



LSE YouthMUN 2022

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Dear delegates,

We're excited to welcome you to the Human Rights Council (HRC) at YouthMUN 2022! Your Co-Chairs for this Council are Mei Yuzuki (she/they) and Amirah Abiola (she/her) and your Vice Chair Victoria Contouris (they/she). Mei is a first-year undergraduate studying International Relations and History (as well as Mandarin!) at the LSE. They are interested in the intersection of aesthetic and geopolitics, US-China relations, and post-war Japan. Mei is from Maryland, USA. Amirah is a first-year Language, Culture and Society student which is a joint-degree programme between the Language Centre and Sociology at the LSE. She has a personal focus in her degree on French and Spanish. Victoria is a second-year history student at the LSE from Florida, USA. They have a personal focus on Latin American history as well as literature. We are so excited to welcome you to the UN Human Rights Council!

The UN Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system made up of 47 States responsible for the promotion and protection of all human rights around the globe. This council was established from a General Assembly resolution on the 15th of March 2006. It is an inter-governmental body which focuses on protecting human rights internationally and making recommendations in human rights violations. This Council will reflect this mission, and will be a place for you all to critically engage with the question of how international human rights policy directly affects the lives of individuals and in some cases, has the capacity to improve lives and livelihoods. We chose this Council because understanding how international human rights policy is formed and more importantly, how it affects the lives and livelihoods around the globe is a crucial component to engaging with the international system.

This Council is uniquely inclusive among United Nations bodies, soliciting the active participation of civil society alongside countries without member status in Geneva, including small island developing States. Though this Council is inclusive in some aspects, we encourage you to consider the extent to which this Council is a tool to advance human rights around the world.

We're really excited for the two topics for this Council: International Standardisation of Sexual Education and Tackling the Global Criminalisation of Homosexuality. These topics are near and dear to our hearts. We all have personal motivations for choosing this topic, but broadly speaking, we have all directly been affected by both of these issues. This committee will provide us all with a platform to engage with these topics from an academic and international perspective, at a deeper level of scholarship than we have experienced in school or through personal reading.

As members of this Council, we're excited to see you to considerately engage with the multifaceted social justice issues during our weekend of debate and collaboration. We would also encourage you to become aware and be respectful of the different points of view specific country policies have in regards to these issues.

Happy researching! We're looking forward to seeing you in committee.

Warmest regards,

Mei Yuzuki, Amirah Abiola, and Victoria Contouris

