NMUN advances understanding of the UN and contemporary global issues through quality educational programs that emphasize collaboration and cooperative conflict resolution and prepare participants for active global citizenship.

NMUN programs require college and university students to apply their academic knowledge actively while simulating the work of diplomats in experiential learning programs that demand their collaboration with their peers from various nations to craft negotiated solutions to current global problems. Students must research, craft, and then advocate positions with which they may or may not agree. Participants strengthen through practice the skills of listening, persuasion, and negotiating while developing a deeper capacity for empathy and creative problem-solving.

Committees and Topics

General Assembly (GA)
1. Implementation of the Convention against Corruption
2. Science, Technology, and Innovation for Sustainable Development

Security Council (SC)
1. The Role of Youth in Peace and Security
2. Strengthening Women’s Resilience and Leadership as a Path to Peace in Regions Plagued by Armed Groups

Human Rights Council (HRC)
1. Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in the Digital Age
2. Promoting the Right to Food in the Context of Conflicts and Violence

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)
1. Promoting Multilateralism to Combat Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss, and Pollution
2. Promoting Resource Efficiency in Urban Development
Thank you for taking part in this Model United Nations conference and for believing in the power of global cooperation to solve global problems.

We need your engagement and ideas today more than ever.

Conflict, poverty, hunger, and inequalities are on the rise.

A surge of mistrust and misinformation is polarizing people and paralyzing societies.

Human rights are under assault.

And the triple planetary crisis – climate disruption, pollution, and catastrophic biodiversity loss – is threatening lives and livelihoods everywhere.

But we can turn things around.

 Humanity has shown time and again that we are capable of great things when we work together – across geographies and generations.

To do so, we need an inclusive and networked multilateralism – one that ensures young people have a seat and a say in shaping our common future.

We need your creativity, courage, and commitment.

I draw hope from seeing your generation challenge the status quo and call for transformative change.

The United Nations is your steadfast ally in striving to build a more just, sustainable, inclusive, and peaceful world for all.

Thank you.

António Guterres
U.N. Secretary-General
Dear Delegates, Faculty Members, Esteemed Guests, and Friends,

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that we welcome you to the 2023 National Model United Nations Germany Conference on behalf of the entire NMUN • Germany team, the University of Erfurt, and the National Model United Nations Board. We are thrilled to celebrate Germany’s 50-year anniversary of its membership in the United Nations here with you in Erfurt, a city steeped in history and culture!

Five decades ago, the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic officially joined the United Nations, embarking on a journey that would see it emerge as a stalwart advocate for human rights and democratic values. In 1973, the two separate states had been divided not only by conflicting political and economic systems, but by a literal wall that tore apart families, cities, and the entire nation.

Decades of relentless work by courageous citizens, diplomats, and politicians culminated in the reunification of the two German states. Erfurt played an integral role: the first historic meeting between the leaders of East and West Germany in a year-long process that ultimately led to reunification took place near the train station. When you are there, look for the building with the “Willy Brandt ans Fenster” sign where it all took place. In this spirit, Erfurt became part of the foundation that reconnected a divided nation. We firmly believe that reflecting on our history – both moments of crisis and injustice, as well as those of harmony and peace – imparts valuable lessons for the present and the future. It is through this introspection that Germany strives to continue to grow together.

In this spirit, we offer you a journey through the rich history of the city, the region, and the entire country. We will travel back in time to discover Martin Luther’s footsteps at Wartburg castle. We will reflect on the atrocities of the Holocaust when we visit the memorial site at Buchenwald. We will also contextualize the events that led to the Cold War and its consequences for millions across Europe and the world when we explore the memorial site Point Alpha. During the conference week we also encourage you to take the time to explore the beautiful city of Erfurt with its many unique places and historical sites that relate all kinds of stories from the past. We hope that those experiences will be lessons that you take home with you and that guide you on your way to shaping our collective future.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all those who have made this conference a reality. It is their passion, hard work, and dedication that form the bedrock of NMUN • Germany 2023. Our heartfelt thanks to you, our esteemed delegates from around the world, for journeying to Germany and for sharing the desire to create a brighter future through unity and the building of bridges.

