



- **Yeditepe Model United Nations Club**

Foundation

Yeditepe Model United Nations Club has been a non-profit student MUN community whose aim is to train its members who are interested in international relations, politics, and law for the simulations of United Nations since 2007. Club members who participate in MUN conferences both in Turkey and abroad have been experiencing to be a United Nations diplomat. When Y-MUN Club was first founded, it had only 14 members and currently the Club has approximately 600 members. Y-MUN Club organizes Yeditepe Model United Nations Training and Development Conference (Y-MUN) for the beginners of MUN and Model United Nations Istanbul Conference (MUNIST) that is held every year with its participants from all over the world. In addition, this year Y-MUN Club brought its new project into life which is Justinianus Moot Courts (JMC) for particularly law students who are interested in international law.

Affiliations

Model United Nations Istanbul Conference, in other words, MUNIST has 5 affiliations both in Turkey and abroad. Our affiliations are Istanbul Global Youth Association, HASAL Model United Nations, English-Speaking Union, Eurosima, and Thessaloniki International Student Model United Nations.

From Past to Present MUNIST

MUNIST is a MUN Conference, which is annually held at Yeditepe University, Istanbul since 2010 with its slogan “Meet where the continents meet!” It has many participants from all over the world since the first MUNIST conference. It has grown every year on the basis of the numbers of the committees, and participants. MUNIST has always aimed to satisfy its participants not only academically but also organizationally at the same time for 5 years.

In the very first MUNIST in 2010, 5 committees were simulated with 265 participants. These committees were Historical Security Council, North Atlantic Council, DISEC, UN High Commissioner for Refugees and Environment Committee, which was a special committee peculiar to MUNIST.

In 2011, MUNIST started to grow up and 7 committees were simulated which were UN Security Council, NATO, The European Council, The League of Arab States, UNICEF Executive Council, SOCHUM, and SPECPOL.

In 2012, 350 participants from all over the world came to MUNIST in order to debate actively, compromise, go around the historical sites of Istanbul and party! Our delegates worked hard during the sessions and at the same time they were partied hard during our social events.

In 2013, MUNIST had 15 committee simulations with 380 delegates. MUNIST has traditionally Project-Based Committees and in 2013, PBC- Environmental Policies in Turkey, and PBC- Women Rights Councils were simulated. On the PBC- Environmental Policies in Turkey, our participants discussed, analyzed, found effective solutions to issues, and wrote a resolution paper about Gezi Park Protests, which were happening in Turkey, mostly in Istanbul during that time.

We aim to grow up quantitatively and to preserve and improve the quality of our conference both academically and operationally. We worked hard, are working hard, and will always work hard for the comfort of our participants and better MUNIST on every year.

i. MUNIST 2014

a. DATES

MUNIST 2014 Conference will be held between the dates August 18th, 2014 to August 22nd. Detailed schedule of the conference will be announced prior to the Conference.

b. VENUE

i. ISTANBUL

The city between worlds and cultures. The city that brings together East and West, North and South. Its heart beats between Europe, Asia, the Sea of Marmara and the Black Sea since 660 BC. Welcome to Byzantium. Welcome to Constantinople. Welcome to Istanbul.

The historical background which is visible when you walk around the streets will always confirm why the City is still caring stories, as it was the capital of four legendary empires, counting from 330 BC to 1922.

When you walk around Beyoğlu, Sultanahmet, Grand Bazaar, when you see the Topkapı Palace or visit Hagia Sofia, when you take the tram and staring outside the window, you become a part of this unique history. You will soon realize what makes Istanbul so special.

Each year, MUNIST hosts many delegates from all over the world. Therefore, it is a pleasure for us to introduce Istanbul to foreign delegates. Along with the academic aspect of the conference, MUNIST offers the opportunity to get to know Istanbul day and night with its optional tours and social events.

