

Delegate Guide

NVMUN IX



April 20th – 21st, 2024

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

UNLV MUN has the privilege of hosting NVMUN IX on the campus of UNLV. As such, we wish to echo the following land acknowledgement from the university:

“The University of Nevada, Las Vegas wishes to acknowledge and honor the Indigenous communities of this region, and recognize that the university is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwu (noo·woo), Southern Paiute (pai·oot) People.

We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to study, learn, work, and be in community with this land.

We encourage everyone in this space to engage in continued learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial – including the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe and the Moapa (moh·aa·puh) Band of Paiutes.”

– University of Nevada, Las Vegas ([read more here](#))

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Close	March 25th, 2024
Position Paper Submission Deadline	April 5th, 2024
NVMUN IX Conference	April 20th – 21st, 2024

CONFERENCE AGENDA

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

8:00am–8:30am	Opening Ceremony
8:30am–11:00am	Committee Session I
11:00pm–12:00pm	Lunch
12:00pm–2:00pm	Committee Session II
2:00pm–3:00pm	Break
2:15pm – 3:00pm	Advisor Feedback Session
3:00pm–5:00pm	Committee Session III

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

12:00pm–3:00pm	Committee Session IV
3:00pm–4:00pm	Closing Session

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Greetings Delegates and Advisors,

It comes with great honor to welcome you all to the 9th annual session of UNLV's NVMUN. My name is Satik Basambekyan, and I am more than eager to serve as your Secretary General this year alongside our devoted staff, who has worked relentlessly in terms of choosing themes, selecting topics for delegates, and making sure that everyone's experience here is truly memorable.

This year's conference will explore topics ranging from global health to movements for independence in Latin America, as well as the phases of the Russian Revolution.

Our geopolitical landscape, marked by political shifts, current events, and international diplomacy, underscores the relevance of our discussions today. It is a testament to why we are gathered here – to address the challenges that shape our world.

I want to emphasize that your well-being and satisfaction are paramount to us. Our commitment to providing a memorable and safe experience is unwavering. While this conference may be a model and a learning experience to many, it mirrors the professionalism and collaboration necessary for cultivating impactful solutions to real world problems. Our aim is to foster an environment which serves to produce globally minded citizens, while preserving individualistic and creative ideas for dilemmas that require extensive discussion.

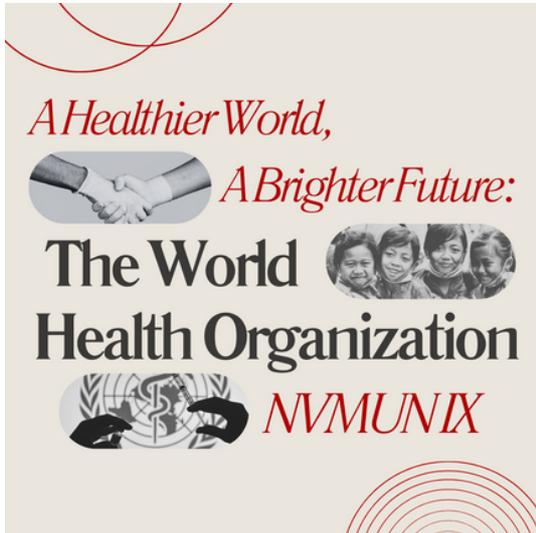
With that said, it is my pleasure to invite you to NVMUN IX from April 20th, 2024 to April 21st, 2024. I am more than confident in each and every delegate's abilities of exploring potential solutions and continuing their advocacy for change. I am eagerly waiting to see your contributions and the impact they will have on the future!