As we embark on this transformative experience together, let us remember that in unity we find strength, and through understanding and reflection we pave the way for a better world. Welcome to NMUN • Germany 2023 where we unite in the spirit of diplomacy, cooperation, and hope. Together, let’s create an empowering and encouraging conference for all.

With warm regards,

Rieke Langel
Estefani Morales Zanoletti
Secretary-General
Deputy Secretary-General
NMUN • Germany 2023

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Conference Schedule

Sunday, 19 November 2023

All Day
Arrive in Erfurt, Germany

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Erfurt City Walking Tour
Meet in Front of the Town Hall (Rathaus)

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
NMUN Conference Registration
(one person does this for your entire delegation, schools
arriving after this time may pick up their materials on Tues.)
Mercure Hotel Lobby
(walking tour will end here)

Monday, 20 November 2023

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Cultural Tours Day 1
(only for people who pre-registered for the Cultural Tours)
Group A: Wartburg Castle and Buchenwald
(Concentration Camp) Memorial Site
Group B: Point Alpha and Erfurt City Tour
Lunch included

7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Delegate Social Event: Pub Crawl to
Traditional German Pubs
(optional, food and drink at your own expense)

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Faculty / Guest Reception: Thuringian Vinarium
Meet in Front of the Town Hall (Rathaus) at 7:30 p.m.
for an escort to the venue

Tuesday, 21 November 2023

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Cultural Tours Day 2
(only for people who pre-registered for the Cultural Tours)
Group A: Point Alpha and Erfurt City Tour
Group B: Wartburg Castle and Buchenwald
(Concentration Camp) Memorial Site
Lunch included – if staying at a conference hotel
(pack your own at the breakfast buffet)

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
NMUN Late Conference Registration
(for schools that didn’t arrive in time for Sunday registration)
Mercure Hotel Lobby

Wednesday, 22 November 2023

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Speakers Forum: Justice beyond Equality - Is the UN the Answer?
(everyone should attend, professional dress code begins)
Kaisersaal

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Opening Ceremony
Kaisersaal

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
NMUN Rules Q&A and Conduct Expectations (optional)
(watch our training video prior to attending)
Kaisersaal

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Lunch Break
On Your Own

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Parliament Tour (optional)
(only for interested UNEA students and faculty)
Thüringer Landtag (Parliament)

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Committee Sessions 1
See Committee Locations on p. 8

Thursday, 23 November 2023

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Committee Sessions 2
See Committee Locations on p. 8

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lunch Break
On Your Own

2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Committee Sessions 3
See Committee Locations on p. 8

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
U.S. Thanksgiving Dinner
(only for people who registered for the Cultural Tours or paid at registration,
professional dress code)
Kaisersaal

Friday, 24 November 2023

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Committee Sessions 4
See Committee Locations on p. 8

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Faculty / Guest Walking Tour
Meet in Front of the Town Hall (Rathaus)

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lunch Break
On Your Own

2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Committee Sessions 5
See Committee Locations on p. 8

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Closing Ceremony
Kaisersaal

9:30 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Delegate Dance
(no formal dress code, only for people who registered for
the Cultural Tours or paid at registration)
Kaisersaal

Saturday, 25 November 2023

All Day
Journey Home
(most people with international flights will need to take a train and
spend a night in their departure city due to train and flight schedules)
On Your Own

Committee Locations

GA General Assembly Plenary ......................... Town Hall (Rathaus), 2nd Floor, Festsaal Room
HRC Human Rights Council............................... Gedenkstätte Andeasstrasse, Theater
SC Security Council...................................... Town Hall (Rathaus), 2nd Floor, Seminar Room 244
UNEA UN Environment Assembly............ Wed. and Thurs. Afternoon: Thüringer Landtag (Parliament)
Thurs. Morning, and Fri.: Town Hall (Rathaus), 2nd Fl., Ratssitzungssaal Room
Walking / Tram Times from:

