



Harvard Model Congress Boston 2024

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

Dear Senators,

Welcome to Harvard Model Congress 2024! We are so excited to welcome you to Harvard Model Congress Boston and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence! Our names are Tova Kaplan, John Cooke, Sasha Peck, and Lauren Cruickshank, and we will be your chairs for the committee at the conference.

As members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, you will engage, debate, and collaborate with one another in committee to create bipartisan solutions to a wide selection of topics relating to national security and intelligence. This year, we will be focusing on NSA Oversight and AI Threats to National Security.

Before coming to the conference, please read over the briefing topics and familiarize yourself thoroughly with the relevant issues and debates within each. We also encourage you to branch outside the briefings, doing your own research into unexplored aspects of the topics and new and innovative legislative solutions. We highly recommend you learn about your assigned Senator's political positions, as this preparation will be crucial for creating a lively, generative committee environment. As chairs, we hope to make committee fun and inclusive for everybody involved, and we expect that committee debate, no matter how spirited, will remain civil and productive. Rather than tear down your peers, we hope you can build bridges across political differences and learn from each other. And most of all, have fun!

A quick introduction to each of us:

John is a Senior Staffer for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence . He is a junior at Harvard concentrating in Government on the Law and Justice Track. This will be his third time at HMC Boston and fifth HMC Conference overall. Outside of HMC, John serves as the Student Body Co-President of Harvard College and sings in the Harvard Glee Club. In his free time, John enjoys singing with his band and playing sports.

Sasha is a Senior Staffer for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. She is a sophomore at Harvard concentrating in Social Studies with a secondary in European History, Politics, and Society. This is her second year staffing for HMC Boston. Outside of HMC, Sasha is a co-executive producer for Harvard CityStep, a mentor for the Radcliffe Institute's Emerging Leaders Program, and on the Harvard Alumni Association Student-Alumni Engagement Committee.



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Tova is a Senior Staffer for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. She is a sophomore at Harvard concentrating in Government with a secondary in Economics. This is her second year in HMC (and second year staffing Senate Select Intelligence, woohoo!) and she also is Senior Staff at HMC Asia and HMC Europe. At Harvard, she is Communications Director for the Harvard College Democrats, serves on the Conferences Committee at the Institute of Politics, is Publicity Director for Harvard Undergraduate Women in Foreign Policy, and works at the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter.

Lauren is a Junior Staffer for the Senate Select Committee. She is a first-year at Harvard College concentrating in Government with a secondary in Psychology. This will be her first time staffing for HMC Boston. Lauren also enjoys writing for the Harvard Undergraduate Law Review and being a part of the IOP. In her free time, she enjoys going for long walks by the Charles River and taking yoga classes.

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

Best wishes,
John Cooke, Sasha Peck, Tova Kaplan, and Lauren Cruickshank