Satik Basambekyan
Secretary-General
NVMUN IX
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COMMITTEES OVERVIEW

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



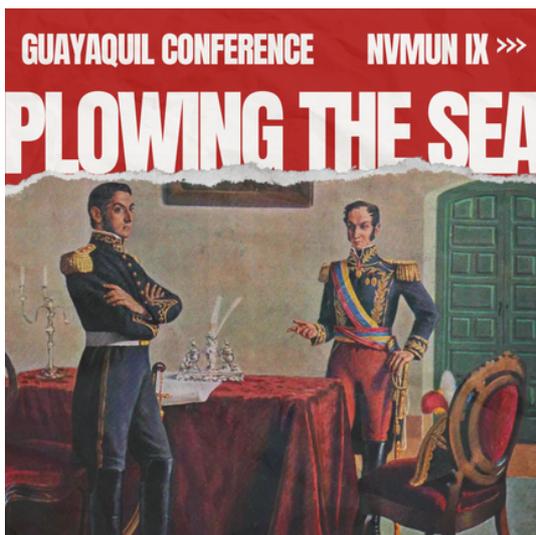
Topic A: Combating the Threat of Emerging Diseases

Topic B: Healthcare in Conflict Zones

Level: Novice

Throughout history, disease has shaped the development of societies, cultural practices, and trade. Although the modern era has heralded the advancement of medical knowledge and resources, a variety of pressing issues – such as the rise of antibiotic-resistant ‘superbugs,’ the increasing globalization of previously localized pathogens, and the struggle to access healthcare in conflict areas – confront the medical and moral authorities of our day.

SPECIALIZED BODY



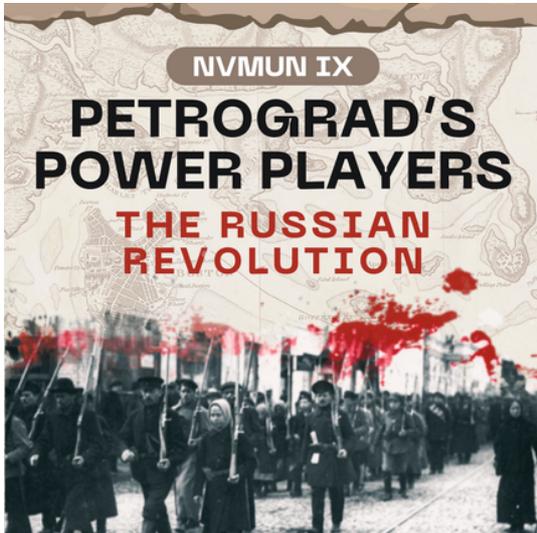
Topic: Conference of Latin American Revolutionaries

Level: Intermediate

The year is 1822, and piece by piece Latin America has been gaining independence from the Spanish Crown. Two gran libertadores, Simón Bolívar and José de San Martín, have met in Guayaquil, Ecuador to discuss the future of the newly freed territories and the yet-to-be-freed Peru. In this historical fiction specialized committee, delegates will act as revolutionaries tasked with deciding Latin America’s fate, going back in time to rewrite history.

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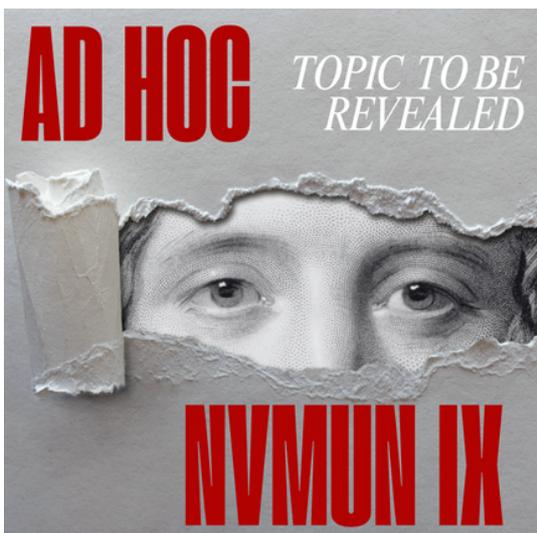
CRISIS



Topic: The Russian Provisional Government of 1917
Level: Advanced

The world remembers and continues to be shaped by the effects of the Russian October Revolution in 1917, in which communists seized control of Russia and transformed it into the Soviet Union. Yet months before, the nation dramatically forced the Tsar to abdicate and installed liberal reformers to lead the empire through its most turbulent period.

Set at the crossroads of history, delegates will grapple with the challenges faced by the Provisional Government as it navigated the complex transition from the autocratic rule of the Romanovs to a democratic system, all against the backdrop of the ongoing World War I.