**Dorint Hotel am Dom Erfurt to:**
Gedenkstätte Andreasstrasse: 8 minutes
Town Hall (Rathaus): 12 minutes
Kaisersaal: 16 minutes
Vinarium: 13 minutes
Thüringer Landtag (Parliament): 21 minutes, Tram Line 2 (Wiesenhügel) to Tschakovskistraße (6 stops), walk 7 minutes

**Hotel am Kaisersaal to:**
Gedenkstätte Andreasstrasse: 9 minutes
Town Hall (Rathaus): 4 minutes
Kaisersaal: 1 minute
Vinarium: 21 minutes
Thüringer Landtag (Parliament): 8 minutes, Tram Line 1 (Thüringenhalte) from Station Stadtmuseum / Kaisersaal to Station Landtag / Stadion Nord (4 stops)

**Ibis Erfurt Altstadt Hotel to:**
Gedenkstätte Andreasstrasse: 11 minutes
Town Hall (Rathaus): 5 minutes
Kaisersaal: 6 minutes
Vinarium: 20 minutes
Thüringer Landtag (Parliament): 14 minutes, walk 6 minutes to Anger, take Tram Line 1 (Thüringenhalte) to Landtag / Stadion Nord (3 stops)

**Mercure Hotel Erfurt Altstadt to:**
Gedenkstätte Andreasstrasse: 10 minutes
Town Hall (Rathaus): 5 minutes
Kaisersaal: 3 minutes
Vinarium: 22 minutes
Thüringer Landtag (Parliament): 8 minutes, Tram Line 1 (Thüringenhalte) from Station Stadtmuseum / Kaisersaal to Station Landtag / Stadion Nord (4 stops)

Thüringer Landtag (Parliament) to:
Gedenkstätte Andreasstrasse: 17 minutes, Tram Line 6 (Rath) to Domplatz (5 stops)
Town Hall (Rathaus): 8 minutes, Tram Line 6 (Rath) to Fischmarkt (4 stops)
Kaisersaal: 18 minutes, Tram Line 6 (Rath) to Fischmarkt (4 stops)
Vinarium: 28 minutes, Tram Line 6 (Rath) to Webergasse / Andreaskirche (6 stops), walk 11 minutes
Conduct Expectations

Our intention is to create an environment at National Model United Nations (NMUN) that supports our educational mission. Professionalism in speech, actions, and appearance by all participants (delegates, head delegates, faculty, delegation leaders, guests, staff, and board members) is a requirement of all NMUN conferences. These guidelines are provided to help establish clear expectations.

Disruptive behaviors in committee should first be addressed by attendees directly with one another or through their faculty advisor or head delegate. Repeated instances of undiplomacy may be called to the attention of organizers by faculty advisors or head delegates through Information Services. Larger concerns, such as sexual harassment or discrimination issues, may be referred to conference organizers. Information Services. Larger concerns, such as sexual harassment or discrimination issues, may be referred to conference organizers. Attend and participate in any head delegate briefings.

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- Make efforts to ensure that students maintain a positive and professional approach to the conference and help them understand the skills of diplomacy as practiced at NMUN.
- Serve as information resources when appropriate, but do not participate in the actual writing of resolutions or caucusing activities; participation in the committee process must be left to the student delegates and the conference volunteer staff.
- Quietly observe your students from the back of committee rooms.
- Refrain from using academic credit and grading policies that force participation beyond a country’s normal position in the UN; awards should not be a delegation’s main emphasis.
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Guests
- Guests are required to dress in professional business attire while attending conference venues. Please bear in mind, however, that the purpose of being here is participation in NMUN.
- Disruption of committee sessions or causing problems in the hotel or other facilities will not be tolerated.
- Respect academic integrity; plagiarism will not be tolerated.
- Alcohol is not allowed in any of our committee sessions. If you are going to drink, please drink responsibly. Excessive alcohol consumption should be avoided.
- Possession or use of illicit drugs is prohibited at all times. Any issues related to drug use may be directed to the attention of local authorities.
- Follow the Dress Code while attending conference events.
- Respect the property of our host hotels and all other facilities used. Keep in mind that our faculty partners have separate policies that include the potential for removal from their properties.

