

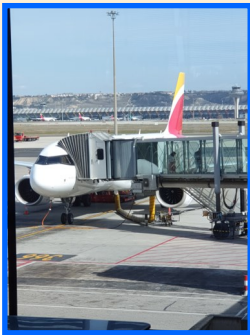
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## Harvard Model Congress Europe

2023

On Friday 10. March, members of the AFNORTH International School Discussion & Debate team, travelled to Madrid, Spain, to attend the four day conference, Harvard Model Congress Europe. This was the first version of this conference in post covid times. The team consisted of nine AIS students and one student from Gymnasium Neue Oberschule Braunschweig.

The team travelled from AIS to Brussels airport. Followed by an Iberia flight to Barajas Airport in Madrid. From there the metro was used to go to the venue, the Melia Castilla Hotel around the corner from Real Madrid's Bernabéu Stadium. Quick check in and short visit to the city center via Metro. In the evening registration and the Opening Ceremony. After this ceremony a first get together with the other students from fifteen different schools worldwide.



Ms. Michaela G. from the German section accompanied the team as well.

### Our Team and their roles:

**Veronica B. (US section): Senate, Foreign Affairs**, senator James E. Risch

**Emma J. (German section): Senate, Judiciary**, senator Chuck Grassley

**Malin S. (German section): International Monetary Fund**, representing Colombia

**Aurore C. (Canadian section): International Monetary Fund**, representing Republic of Korea

**Krzysztof B. (Canadian section): UN Human Rights Council**, representing China

**Benedict M. (US section): UN Security Council**, representing India

**Benjamin M. (US section): World Trade Organization**, representing Cambodia

**Benjamin G.: World Bank**, representing Germany

**Gabriel v. K. (German section): Group of 20**, representing Mexico

**Matej R. (Gymnasium Neue Oberschule): National Security Council**, representing E. Sherwod-Randall

The Saturday program started at 09.00 hours and lasted till 19.00 hours in the evening. Throughout the day all the committees were in session, discussing the topics on the agenda and preparing for the international summits and full Senate and House sessions.

Debate and moderated and unmoderated caucuses resulted in the first resolutions.



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After an intense programme on Saturday, the delegates started with full sessions on Sunday morning. The House, The Senate and the International Summits I and II. The topics on the agenda were shared and more broadly discussed. First draft resolutions were either welcomed or dismissed. Delegates were forced to place their committee discussions in a broader context taking into consideration the view of other entities on similar topics. A full but very productive day followed by a “delegate formal” event in the evening. Public speaking, negotiating, presenting viewpoints, finding compromise writing resolutions and finding support were important aspects of today's exercises.



In between the regular committee sessions and the full sessions House and Senate and International summits I and II there was also an opportunity to attend seminars. During these seminars the undergraduate Harvard students would share and lead discussion on some of their study topics or topics of interest. Delegates had to attend at least one of these sessions.

**Topics to select from were:**

**Populism in the Modern World, The Dark Side of NGO's and Foreign Aid, The neuroscience of Politics, Artificial Intelligence and Policy, Behavioral Economics in Politics, The US Constitution and Supreme Court, Community Organization and Holding Politicians Accountable.**

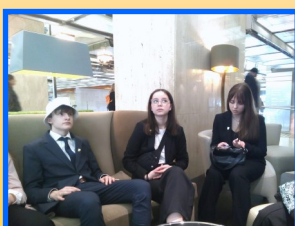
Some very interesting discussions took place in these seminars.



Pictures 1 +2:  
In session

Picture 3:  
Ready for Lunch?

Picture 4:  
Madrid visit



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Monday afternoon was the closing ceremony. Two students delivered a closing speech after been selected as the winners of the HMCE speech contest. Both speeches were very impressive and emotional .

Our small AIS delegation was extremely proud when two of our students were called on stage to receive a personal award . Krzysztof B. was celebrated with a Best Delegate Award and Benjamin G with an Honorable Mention Award. Congratulations to both.

All students in our team have been successful in many ways, be it on a personal level, in the committees and full sessions, or overall throughout the weekend. They have all taken on the challenge, had a great experience, grew in their level of skills and talents and had fun meeting peers from all over the world.

We applaud you all and would like to thank you for representing AFNORTH International School at Harvard Model Congress Europe 2023.