Details regarding optional tour and social events will be announced later.



ii. YEDITEPE UNIVERSITY

Yeditepe University was founded in 1996 by the Istanbul Education and Culture Foundation (ISTEK). It is a foundation university framed by the Higher Education Law and has legal entity, and financial and administrative freedom. Yeditepe University is located on the 26 August Campus, specially built to meet all the needs of its students, from culture to sports. This campus is located on the Asian side of Istanbul, at the foot of Kayışdağı, having an area of 125.000 square meters, with 223.000 square meters of covered area. Inspired by Selchuk architecture, the Campus comprises educational and social facilities which are surrounded by 4 student hotels with a capacity of 4.400 students.



c. COMMITTEES

In the fifth session of MUNIST, classics of the Model UN will be accompanied by committees that will be simulated for the first time. This balance of old and new will result in a conference that will address diverse interests ranging from international law to human rights, to development strategies and supra-national decision-making. Delegates of the **United Nations Security Council** and the **North Atlantic Council** will deal with crisis scenarios based on real international political dynamics. Whereas the **United Nations Development Programme** and the **United Nations Human Rights Council** will host debates on international development policies and human rights. Topics on international law will be debated in the **International Court of Justice** and the **International Law Commission**, whilst in the **European Parliament** and the **Council of the European Union** supra-national law-making will be simulated.

In addition to these eight committees, this year, four special committees will allow the participants to reconsider historical facts, to decide on policies for today and to shape the future. **The Conference of Lausanne of 1922-23**, which is one of the most important forums that has taken place in the aftermath of the World War I, will be simulated for the first time in a Model UN conference in Turkey. This simulation will question the founding treaty of the contemporary Republic of Turkey in the light of political dynamics of early 19th century. **The Project-Based Committee** is the innovation of the Turkish MUN society, shaped by independent collaborations of various conferences. The Committee is an opportunity for participants to act as independent consultants on projects on improving societies. Consequently, the remaining two committees will aim to consider the future of two important political questions, namely the question of Cyprus and the political, economic and social future of Northern Africa.

- i. United Nations Development Programme

Agenda Item 1: *Localizing the Post-2015 Development Agenda*

Agenda Item 2: *Ensuring Democratic Governance in the countries of Horn of Africa*

- ii. United Nations Human Rights Council
Agenda Item 1: *Establishing Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association in the Global Sense*
Agenda Item 2: *Implementation of Responsibilities on Human Rights to Corporates within the United Nations “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework*

- iii. United Nations Security Council
Agenda Item: *Open Agenda*

- iv. Ad Hoc Committee on the Question of Cyprus
Agenda Item: *Open Agenda*

- v. Conference of Lausanne of 1922-23
Agenda Item: *Open Agenda*

- vi. Council of the European Union
Agenda Item: *Reviewing Migration Policies of the Union in the Light of Global Terrorism*
Legislative Proposal: *Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1236/2005 concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment*

- vii. European Parliament
Agenda Item: *Consequences of EU’s Enlargement Policy: Actions against Hate Crime in the Scope of Minorities*
Legislative Proposal: *Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1236/2005 concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment*

- viii. International Law Commission
Agenda Item 1: *Relations Between States and International Organizations Concerning Their Status, Privileges and Immunities*
Agenda Item 2: *Immunity of State Officials From Foreign Criminal Jurisdiction*

- ix. Mediterranean Summit on the Reconstruction of Northern Africa

Agenda Item: *Open Agenda*

- x. NATO- North Atlantic Council

Agenda Item: *Open Agenda*

- xi. Project-Based Committee

Agenda Item: *Transparency in Turkey*

- xii. International Court of Justice

Case 1: *Questions relating to the Seizure and Detention of Certain Documents and Data: Timor-Leste v. Australia*

Case 2: *Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: Georgia v. Russian Federation*

d. LOGISTICS

All participants of MUNIST 2014 will be accommodated in Yeditepe University dormitories. In the rooms, bathroom, toilet, mini fridge, towels, wardrobe, and wired Internet is included. However, we would like to remind you that if necessary, you should bring your own clothes hangers since there is none in the dormitories. The timetable of shuttles for transportation from airports and bus terminal to conference venue is specified on our website. During the conference, breakfasts, lunches and dinners will be provided by MUNIST.



e. PAYMENT

Registration fee is 300 TRY / 100 EUR / 150 USD.

Committee directors, rapporteurs and press members pay a reduced fee, which is; 125 TRY / 40 EUR / 60 USD.

Our Registration Fee Includes :

- * Breakfasts, lunches and dinners between 18-22 August in Yeditepe University.
- * Drinks and snacks during coffee breaks.
- * Accommodation between 18-22 August in Yeditepe University.
- * All conference materials.

Payment Details for Extra Nights:

- Per delegate/observer/committee director/press member any extra night in per night is 40 TRY (15 EUR or 20 USD).

For further information, you may visit the Payment Details page.

<http://www.munist.org/payment-details/>

ii. Social media accounts



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