



Harvard Model Congress Boston 2024

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Dear Senators,

Firstly, welcome to Harvard Model Congress 2024! We are so excited to welcome you to Harvard Model Congress Boston and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee! Our names are Lap Nguyen, Meredith Zielonka, Hayden Fredrickson, Tenzin Yiga, and Helena Baruch, and we will be your chairs for the committee at the conference.

As members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, you will be engaging, debating, and collaborating with one another in committee to create bipartisan solutions to a wide swath of topics relating to diplomatic disputes, military deployments, and protecting US citizens abroad. This year, we will be focusing on U.S.-India Policy and the U.S.'s role in assisting with the El Salvador crisis.

We encourage you to be proactive in your research process to maximize your time in committee. Make sure you build a deep understanding of your Senator's stance and the complex perspectives that comprise the issues. We are excited to hear your spirited debates and insights to the challenges facing our nation. We hope that you emerge from this weekend a more confident leader, empathetic collaborator, and more civically engaged.

As your chairs, we hope to create and facilitate an environment in which you, as delegates, can interact and brainstorm with both us and other members of the committee and explore the legislative possibilities to solutions for you as lawmakers.

A quick introduction to each of us:

Lap is a Senior Staffer for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He is a Senior studying Economics and Government from Rochester, Minnesota. His area of focus is economic policy and development. Outside of HMC Boston, he is the President Emeritus of HMC Europe and currently serves as a managing director of the Harvard Emerging Technology Group. He also conducts research on economic development in India. In his free time, he loves to go hiking, collect foreign currency, and catching up with friends.

Meredith is a Senior Staffer for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. She is a junior from Boston, Massachusetts studying Government and the Modern Middle East. She is especially interested in peacebuilding and conflict resolution. Besides her role in HMC Boston, she is President of HMC Middle East. She is also a Strategist for The Harvard Crimson's Business Board and she does research in the Government Department. In her free time, she enjoys



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listening to music, cooking, puzzles and traveling. She is excited to bring her experience with other education programs to HMC!

Hayden is a Junior Staffer for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He is a first-year at Harvard College in Oak Yard planning on studying economics and government. This will be his first time at HMC Boston. Outside of class, Hayden is involved in the Small Claims Advisory Service, Harvard Undergraduate Law Committee, Pets as Therapy, Harvard Undergraduates for Bipartisan Solutions, and the Harvard Institute of Politics Campaigns and Advisory Program. In his spare time, he enjoys playing drums and doing origami.

Yiga is a Junior Staffer for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. She is a first-year at Harvard in Oak Yard but originally from North Jersey (right outside NYC). She is planning on studying Government and Philosophy, with specific interest in human rights and public policy. Outside of Harvard she is active in the Tibetan Freedom Movement, participating in campaigns and advocacy work through a chapter of a non-profit called Students For A Free Tibet in the New York/New Jersey area. In her free time, she enjoys playing tennis and basketball, going to the gym, hanging out with her friends, and traveling. She is excited to be part of HMC!

Helena is a Junior Staffer for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. She is a first-year at Harvard in Crimson Yard. She lives in New York City and is also Australian! Helena is planning on studying English with a secondary in Economics. Outside of class, Helena is a part of The Crimson as a business associate on the business board. She is also a part of the Harvard club basketball team. She loves to write fiction and short stories and paint in her free time. Helena was captain of her Model Congress in high school and debated in HMC for two years, so she is very excited to chair!

We look forward to meeting you in February! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Lap, Meredith, Hayden, Yiga, and Helena