Ad Hoc Committee of the Director-General
Level: Advanced

The most advanced committee Model UN has to offer, Ad Hoc is certain to deliver an unforgettable conference experience filled with unexpected twists and turns, crises that unfold in real-time, and far-reaching ethical and moral questions.

The Background Guide for this committee will not be released until approximately 24-hours in advance of the conference, meaning that delegates must be prepared for anything. Topic hints will be provided in the days leading up to the conference.

CONFERENCE STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our conference is prepared for and staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers. NVMUN IX is very grateful for all that our chairs do for us. We look forward to getting to know our delegates and facilitating engaging debates on the various topics in each committee.



SECRETARIAT

Satik Basambekyan - Secretary General

Isabella Aceituno - Director General

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Jazmyn Espinueva - Head Chair

Ryan Frichtel - Co-Chair

SPECIALIZED BODY

Alejandro Rios - Head Chair

Izzy Tollefson - Crisis Director

CRISIS

Francis Anisco - Head Chair

Julian Santori - Crisis Director

AD HOC

Brandon Cofer- Head Chair

Isabella Aceituno - Crisis Director

CONFERENCE POLICIES

DELEGATE AND ADVISOR QUESTIONS + CONCERNS

- If at any time prior to or during the conference, delegates or advisors have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please contact unlvmun@unlv.edu.
- Conference staff will be available during the conference to assist with committee issues or other situations that need to be addressed.
- There will be a feedback session in which advisors are welcome to raise any comments or concerns, as well as feedback sessions in which delegates may anonymously provide comments on their committees and chairs

VISITORS IN SESSION

- Advisors are welcome to join and watch their competitors this year, given they do not interrupt the flow of committee and do not to converse with delegates unless they are notifying a delegate of an emergency.

CONFERENCE STAFF BIOGRAPHIES



SATIK "SANDY" BASAMBEKYAN **NVMUN IX SECRETARY GENERAL**

Sandy has been participating in MUN since she was a freshman in high school, and has developed such a strong passion for all things geopolitics and international affairs. She is majoring in Computer Science, but loves to stay updated on world news and participate in activities that surround public speaking and debating.



ISABELLA ACEITUNO **NVMUN IX DIRECTOR GENERAL** **CRISIS DIRECTOR, AD HOC**

Isabella is a third-year Psychology major with a minor in Neuroscience. She was first introduced to MUN as a freshman in high school at West CTA and has been involved in the Southern Nevada circuit ever since! In her free time, she loves creative writing, listening to audiobooks, and learning all about ancient civilizations and mythology.



JAZMYN ESPINUEVA **HEAD CHAIR, GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Jazmyn is a freshman majoring in Political Science. She loves MUN because of what you can learn about the world from each committee. She loves to work on communication and public speaking. She always has fun during debate!

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RYAN FRICHEL **CO-CHAIR, GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Ryan joined Model UN in his freshman year of college and this is his first time acting as co-chair in a conference. Ryan has four years of debate and public speaking experience, and as an Architecture student, he knows the importance of standing behind your ideas. He is extremely excited to co-chair this committee and looks forward to witnessing a productive meeting!



ALEJANDRO RIOS **HEAD CHAIR, SPECIALIZED BODY**

Alejandro started participating in MUN in his freshman year of high school in 2017. International relations and politics have always been an interest of his so he fits right in to the MUN community. Other hobbies of his include soccer and video games. Alejandro can't wait to welcome delegates to NVMUN this spring!



IZZY TOLLEFSON **CRISIS DIRECTOR, SPECIALIZED BODY**

Izzy loves her MUN family and all of the fun they have together both on campus and at conferences. Though she is a gringa, Izzy has been speaking Spanish for a decade and enjoys learning anything and everything about Latin America. When she isn't wearing her Western business attire for conferences, you can find her in a leo and tights at the barre.

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FRANCIS ANISCO **HEAD CHAIR, CRISIS**

Francis joined NVMUN as a sophomore in college and has loved every moment of it! He enjoys in-depth discussions on almost every major political or modern historical topic, and loves the wide range of discourse surrounding them. By engaging in the thrill of debate and the joys of cultural exchange, MUN has helped him expand and enhance his worldview. He has competed in GA, Specialized Bodies, and Crisis Committees. A fun fact about him is that he enjoys trivia competitions and once competed in them when he was in high school!



