



**Delegate Handbook | NYUMUNC VII**  
**April 7 – 10, 2016**

## From the Desk of the Secretary-General

Dear Delegates,

It is with great honor and privilege that I invite you to the seventh edition of New York University Model United Nations Conference, NYUMUNC. In a world with lightning-fast communication and ever-increasing interconnectedness, each year, NYUMUNC takes steps to bring you closer to the real world. From April 7 to 10, 2016, 400 delegates will meet in downtown Manhattan to create a future and history of their own.

With 20 committees temporally split into two worlds, NYUMUNC continues to boast of successfully hosting the largest joint crisis conference in the world. Through a host of proprietary technology, delegates are free to interact with the crisis room, send inter-committee notes, and even meet delegates from other committees: authentically capturing real-world politics. With delegate empowerment at the forefront of every crisis, NYUMUNC provides the tools for delegates to put themselves in the shoes of world leaders and accurately simulate past and present global crises. Be it the rise of Boko Haram in Nigeria, drone strikes in Pakistan, or missing planes over the South China Sea, NYUMUNC prides itself on consistently predicting future events. With its first all-digital committee last year, NYUMUNC continues to innovate and showcase something new every year, redefining what a crisis conference means. We strive to produce something that challenges, empowers and excites.

The unexpected is an inevitable part of reality. With this in mind, NYUMUNC seeks to bring to you an immersive simulation of the essence of the unpredictability in today's world. Brace yourselves, delegates, and get ready for a journey of a lifetime. Winter is coming.



Arnav Mody  
Secretary-General  
NYUMUNC VII

***If you have any questions, please feel free to email [contact@nyumunc.org](mailto:contact@nyumunc.org)***

## Conference Schedule

Thursday, April 7, 2016

**3:30pm - 5:30pm**

Registration

Location: Outside the United Nations Headquarters  
(1st Avenue and 46th Street, Manhattan)

**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Opening Ceremony (Doors close at 5:30 PM)

### Session I

**8:45pm - 10:45pm**

Block A

**9:00pm - 11:00pm**

Block B

**11:00pm - late**

Head Delegate Social

*(Half Pint)*

Saturday, April 8, 2016

### Session IV

**9:15am - 12:45pm**

Block A

**9:30am - 1:00pm**

Block B

**1:00pm-3:00pm**

Graduate School Expo (*Kimmel Lobby*)

Committee Lunch

### Session V

**2:45pm - 6:15pm**

Block A

**3:00pm - 6:30pm**

Block B

**10:00pm-late**

Delegate Social (*TBD*)

Friday, April 8, 2016

**11:00am-1:00pm**

Graduate School Expo (*Kimmel Lobby*)

### Session II

**1:00pm - 4:30pm**

Block A

**1:15pm - 4:45pm**

Block B

**4:45pm-6:15pm**

Dinner

### Session III

**6:15pm - 9:30pm**

Block A

**6:15pm - 9:30pm**

Block B

Sunday, April 10, 2016

### Session VI

**12:00pm - 1:00pm**

Block A

**12:00pm - 1:00pm**

Block B

**1:30pm-3:00pm**

Closing Ceremony

*(Eisner & Lubin)*

Nearby subway stops:  
8<sup>th</sup> St-NYU (N/R trains)  
Astor Place (6 train)  
W 4<sup>th</sup> St (A/C/E B/D/F/M trains)

