

REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE XXIX

Delegate Handbook



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WELCOME TO RTC XXIX!

Letter from The Secretary General

Hello Delegates,

We are so excited for your participation in the 29th Regional Training Conference! We are very thankful that with the current Covid-19 situation that we are able to host the conference this year on an online platform. We will be utilizing Zoom, Slack, and ChairMUN to best ensure a smooth transition. With an online conference comes new rules and guidelines to ensure a successful weekend! We hope we can address all possible new issues within this delegate guide, but if there are any questions, concerns or suggestions please feel free to email us at rtc@fsuwap.org.

Best regards,

Kathryn Vigrass
Secretary General

The World Affairs Program

Letter from the Director

Hello and welcome to RTC XXIX!

As the Director for the World Affairs Program and the previous Secretary General for the Regional Training Conference, RTC will always hold a special place in my heart. That is why I am honored to welcome you to the 29th iteration of our conference.

While our program had large plans to further the gains created last year in a traditional way, RTC XXIX had to adjust to the current crisis. It is with pride that I can soundly say that RTC XXIX will more than showcase an amazing conference experience but will build upon the growth of RTC as a whole for years to come.

The RTC XXIX Secretariat has worked tirelessly to provide an informative, yet fun, training conference environment for attendees. From days of committee test-runs, to working with every communication and live video-format available, I believe these leaders have settled upon a successful model for hosting the ideal virtual conference.

I encourage delegates to utilize the unique training space created by RTC XXIX. It is likely that many of you will be attending virtual Model United Nations events outside of RTC and it would be wise to use this opportunity to discover what debate and discussion looks like over online systems. Beyond Model United Nations, understanding what makes a person a quality speaker, problem-solver, and leader in the virtual arena will strengthen professional growth in the modern and post-COVID-19 eras.

Again, I am so excited to welcome you to RTC XXIX. I am confident you will walk away from this conference having gained a new outlook on debate and diplomacy.

Aliyah Hurt

Director of the World Affairs Program and Model United Nations Team

About our Keynote Speaker

Dr. Whitney Bendeck

Dr. Whitney Bendeck is a professor of International Affairs at Florida State University, where she also serves as the Director of Undergraduate studies. Her areas of specialty include Europe during the world wars and modern China. She has published two books on British military deception during World War II: *"A" Force: The Origins of British Deception During the Second World War* (Naval Institute Press, 2013) & *Diversion and Deception: Dudley Clarke's "A" Force and Allied Operations in World War II* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2021). Dr. Bendeck's undergraduate courses focus on international affairs broadly, total war, human rights, and modern China; her graduate courses are all centered on China from the imperial period to the 21st century, as well as communism in Asia.

Dr. Bendeck will be joining us at RTC's opening ceremonies to discuss current China-U.S. relations.

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Conference Schedule

Friday

Check-in: 4:00-5:00 pm
Zoom ID: 977 6339 9173 Password: 831358

Opening Ceremonies: 5:00-5:45 pm
Zoom ID: 972 7019 7312 Password: 534793

Slack/Zoom training: 5:45-6:30 pm

Dinner Break: 6:30-7:30 pm

Committee Session I: 7:30-9:30 pm

Head Delegate Meeting: 9:45-10:15 pm
Zoom ID: 938 8988 5435 Password: 820177

Zoom Head Delegate Game Night: 11:00-12:30 am
Zoom ID: 933 9324 6819 Password: 627233

Saturday

Committee Session II: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Lunch: 1:00-2:00 pm

Committee Session III: 2:00-4:30 pm

Dinner: 4:30-5:30 pm

Committee Session IV: 5:30-8:30 pm

Head Delegate Meeting: 8:45-9:30 pm
Zoom ID: 939 2713 7363 Password: 138795

Sunday

Committee Session V: 12:00-1:00 pm

Closing Ceremonies: 2:00-3:00 pm
Zoom ID: 974 2023 4278 Password: 671472

General Rules

RTC Staff wants to ensure the comfort and safety of each delegate throughout the weekend. Absolutely no racism, sexual harassment, sexism, or discrimination of any kind will be tolerated. This pertains to in room debate, directives, crisis notes, and any other kind of communication with delegates and staff during RTC weekend. Please be respectful and professional in and out of committee. If a delegate is uncomfortable at any time, they may message the Secretariat directly or may do so through their head delegate.

Committee Structure

Each committee will be utilizing Zoom, Slack, and ChairMUN. Delegates will need a Slack and a Zoom account. Zoom codes and passwords, as well as Slack links will be given at check-in.

Zoom Rules

In order for committee to function properly, **each delegate must have a microphone and a camera**. Delegates also must use their position name as their display name. Throughout the committee, Chairs will ask delegates to use the raise hand button and the yes/no voting buttons. If you do not have access to these functions, please email Secretariat as soon as possible.

