook the fact that Pakistan is a nuclear power and if the terrorist acquire these nuclear weapons, then the threat from these groups moves beyond Pakistan to the entire world. Thus, it is of prime importance that this issue is seriously addressed and viable measures are suggested to improve the situation in the country. Delegates in DISEC are urged to enact creative, effective solutions towards this problem in order to restore peace and stability.

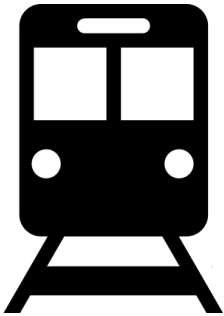
General Assembly: The Special Political and Decolonization Committee

SPECPOL, or the Special Political and Decolonization Committee, occupies a very distinct niche in the host of United Nations committees and bodies. With a looser agenda than most specialized bodies, this committee's mission statement is to address issues that range from universal peacekeeping and human rights violations to mining, space, and atomic disputes. This year, the committee will be addressing the issues of Preventing Mass Atrocities in Areas of Conflict and Property Rights in Outer Space. The two topics of this year's SPECPOL have gained a space on the tight agenda due to their increased relevance in modern-day political forums, and will require an intensive and highly meticulous approach to resolve. The nature of SPECPOL is not trivial; this is a body that works in concert with the Security Council and the World Trade Organization to enforce its passed resolutions. Delegates should consequently enter SPECPOL with the weight of their nation's objectives on their shoulders, but more importantly, with the knowledge that they each individually form a component of an international governing mechanism.

GETTING TO UCBMUN



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.



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.



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.



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