JULIAN SANTORI **CRISIS DIRECTOR, CRISIS**

Julian joined UNLVMUN at the start of last semester and has participated in every conference trip since then, but has been doing MUN since his Junior year of high school and even got the opportunity to take part in NVMUN's Crisis Committee in 2023. He loves MUN Crisis Committees so much that they've been the only types of committees he's participated in. The intrigue and background elements make them much more challenging but just as fun. Julian is excited to see you all at NVMUN 2024!



BRANDON COFER **HEAD CHAIR, AD HOC**

Brandon is a first year student at UNLV majoring in Criminal Justice with a focus on pre-law. This is his first time participating in MUN and it is something that he has always wanted to do, but has never had the opportunity to do so. He can not wait to engage with the delegates and explore all potential solutions to whatever issues that may arise during debate!

POSITION PAPER GUIDELINES

Format:

- Length: One page for each topic (meaning GA should have two pages of total content, and Spec Bod should have one)
 - If the addition of footnotes pushes content to an extra half page per topic, this is acceptable
- Margins: 1 inch
- Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt.
- Spacing: Single-Spaced
- Aligned left on the first line of the first page for each topic, type: Committee Name, Topic, Country
- **Do not include the name of your school or your name** anywhere in the position paper
- The bibliography should be on its own page and does not count toward the page count

Sections to Include:

- General Assembly
 - Topic Background
 - Past UN/International Action
 - County Policy
 - Proposed Solutions
- Specialized Body
 - Topic Background
 - Character Position (Delegates should research their character and extrapolate what their stance on the topic realistically might be)
 - Proposed Actions

Notes:

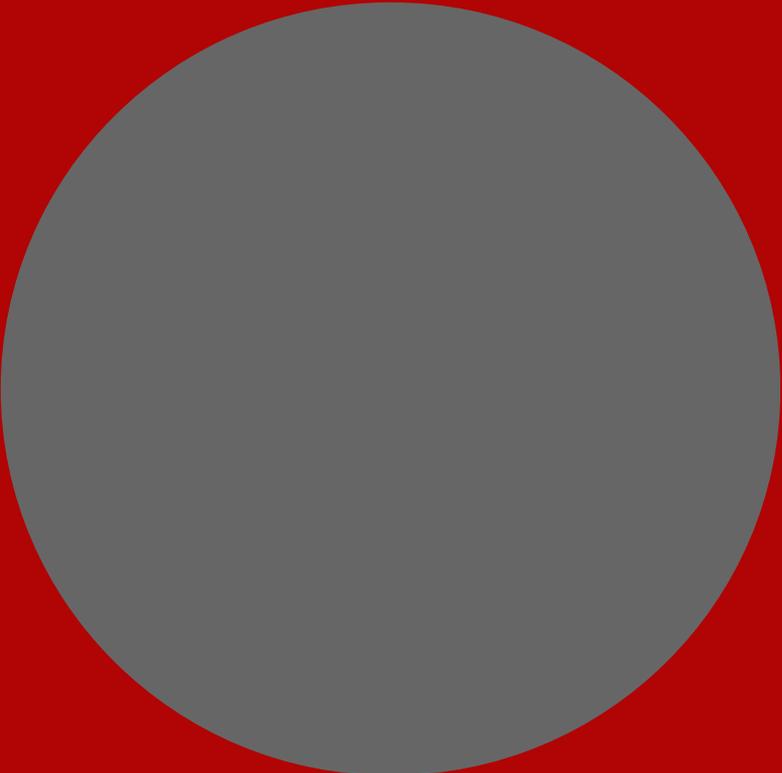
- Position Papers will be required to be eligible for a Research Award in General Assembly and Specialized Body. Delegates in Crisis or Ad Hoc will not be required to write a Position Paper.
- Papers will be judged on content quality over quantity or format
- You are welcome to request feedback regarding your position paper after the conference

Submission:

- Position papers are due by **Friday, April 5th at 11:59pm**
- All Position Papers should be submitted via the following form: tinyurl.com/NVMUNIXpositionpapers



NVMUN IX



We can't wait to
welcome you to our
conference!

In the meantime, please
direct any questions to
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updates about the
conference