Despite the new online environment, we expect the same amount of professionalism as an in-person conference. Your camera must be on throughout committee, unless you are having technical problems then please contact your chair as soon as possible. If you need to leave your screen at any given time, you must inform your chair through a point of personal privilege.

Listed below are some rules for on camera etiquette:

1. Drinks are allowed as long as they are non-alcoholic.
2. No eating during committee time. We have delegated time between committees to have meals. If you have certain accommodations (i.e. medical) please contact Secretariat as soon as possible.
3. No smoking or any other form of drug use.
4. Have a plain or pre-approved virtual background.
5. Delegates must be wearing business attire.
6. One delegate per screen.

Slack Rules

Each delegate will be sent an invite to their committee's Slack channel. Please sign up through an email you have access to, and make sure your display name includes your position name. This platform is where delegates will be sending their crisis notes to RTC staff. Slack can be used to create blocks via direct messages. Crisis staffers will send delegates a direct message to start their crisis notes, and each note after that will be sent in a thread. Due to the quick nature of an online committee, we will be accepting one note every 5 minutes. Notes sent in between committee time or during voting procedure will not be accepted. Prewriting will not be accepted. If you are found prewriting, you will be taken out of consideration for awards.

Rules and Procedures

Point or Motion	Description	Debatable?	Interrupt Speaker?	Decision
Point of Order	Used to point out the misuse of rules/procedure	No	Yes	Ruling of Chair
Point of Personal Privilege	Used to point out a factor hindering personal comfort	No	Yes	Ruling of Chair
Point of Inquiry	Used to ask question to speaker or to chair about rules or procedures	No	Yes	Ruling of Chair
Motion to Open Debate	Opens the conference/session and the primary speakers list	No	No	Simple Majority
Motion to Adjourn the Session	Adjourns the body and/or ends the conference	No	No	Simple Majority
Motion to Suspend the Meeting	Temporarily suspends the session	No	No	Simple Majority
Motion to Enter Unmoderated Caucus	Suspends the sessions for a set amount of time for caucusing	No	No	Simple Majority
Motion to Enter Moderated Caucus	Suspends the rules of procedure for a set amount of time for rapid discussion moderated by chair	No	No	Simple Majority

Rules and Procedures (cont.)

Point or Motion	Description	Debatable?	Interrupt Speaker?	Decision
Motion to Close Debate	Closes debate on a specific topic and brings all resolutions on the floor to a vote	Yes; 2 speakers for, 2 against	No	Simple Majority
Motion to Divide the Question	Made during voting procedure; divides a resolution into separate items to vote on	Yes; 2 speakers for, 2 against	No	Simple Majority
Motion for a Roll Call Vote	Made during voting procedure; requires the chair to conduct a roll-call vote	No	No	Only requires a Second

Right of Reply: In order to use a Right of Reply, a delegate must have offended you as a PERSON; not as a delegate or country, but you personally. Any other use of Right of Reply is WRONG and should NOT be used.

Resolutions/Directives Vocabulary:

Working paper: Working papers are just a list of ideas formed by the blocs. They may or may not be written in resolution format. The working paper needs to be approved by the chairs.

Draft Resolution: A document written in resolution format, approved by the chairs, and introduced to committee but not yet voted upon is called a draft resolution. Delegates will be spending most of their time writing and amending the draft resolutions. Once a draft resolution is passed by a committee, it becomes a Resolution.

Directive: A document, comparable to a resolution in a GA-Style committee, that implements creative policy solutions to solve situations and problems delegates are dealing with in Crisis Committees. They are generally shorter, more frequently written, and concise documents that solve smaller problems at a quicker pace.

Crisis Note: A note written by a delegate to the fictitious person of their choice, which will then be read and responded to by the Crisis Staff. Notes are to be used to make private actions that shape committee in the delegate's favor, as well as to fulfill a personal arc.

Sponsors: These are delegates who authored the draft resolution or actively contributed ideas. They support the draft resolution and want to see it get passed, so they should vote for it. All resolutions will require a minimum number of sponsors.

Signatories: These are delegates who wish to see the draft resolution debated but may or may not agree with all of the ideas. However, they think there is some merit to it and want to see it presented. Some resolutions will require a minimum number of signatories.

Pre-ambulatory clauses: Statements in the first section of the draft resolution that describes the problems that the committee wants to solve as well as previous measures taken to combat the problem. Pre-ambulatory clauses are usually italicized or underlined, but not numbered.

Operative clauses: Statements in the second section of the draft resolution that outlines the specific solutions the sponsors wish to implement. Operative clauses are usually numbered and underlined.

Amendment: A change made to an operative clause of a draft resolution. Amendments can add, delete, or change an operative clause in a draft resolution.

- ***Friendly Amendment:*** *is an amendment written and approved by all the sponsors to a draft resolution and is automatically included into the text.*
- ***Unfriendly Amendment:*** *is an amendment not approved by all the sponsors to their draft resolution and must be voted upon before it can be included into the text.*

Merging: The act of combining two or more draft resolutions to make a bigger or new draft resolution.