



**Welcome to the international ‘UN Simulation Conference DuEMUN-RuhrMUN’  
and its preparation e-learning seminar**

**“Functioning of the UN system and participation in the  
‘UN Simulation Conference DuEMUN-RuhrMUN’” (June 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2009)**

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**Organizers:** Institute of Political Science / DuEMUN Association / Institute of East Asian Studies

**University of Duisburg-Essen/Germany, Summer Term – 2009**

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Delegates from universities from the Ruhr Region have seminar meetings on the following dates: April 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 28<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6 pm – 8pm; and May 16<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am – 3 pm. Room: LE 103, Campus Duisburg.

The other delegates will join the seminar online.

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## **Dear delegates of the UN Simulation Conference DuEMUN-RuhrMUN,**

The organizers and local faculty advisers welcome you warmly to this e-learning seminar and preparation platform for the UN-Simulation Conference. We offer email and internet based training courses and would like to involve all delegates also by videoconferences and internet live-stream presentations – so far this is technical possible.

The learning material will be provided on our BSCW Server, with which you are hopefully already familiar. If you have problems to navigate through the material please contact Kolja Brandstedt [k.brandstedt@gmx.de](mailto:k.brandstedt@gmx.de). He will assist you by solving all navigations problems.

### **The content and aims of the seminar are:**

a) Introduction to the structure and functioning of the UN-System and the major UN organs.

b) Introduction to methods of online researching on debates in selected United Nations organs and on their decisions.

c) To ensure effectual preparation for the conference, various exercises will be conducted in English to practice formalized debating, just as it is happening in UN bodies.

d) Introduction to the six topics and the three UN Organs of the Conference.

e) States pursue different strategies of negotiation, of coalition formation, of delay or blockade of UN decision-making, and on processes to enforce their interests. These different types of strategies in the mentioned policy fields will be discussed on the example of U.S., the EU, India, and China.

**Schedule for the seminar „Functioning of the UN system and participation in the  
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The seminar is structured in seven sessions:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Thursday, 16-04-09 (6-8 pm)</b>	„DuEMUN goes global“ - Concept of the Model United Nations - Presentation of the DuEMUN e.V.
<b>Thursday, 23-04-09 (6-8 pm)</b>	- Participants introduce themselves - Introduction of the Structure of the United Nations and its organs - How to find information's
<b>Thursday, 30-04-09 (6-8 pm)</b>	Rules of Procedure
<b>1<sup>st</sup> block course Sat, 16-05-09, 9 am- 5pm</b>	- Repetition of the Rules of Procedure - Simulation to practice the Rules - How to write a Position Paper
<b>Thursday, 28-05-09 (6-8 pm)</b>	1. Committee topic: <u>Security Council</u> : 1. Sovereignty in the maritime Exclusive Economic Zones, Piracy and Territorial Claims <u>General Assembly</u> : 1. Non-Discrimination because of race, sexual orientation, language and religion <u>ECOSOC</u> : 1. Climate Change and the Post-Kyoto Process
<b>Thursday, 04-06-09 (6-8 pm)</b>	2. Committee topic: <u>Security Council</u> : 2. Climate Change and its Impact on Security <u>General Assembly</u> : 2. Children´s Rights with regard to the MDGs <u>ECOSOC</u> : 2. Global Financial Crisis
<b>2nd block course Sat, 13-06-09, 9 am - 5pm</b>	- 2nd simulation - How to write a Working Paper and a Resolution
<b>WEDNESDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009 5:00 PM (4:30PM reception)</b>	<b>OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SIMULATION CONFERENCE</b>

### Basic Literature and Internet Resources

MUN-Information by the UN: <http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/modelun/index.asp>

**Brian White**, Diplomacy, in: Baylis/Smith (Eds.), The Globalization of World Politics, 4th Edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008, pp.388-403

**Paul Taylor/Devon Curtis**, The United Nations, in: Baylis/Smith (Eds.), The Globalization of World Politics, 4th Edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008, pp.406-425

### Complementary literature:

**Karen Mingst/Margaret Karns**, Economic Development and Sustainability, in: Karen Mingst/Margaret Karns, The United Nations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Boulder: Westview, 2008, pp.133-165

**Karen Mingst/Margaret Karns**, Peace and Security. International Organizations as Venues for Security, in: Karen Mingst/Margaret Karns, The United Nations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Boulder: Westview, 2008, pp.83-131