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# Decade of Triumph: Celebrating 10 years of FAMUN

The first and tenth Secretaries-General celebrate a shared history

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FAMUN goes on: the first and tenth Secretaries-General of FAMUN

In 2012, a group of passionate students from FACAMP embarked on a journey fueled by their fervor for global discussions, igniting the spark for something remarkable. With unwavering determination and the guidance of FACAMP's International Relations professors and Board of Directors, the FACAMP Model United Nations, FAMUN, came into being, with its first edition in September 2013.

According to the first Secretary-General of FAMUN, Juliana Castro, the idea of creating FAMUN came from the first official delegation that FACAMP sent for an external simulation. Upon returning and willing to spread their engagement, the group, with their International Relations colleagues, wrote a letter declaring that they would like to create their model within FACAMP. And so it was. Ms. Castro highlighted that the creation of FAMUN was the realization of everyone's dream.

Ms. Castro is currently a consultant for international organizations, including the ILO. She says that the first people she contacted to share the good news of receiving her first Blue Passport were her friends from FAMUN, as she knew it was not only an individual achievement, but also a collective one. In this sense, her feeling is that FAMUN continues to be an academic event of excellence and a great experience that encourages the activism of young people within their communities.

Guided by the unwavering commitment of

its leaders, FAMUN 2023 sets forth a vision of empowerment and growth. Gabriel Pellegina, the Secretary-General of the tenth edition, encapsulates this ethos with his inspiring words: "I want the 10th edition to be the best conference possible for delegates, as well as a space for growth for the whole team". His aspiration reflects the heart of FAMUN's mission - to cultivate an environment that fosters development and learning.

Mr. Pellegina's sentiment extends to the heart of the delegates themselves: "They are their best selves and I hope they realize that they are the possibilities that the world has". In unison with Ms. Castro, he stated that the essence of FAMUN goes beyond individual growth. Mr. Pellegina reminded us: "We all should put ourselves in someone else's place". This call to empathy captures the legacy of FAMUN in cultivating minds attuned to the challenges of others, leading to a more efficient and compassionate approach to problem-solving.

As we convene for FAMUN 2023, we collectively carry the torch forward, aiming to craft innovative solutions for enduring challenges and to challenge paradigms that no longer serve humanity and our planet. Let this remarkable milestone - the 10th-anniversary celebration - be a resounding call to action, an invitation to unite with FAMUN on this momentous occasion. Let us continue to make history together, rewrite narratives, and flip the script to shape a future where possibilities know no bounds.

# Highlights from Committees and Councils

## High School Security Council 1

By Júlio Portes

The briefer addressed three issues about Afghanistan: the political insecurity, with a centralized power in the hands of the Taliban; the humanitarian situation, with about 70% of the Afghan people having their rights violated; and the restrictions imposed by the de facto government to Afghan women who work for the UN in the country. Even though the rise of the Taliban was preceded by the withdrawal of the US troops from Afghanistan, the country highlighted their success on peacekeeping and counterterrorism in Afghanistan, contrasting their interventions with former actions perpetrated by the Soviet Union in the past. The

co-penholders suggested multiple issues to be addressed. Whilst Japan recalled the importance of defending human rights and looking after refugees and stateless people, the UAE brought up people as the focus of the discussion, also looking forward to enhancing female access to education. Nevertheless, Council Members highlighted more incisive actions. Ecuador asked the briefer if a new military intervention in Afghanistan was a possibility since the Afghan delegation, as an observer in the Council, asked for military help from Western countries. The briefer replied that the UN strongly discourages this kind of measure in Afghanistan.

## High School Security Council 2

By Vitor Stolf

The UNSC considered human rights violations as a recurring problem in Afghanistan, through explicit and implicit violence, especially against women and children. As mentioned by the briefer, the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan was severely compromised by the ban on Afghan women's work, jeopardizing the functioning of the mission. As the delegate of the Russian Federation pointed out, the countries with the greatest international power are making decisions unilaterally, going against consensus, which in turn is the main objective of the Council. Then, the Swiss delegates highlighted that economic problems have seriously affected the Afghan population and that the situation was worsened by the economic sanctions imposed by

the Western powers. In their statements, delegations also point out that the Council is willing to achieve peace and resolve Afghanistan's problems. However, the Council is not paying attention to the country's particularities and not considering Afghanistan's ownership. The United States, for example, prioritized dialogue as the primary means of diplomacy. Nevertheless, US delegates seemed to forget that their country intervened, in a military manner, in many other States, on numerous occasions, without using dialogue as the primary means. On the other hand, Brazil stressed the importance of a resolution that addresses socially vulnerable groups, such as children who are used as soldiers.



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Russian Federation from UNSC 1 making a chess analogy in his statement



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Delegates listening to the briefer at UNSC 1

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## University Security Council

By Larissa Lyria

During the first session, practically all Member States opted to deliver statements during the Formal Session, openly expressing their positions regarding Afghanistan. A predominant theme, especially among the rotative members, was the concern over ongoing cases of terrorist attacks, a matter underscored by the UNSC Briefer in her remarks. She also expressed concern about the violations of women's rights, especially the right to education. During their statements, the rotative members emphasized the importance of mutual trust for cooperation. The delegate of Ecuador highlighted that the UN Charter is the same for

both the Western and Eastern worlds and should be interpreted impartially. Nevertheless, the debate was largely dominated by the P-5, particularly the United States and Russia. The delegate of the United States called for a more diplomatic stance from the Taliban and even stated a willingness to recognize its legitimacy, provided it assumes its responsibilities and obligations. However, the United States did not specify what these responsibilities would entail nor did it outline the terms for recognition. On the other hand, Russia suggested the invocation of Chapter VII of the UN Charter, ending the day with tension among the Council Members.

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USG-DGACM, Mr. Giovanni Benages, briefs the UNSC 2 on the situation in Afghanistan



The co-penholders of the UNSC 2: the UAE and Japan

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The delegate of the US delivering his statement in the UNSC UNI



The delegate of Japan, as co-penholder, stated her priorities in the UNSC UNI

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# Making the Most of FAMUN



Gisele Bertinato

Guest speaker, Danúsia Arantes, Ph.D., engaged youth in implementing the SDGs



Gisele Bertinato

Delegates didn't stop believing in our social event!



## Coming up next...

Friday, 8 September 2023 (BRT)

- 08:30-09:00 | Head Delegate's Meeting
- 09:00-11:00 | Session 2
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee-break
- 11:30-13:00 | Session 3
- 13:00-15:00 | Lunch
- 15:00-17:00 | Session 4
- 17:00-19:00 | Social event: 8 Billion Talents



## Our Picks

In Her Hands - documentary

As Western forces withdraw, Afghanistan's youngest female mayor faces mortal danger to lead a fight for education for the next generation of Afghans.

Retrograde - documentary

National Geographic's "Retrograde" follows an Afghan general who tried in vain to hold back the Taliban advance in 2021.

"We've forgotten about this story - when was the last time we discussed the war in Afghanistan, or read an article about it?" said "Retrograde" director, Matthew Heineman.

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