**Block A: Historical Universe**

**Block B: Contemporary Universe + Ad Hoc**

## Room Listings

	I - Thursday	II - Fri	III - Fri	IV - Sat	V - Sat	VI - Sun
<b>BLOCK A</b>						
	8:45 - 10:45 PM	1:00 - 4:30 PM	6:15 - 9:30 PM	9:15 AM - 12:45 PM	2:45 - 6:15 PM	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
<b>Kingdom of Belgium</b>	KC804	Waverly 431	Waverly 431	KC 804	KC 804	KC 906
<b>Britain</b>	KC909	Waverly 566A	Waverly 566A	KC 805	KC 805	KC 909
<b>German Empire</b>	KC912	Waverly 569	Waverly 569	KC 912	KC 912	KC 912
<b>Ethiopian Empire</b>	Silver 518	Waverly 667	Waverly 667	KC 914	KC 914	GC 361
<b>Kingdom of Italy</b>	Silver 500	Silver 500	Silver 500	GC 274	GC 274	GC 274
<b>Congo Free State</b>	Silver 501	Silver 501	Silver 501	GC 383	GC 383	GC 374
<b>South African Republic</b>	Silver 506	Waverly 669	Waverly 669	KC 907	KC 907	KC 907
<b>German South West Colony</b>	Silver 504	Silver 403	Silver 403	KC 905	KC 905	KC 905
<b>Senegal</b>	KC 808	Silver 412	Silver 412	KC 808	KC 808	GC 279
<b>French Republic</b>	GC 261	GC 383	GC 388	GC 261	GC 261	GC 261
<b>BLOCK B</b>						
	9:00 - 11:00 AM	1:15 - 4:45 PM	6:15 - 9:30 PM	9:30 AM - 1:00 PM	3:00 - 6:30 PM	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
<b>Ad Hoc</b>	GC 361	KC 910	KC 910	GC 361	GC 361	KC 910
<b>United Kingdom</b>	GC 284	GC284	GC284	GC 265	GC 265	GC 265
<b>Ukraine</b>	GC 275	Bobst LL141	Bobst LL141	GC 275	GC 275	GC 275
<b>Russia</b>	GC 365	GC365	GC365	GC 365	GC 365	GC 365
<b>Italy</b>	GC 369	Bobst LL150	Bobst LL150	GC 369	GC 369	GC 369
<b>Germany</b>	GC 388	7E12 325	Meyer Hall 102	GC 388	GC 388	GC 388
<b>Greece</b>	GC 269	7E12 124	Meyer Hall 122	GC 269	GC 269	GC 383
<b>France</b>	GC 288	25W4 C-2	25W4 C-2	GC 288	GC 288	GC 288
<b>Spain</b>	GC 375	GC375	GC375	GC 375	GC 375	GC 375
<b>Hungary</b>	GC 384	GC384	GC384	GC 379	GC 379	GC 379
KC = Kimmel; GC = GCASL ; Meyer Hall = 4 Washington Pl						



## BUILDINGS

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| ① Stern (40 W 4th St)             | ⑦ West 4th (25 W 4th St)          |
| ② Silver (31 Washington Place)    | ⑧ Genomics (12 Waverly Pl.)       |
| ③ Kimmel (60 Washington Sq South) | ⑨ Goddard (70 Washington Sq East) |
| ④ GCASL (238 Thompson St)         | ⑩ KMEC (44 W 4th St)              |
| ⑤ Bobst (70 Washington Sq South)  | ⑪ Waverly (24 Waverly Pl.)        |
| ⑥ Mercer (194 Mercer St)          |                                   |

## HUNGRY? TRY THESE NEARBY

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| ① BareBurger<br>535 LaGuardia Pl (\$10-\$15)  | ⑤ Artichoke Pizza<br>111 Macdougall St (\$4-\$6)   |
| ② Chipotle<br>55 E 8th St (\$5-\$10)          | ⑥ Saigon Shack<br>114 Macdougall St (\$5-\$10)     |
| ③ Masala Times<br>194 Bleecker St (\$10-\$15) | ⑦ Mamoun's Falafel<br>119 Macdougall St (\$4-\$10) |
| ④ Fresh and Co<br>729 Broadway (\$10-\$15)    | ⑧ Ramen-Ya<br>181 W 4th St (\$11-16)               |

## COFFEE

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| ① Starbucks<br>79 Washington Sq East  |
| ② Oren's Daily Roast<br>29 Waverly Pl |
| ③ Think Coffee<br>248 Mercer St       |

Want more choices? Macdougall St, 8th St, and St. Mark's Pl are lined with great food

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# The Unique NYUMUNC Experience

## Overview

Unlike traditional Model UN conferences, NYUMUNC does simulate only UN bodies; it has been developed to include contemporary and historical countries as committees. Delegates in these committees will receive biographies of key contemporary or historical figures whom they will then represent. For example, someone assigned to the Ukraine committee may receive the character assignment of Istvan Simicsko, the Minister of Defense. The delegate then has the ability to act as Simicsko within the world of the simulation, commanding troops and organizing battles as “he” sees fit. Committees as a whole can also interact with the simulation and, as they hold more power collectively, can espouse larger changes than could a single delegate. Again using Ukraine as an example, the committee as a whole can choose to declare war on Russia. For obvious reasons, this cannot be done by one individual alone but instead requires the collective action of multiple delegates. The consequences of said actions, both individual and collective, then affect every committee within the simulation (so be very careful!).

In order to actively engage in this simulation, delegates must be familiar with the proper procedures of play. The key aspects of these procedures are explained below.

