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# MMUN 61

## Conference Program

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Worldwide on Gatherly

From St. Louis, MO, United States



# Message from the Secretary-General

Dear Delegates, Faculty Advisors, and Friends,

On behalf of MMUN's volunteer staff and Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 61<sup>st</sup> Midwest Model United Nations. While the venue has changed, we are as excited as ever to facilitate three days of debate and consensus-building, and to see how you have prepared to tackle some of today's most pressing global issues. We hope that you leave the conference with not only newly gained knowledge, but a renewed faith in the power of diplomacy and cooperation, both of which are at the heart of the work of the United Nations.



It is strange to consider all that has taken place in the last year. Had the 60<sup>th</sup> MMUN been scheduled only a few weeks later, it would not have taken place – lockdowns and shifting realities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic would have prevented it. In the months to follow, the United States experienced a national reckoning on racial justice, driving us to consider how we can advance to a more equitable, just society. And over the past several months, we witnessed an unprecedented assault on American democracy as political leaders perpetuated false claims regarding the 2020 election, resulting in an insurrection at the US Capitol. The “city upon a hill,” the country that principally drove the creation of the United Nations, the nation largely responsible for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, has never seemed so fragile. Given all that has happened, it can be difficult to envision a positive, prosperous future.

When I attend a model UN conference, I'm always thankful for the “break from reality.” I set the real world aside, my work email, the news, everything. I enter a new universe, one that we create together, and get to see complete strangers come together – to discuss, to debate, to produce something new. You are here to take on the ambitious task of coming up with multilateral solutions to impossible problems. In a few days, you will have succeeded. The resolutions that you write together may not be implemented by the UN, but they will inspire me, and others. They will demonstrate that students continue to believe in the power of discussion. They will remind me that we are all striving to be a better version of ourselves. They will encourage me to be a better global citizen. They will help me to regain my optimistic vision of tomorrow. I hope that they do the same for you.

Good luck in your committees. Good luck with your debate. Whatever the outcome, your being here will enhance your ability to affect positive change in the world. The world needs more diplomats; I hope that you are willing to be one, no matter where life takes you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chase Mitchell'.

Chase Mitchell  
Secretary General, MMUN 61



# Keynote Speakers

**Akin Aytekin** is a financial journalist currently based in Istanbul. While ethnically Kurdish, Akin was born in Turkey's Mediterranean city of Mersin, near Cyprus. After receiving his high school degree from Red Cross Nordic United World College in Norway, Akin pursued an undergraduate degree in economics and political science at Westminster College, Missouri. Since his return to Turkey in 2010, Akin has worked for the Wall Street Journal, Thomson Reuters, and Bloomberg HT with a focus on behavioral economics.



**Irfan Saeed** is the Deputy Coordinator (Acting), Prevention & Detention in the Bureau of Counterterrorism at the US Department of State. Mr. Saeed manages offices that lead strategy and policy formulation for international terrorism prevention efforts as well as international detention issues and serves as the Director of the Office of countering violent extremism (CVE). Previously, Mr. Saeed served as the Director of the Community Engagement Office in the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan. Prior to joining the Department of State, Mr. Saeed was a Senior Policy Advisor at the Department of Homeland Security, where he developed and coordinated activities relating to CVE. Prior to joining Homeland Security, Mr. Saeed worked as a criminal prosecutor, as an Assistant United States Attorney, as well as an Assistant District Attorney. He served as the Resident Legal Advisor at US Embassies in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.



# Volunteer Staff

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If you are interested in joining MMUN staff, please visit: [mmun.org/join-staff/](http://mmun.org/join-staff/)

# We want to hear from you!

As an educational conference, MMUN seeks to continually adapt and improve. We hope that you'll provide us feedback by filling out our post conference survey at: <http://bit.ly/mmun6feedback>

If you'd like to keep in touch or get updates throughout the year, be sure to follow us online!



# Conference Schedule

All listed times are Central Standard (CST, GMT -6). Committee sessions will take place in the associated committee floors in Gatherly. Head delegate meetings will take place in the “Head Delegate Lounge” floor. Faculty Adviser meetings and the MMUN 62 lottery will take place in Zoom; a link will be provided by email to all Faculty.

*Any attendee having access issues should email [ASGA@mmun.org](mailto:ASGA@mmun.org). During scheduled conference hours, staff will always be available on the Gatherly “Conference Services” to assist with any questions or concerns.*

## Pre-Conference

Opening Ceremony, rules, and other training will be posted to the [MMUN YouTube page](#) and to our web site, [MMUN.org](http://MMUN.org).

## Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

- **Committee Session 1: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**
- **Committee Session 2: 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm**
- *Head Delegate Meeting: 10:05 pm*

## Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

- **Committee Session 3: 9:00 am – 11:30 am**
- *Faculty Adviser Meeting (Via Zoom): 11:30 am – 12:30 pm*
- **Committee Session 4: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**
- *Head Delegate Meeting: 4:05 pm – 4:35 pm*
- *MMUN 62 Lottery (Via Zoom): 5:00pm – 6:00 pm*
- **Committee Session 5: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

## Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

- **Committee Session 6: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**
- **Final Committee Session: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**
- **Closing Ceremony: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

*Broadcast live on [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#).*



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# Quick-Reference Rules

Point or Motion	Debate	Description
*Point of Order	No	Used to point out an error in procedure. Requires a ruling of the Chair.
*Point of Privilege	No	Used to raise a concern to the Chair. Requires a response from the Chair.
*Point of Inquiry	No	Used to ask a procedural question of the Chair, which the Chair will answer.
Adjourn	No	Motion used only at the end of a committee/plenary session to conclude the meeting. Requires a simple majority vote.
Recess	No	Motion that suspends the formal meeting to allow for caucusing or for scheduled breaks. Requires a simple majority vote.
Consider a Topic Area	Yes	Motion that brings a topic to the floor for debate. Requires a simple majority vote.
Close Debate	Yes	Motion that ends debate on a topic. Any draft resolutions and amendments on the floor are voted on. Requires a simple majority vote.
Bring an Item to the Floor	No	Motion to bring an approved draft resolution or amendment to the floor so that it can be debated and later voted on. Is accepted without a vote.
Limit	Yes	Can be used to establish a limit on speaking time and questions or limit the length of debate on a topic. Requires a simple majority vote.
**Division of the Question	Yes	Used during voting procedure to highlight a specific portion of a draft resolution. Must be submitted in writing before voting procedure. Requires two votes, each needing simple majority.
**Adopt by Consensus	No	Used during voting procedure to adopt a draft resolution without a recorded vote. Requires no objection.
Table	Yes	Temporarily removes a topic or draft resolution from debate. A roll call vote is taken and a simple majority is needed to pass.
Reconsider	Yes	Brings a tabled item back to the floor. Motion must be made by a delegation that voted in favor of tabling. Requires a two-thirds majority vote.
**Roll Call Vote	No	Used to request a recorded vote on a draft resolution. Is accepted without a vote.

Points are addressed immediately as they arise. Motions are handled first in order of precedence and then in the order received. Motions above are listed in order of precedence. All rules are subject to the Chair's interpretation and discretion.

*\* This point may be used during voting procedure.*

*\*\* This motion may only be used during voting procedure.*