Delegates
- Remain in character by consistently advocating the interests and representing the policies of the country assigned. To act in character also entails displaying respect for the opinions and ideas of fellow delegates, even if these opinions and ideas conflict with a given delegate’s own country’s priorities.
- Collaborate with fellow delegates whenever possible.

Head Delegates
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Undiplomacy, Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Violence
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Sexual harassment and discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, or disability are not acceptable. Sexual harassment and discrimination should bring it to NMUN’s attention. We will investigate the merits of the allegations and respond appropriately. Outcomes may include issuing a verbal reprimand, expelling violators from the conference without compensation, barring violators from future NMUN involvement, or any other action deemed appropriate.

Sexual violence, which includes rape and sexual assault, is a crime punishable under the criminal justice system. Anyone who believes they are the victim of sexual violence, are at risk of experiencing sexual violence, or have witnessed actual or attempted sexual violence should contact Germany’s law enforcement by calling 1-1-0 and notify NMUN. We will notify the appropriate authorities, if not already contacted. To ensure the safety of all NMUN participants, we will immediately remove potential violators from the conference and may take further action. We encourage all participants to review their campus sexual violence handbook for further information on sexual violence and resources available for victims.

Safety & Security
Your safety and security are your personal responsibility. Take full advantage of this unique opportunity in a responsible manner. Please do not leave your computer or other personal electronic devices unattended. Remove conference badges when leaving the hotel. Refrain from any sort of substance abuse. Use common sense.

In the event of an emergency in the hotel or other venues, follow their guidelines. Emergency preparedness experts recommend having a designated meeting spot outside the hotel and sharing cell phone numbers amongst members of your delegation. In Germany, dial 1-1-0 for police and 1-1-2 for fire / emergency assistance.

Dress Code
All clothing must portray professionalism as expected in diplomatic settings. Formal attire is a business jacket, dress shirt, tie, slacks / skirt / dress, and dress shoes. Professional dress expectations require that dresses and skirts be knee length. Delegates should be dressed in professional business attire that reflects their self-identified gender.

- Clothing considered too casual includes sweaters, novelty jackets, shorts, sundresses, other casual dresses, ball caps, jeans, sneakers, athletic wear, and sunglasses. Clothing that exposes excessive bare skin, shows undergarments, or is otherwise revealing is inappropriate.
- It is not appropriate to display any school or national symbols such as flags, pins, crests, etc. on your person during sessions. All UN symbols are acceptable.
- Traditional dress is permitted only for delegations in whose home countries it is considered professional business dress. NMUN will not tolerate any attempt to portray a character using traditional cultural attire as a costume.

Faculty advisors, delegation leaders, guests, and volunteer staff serve as role models for delegates. They too are required to dress in professional business attire while participating in scheduled conference sessions.
### Distinguished Speakers

- **Bodo Ramelow**: Minister-President of the Free State of Thuringia
- **Birgit Pommer**: President of the Thuringian State Parliament
- **Günter Sautter**: DG for Intern. Order, the UN and Arms Control at the German Federal Foreign Office
- **Courtney Mazzone**: Political-Economic Officer, U.S. Consulate General Leipzig
- **Maud Dahme**: Holocaust Survivor and Education Advocate
- **Katie Gallus**: Geographer and Moderator
- **Richard Murgo**: NMUN Board President
- **Michael Eaton**: NMUN Executive Director
- **Sarah Duryea**: University of Erfurt
- **Oliver Kessler**: Prof. Dr., University of Erfurt