## Crisis Notes and Directives

At all times within committee session, delegates have available to them a body of NYUMUNC analysts that is colloquially named “Crisis”. Crisis controls everything that is not represented in the committees. This means that any actions taken by a delegate(s) that pertains to the world outside the committee must go through Crisis. This is primarily done in two ways.

The first and foremost channel of communication is called the Crisis Note. Delegates can individually contact Crisis by typing Crisis Notes and submitting them on their laptops via *NYUMUNC Systems* - our new electronic conference platform expounded in detail below. Through these notes, delegates may ask questions, request information, exercise their individual portfolio powers (e.g. Simicsko can station his personal troops in Kiev), and interact with the outside world in any other way they deem appropriate. It is important to note that exercising portfolio powers happens at Crisis’ discretion – NYUMUNC strives to create a realistic simulation and, though we aim to allow delegates as much creative freedom as possible, Crisis reserve the right to deny, modify, or impede actions. Crisis will respond by answering questions and updating delegates with information about how their individual actions have influenced the world. Crisis Notes are very open with respect to content. That being said, the strongest delegates are the ones who can use Crisis Notes to affect committee to their advantage.

The second channel of communication between delegates and Crisis comes in the form of directives. These are not personal, individualized forms of communication. Instead, directives act as the channel through which multiple delegates, and usually the committee as a whole, take joint action (e.g. a declaration of war would require a committee-wide directive). Directives are typed by delegates and submitted to the dais through *NYUMUNC Systems*. Then the delegates will motion to introduce the directive to the rest of the committee. After debate about the directive, the committee will vote

whether or not to pass the directive. Sometimes directives will not require committee wide support, but just the support of certain characters. For example, if Simicsko needed more money to pay his soldiers, he and a privately wealthy businessman could write a joint personal directive (which requires only their two signatures) in which it is made clear that the businessman would unilaterally fund Simicsko's army.

Directives are very powerful because they represent the collective action of the committee. That being said, the strongest delegates are the ones who successfully garner the support necessary to pass relevant directives.

## **Electronic Conference**

After years of development, experimentation, and testing, NYUMUNC is proud to introduce the first ever fully electronic conference to the circuit. In the conference's continued effort to provide the most realistic and innovative experience to its delegates, NYUMUNC has developed a fully integrated proprietary software, *NYUMUNC Systems*, which will empower delegates to use their laptops for every aspect of committee. *Systems* will enable delegates to type crisis, inter-committee, and intra-committee notes within the joint crisis universe, as well as work on directives, communiques, and press releases, all without the use of paper. **Delegates are expected to use their own laptops** during committee, however access to *Systems* as well as directions as to its use will be provided before the start of committee.

It is our hope and expectation that systems will greatly enhance the speed and realism of committee, giving delegates the ability to interact with their fellow delegates as well as the crisis universe in real time. That said, we also direct delegates to keep computer use germane to committee, and competitive delegates will be sure to limit frivolous or distracting use. We understand that there will be many questions with regards to the logistics of this new operation, but we encourage delegates to wait until the conference with any questions or concerns, as much of *NYUMUNC Systems* will be elucidated in person.

## **Who can be contacted?**

Apart from the NYUMUNC staff, the greatest resources delegates can tap into are each other. Naturally, the other delegates within the room hold a lot of influence and should be collaborated with when undertaking any actions. This can be done in vocal conversations with each other, or through private delegate-to-delegate notes (no need to go through the dais). Apart from passing notes to the other delegates within your own committee, the option to contact delegates in other committees will be open to all delegates within this simulation. This can be done through an inter-committee note. The procedure to send an inter-committee note is identical to that of the crisis note, except the note must be addressed to the character you wish to contact as opposed to Crisis. If communication through inter-committee notes proves insufficient, delegates have the opportunity to conduct informal, clandestine meetings with delegates from other committees. This must be agreed upon by all parties involved, and a note containing the meeting's agenda must be sent to crisis for approval. If the meeting is approved, staff will extract the delegates from their respective committee rooms for a meeting.



The communicative methods noted so far have been informal. Committees seeking to have formal meetings must vote to allow such meetings – a motion for a formal meeting must pass in both committees. Committees communicate about such meetings through communiqués. Communiqués are official communication between two committees to express committee-wide policies or requests. These are only sent to the specified committees.