### Erfurt Community

With sincere thanks to the President of the University of Erfurt Prof. Dr. Bauer-Wabnegg and the entire President’s office for their continuous support, the colleagues and supporters at the Faculty of Social Science, Economics and Law, in particular the current and past deans Prof. Dr. Carl-Heinz Witt and Prof. Dr. Till Talauficar, our colleagues at the dean’s office Sandra Ostermann and Mandy Förster, as well as the university’s International Office and in particular Manuela Linde for their support throughout the years. Additionally, we are grateful for the support of the university’s communication team and especially Carmen Voigt. We kindly thank Thomas Hutt and the entire board of the Universitätsgesellschaft Erfurt for their cooperation. We are grateful to the city of Erfurt and our Lord Mayor Andreas Bausewein and to Tobias Knoblich. We also thank our sponsors and supporters that helped us along the way: Veronika Janßen and Claudia Saager-Wentzel, Hans-Georg Dorst, Stefan Beck, Frank Donath, Martin Debes, Till Kellerhoff, and Stefan Blechschmidt. Lastly, our heartfelt gratitude to all those who are not mentioned but added immensely to the success of this conference.

Sarah Duryea and Prof. Dr. Oliver Kessler

### Awards Criteria

NMUN has established **Awards Criteria** to evaluate delegate performance. Each element is equally important to the overall awards determination process. All committees are weighted equally and delegations are rated on a mathematical formula in relation to the total number of committees represented by the individual member state. Areas of evaluation are:

- **Professionalism and Diplomatic Values** — advocate for your assigned country’s position in a manner consistent with its economic, social, and geopolitical constraints.
- **Active engagement in committee** — during both formal sessions and informal caucuses.
- **Proper use of the rules of procedure** — facilitate effective workings of the committee and debate; do not impede it.
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<td>* Point of Order</td>
<td>Correct an error in procedure</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Refers to a specific rule</td>
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<td>* Appeal of the Chair</td>
<td>Challenge an initial decision of the Chair on a Point of Order</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Question the Chair’s ruling on a Point of Order</td>
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<td>Suspension of the Meeting</td>
<td>Recess meeting for a defined period</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Used to go into informal debate or break for a given time</td>
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<td>Adjournment of the Meeting</td>
<td>End meeting</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Used only on final day; ends committee for the year</td>
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<td>Adjournment of Debate</td>
<td>End debate without a substantive vote</td>
<td>2 in Favor</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Ends debate on the topic; requires a recorded vote</td>
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<td>Closure of Debate</td>
<td>Vote on all draft resolutions; move to an immediate vote</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>2/3 Majority</td>
<td>Ends all discussion on current topic</td>
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<td>* Division of the Proposal</td>
<td>Consider clause(s) separately from rest of draft resolution to create an annex</td>
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<td>Voted on in order of most to least disruptive change</td>
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<td><strong>Part 1:</strong> Procedural vote on if this motion should be considered</td>
<td>2 in Favor</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>If passes: Clause(s) removed and voted on separately</td>
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<td><strong>Part 2:</strong> Substantive vote to accept or reject separate clauses</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>If fails: No change to clause(s)</td>
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<td>* Request Recorded Vote</td>
<td>Document the votes of committee members; the default is to adopt by consensus</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Granted upon request without deliberation; electronic voting replaces Roll Call votes; other motions may still be considered</td>
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<td>Reconsideration</td>
<td>Reopen debate on an issue (Motion must be made by a member who voted in favor of Adjournment of Debate)</td>
<td>2 Against</td>
<td>2/3 Majority</td>
<td>Reopens debate on a topic that was previously ended by Adjournment of Debate</td>
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<td>Set the Speaker’s Time</td>
<td>Set or change the time allotted to each speaker</td>
<td>2 in Favor</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Rarely used at the UN; prior approval from the Dais required or may be ruled out of order; never permitted during the first committee session</td>
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<td>Close the Speakers List</td>
<td>No additional speakers may be added to the list</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Once a closed list is exhausted, the committee goes directly into voting procedure</td>
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<td>Reopen the Speakers List</td>
<td>Open a closed list</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Reopens the list; allows more speakers to be added</td>
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<td>Adoption of the Agenda</td>
<td>Approval of agenda order</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Majority</td>
<td>Sets the order in which topics will be discussed</td>
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* Only these motions are recognized during voting procedure.