## **Rules of Procedure**

The following Rules of Procedure shall apply to all committees at NYUMUNC VII. The dais has the final authority in situations not covered by these Rules and the authority to add supplemental rules. These Rules may be amended at any time prior to or during the conference.

### **Roll Call**

Roll call must be conducted at the beginning of each committee session. Delegates who are present may vote in favor, opposition, or may abstain from substantive decisions. Delegates who arrive late must send a note up to the dais registering their presence in order to vote in any procedural or substantive motions.

### **Debate**

Debate will begin and carry on in the form of open debate until a delegate motions otherwise.

#### **Open Debate**

If there are no motions on the floor, open debate is the default format where delegates can speak for one minute each on any topic.

#### **Moderated Caucus**

A moderated caucus is motioned for with a specific agenda, total time and per speaker time. The total time will be automatically reduced to the closest divisible total time, at the chair's discretion. The chair will recognize delegates wishing to speak in a moderated caucus. The chair, at their discretion, can accept motions to prematurely end or extend a moderated caucus.

#### **Unmoderated Caucus**

A motion for an unmoderated caucus must contain the duration and will take place inside the committee room. Delegates may speak to each other informally during unmoderated caucus. Delegates are also discouraged from leaving the room during an unmoderated caucus.

### **Motions**

When multiple motions are proposed, they shall be voted on in order of most disruptive to least. Motions may be withdrawn before they are voted on. Below is a list of common motions ordered from most to least disruptive.

- Open debate
- Adjourn committee
- Enter voting procedure
- Enter unmoderated caucus
- Introduce document (Directive/Communiqué/Press Release)
- Enter into a question & answer

Enter moderated caucus (longer total duration and then longer speaker time is more disruptive)

## **Points**

### **Point of Personal Privilege**

A delegate may raise this point whenever their ability to participate in committee is hindered. A point of personal privilege due to audibility is the *only* point that may interrupt a speaker. Another common point of personal privilege is to adjust the temperature in the committee room.

### **Point of Parliamentary Inquiry**

This point is used to inquire about parliamentary procedure and debate format.

### **Point of Information (to the Chair)**

A Point of Information is raised when a delegate wants to ask the chair a question based on the issue(s) being debated. Delegates often seek clarification on a crisis issue. In a crisis conference, points of information can also be used to share crucial information that a delegate has received from Crisis, when the delegate deems this necessary.

### **Point of Order**

A delegate may raise this point to bring to the chair's attention an incident of improper parliamentary procedure. A delegate rising to a point of order may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

### **Right of Reply**

If a speaker has denounced the personal integrity of a member, a request for a right of reply may be submitted in writing to the dais or raised as a point after a speech and the chair may allot that delegate speaking time to exercise the right of reply. A right of reply is only valid when a delegate is personally insulted and must be carefully differentiated from an insult to the delegate's position/character.

### **Recess**

A delegate may motion for recess during the final 10 minutes of a committee session. If passed, the committee is dismissed until the next session.

## Voting Procedure

<b>Motion to:</b>	<b>Vote Requirement</b>
Open Debate	2/3 Majority
Adjourn	2/3 Majority
Introduce a	Simple Majority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communiqué/ Press Release</li><li>• Directive</li><li>• Amendment</li></ul>	
Move into voting procedure on a	Simple Majority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communiqué/ Press Release</li><li>• Directive</li><li>• Amendment</li></ul>	
Pass a	Simple Majority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communiqué/ Press Release</li><li>• Directive*</li></ul>	
Pass an amendment	Simple Majority
Table a directive	2/3 Majority
Move into a moderated caucus	Simple Majority
Move into an unmoderated caucus	Simple Majority
Prematurely end or extend a caucus	Simple Majority
Elect a committee representative	Simple Majority

\*Directives that drastically change the committee will require a 2/3 majority. These include a declaration of war and censoring or removing a delegate.

**Simple Majority:** These motions require one more than half of all votes cast.

**Abstentions:** Abstentions will not be included when counting a vote. A simple majority vote will pass simply if the number of delegates in favor is greater than the number of delegates against.

**Signatories/Sponsors:** Each committee will start with a minimum requirement of total combined signatories and sponsors on all documents (directives, communiqués, press releases) as **1/4<sup>th</sup>** of the committee. Sponsors are delegates who have contributed to writing the directive and may not vote against the directive unless it has undergone unfriendly amendments. Signatories are delegates who want to see the directive discussed. Friendly amendments require the approval of all sponsors and unfriendly amendments require a minimum of 2 signatories and sponsors (total).