

Dear students,

in **winter semester 2023/2024** the Chair of Professor Marauhn is again sending a delegation of Justus Liebig University to **National Model United Nations (NMUN) in New York City**.

The preparation phase will take place during winter semester 2023/24 with the goal to participate in NMUN in New York City (USA) **at the end of March/early April 2024**. The participation of the JLU delegation will be an initiative of the students with supervision by members of the Chair of Public Law and International Law of Professor Dr. Thilo Marauhn. For support, we have founded the association Giessen Model United Nations e.V. (GiMUN e.V.).

NMUN is an event that simulates the functioning of the United Nations (UN) and its committees, and during which each delegation represents one UN member state. Negotiations will also take place on the premises of the UN. **The event is aimed at students who are interested in the workings of the UN** and would like to expand their existing theoretical knowledge through the perspective of diplomacy. Each year, thousands of students from a variety of countries participate in the world's largest and oldest ongoing MUN event. The goal of the **five-day UN simulation** in New York will be to experience a realistic insight into diplomatic life. The delegation members will debate, deliver speeches, and draft resolutions on current global challenges according to the same rules as “real” diplomats at the UN.

During an intensive and time-consuming preparation phase with a **weekly 2-hour-colloquium conducted completely in English**, the delegation members not only expand their knowledge of the UN, and improve their rhetorical skills, but also work intensively on the culture as well as domestic, foreign and economic policies of the country represented. **Please note, that active, in-person participation in the weekly preparative colloquium meetings is a mandatory condition for participation in NMUN.** Theoretical knowledge is expanded through participation in various preparatory simulations in Giessen as well as the MUN in Siegen and/or in Frankfurt am Main. At these meetings, the negotiation techniques already learned are refined and the learned negotiation skills are applied in practice.

The delegation should try to find sponsors; the University is covering most of the participation fees. However, the participants will bear a part of their costs themselves: A **contribution of each participant of around 500,- Euro** is to be expected. For students in financial hardship cases, efforts will be made to make participation possible.

Law students will receive a foreign language certificate (*Fremdsprachenschein*) or a key qualification (*Schlüsselqualifikation*) for their participation. The course is also an elective course (*Wahlveranstaltung*) in focus area 6, European and International Law (*Schwerpunktbereich 6: Europarecht und Völkerrecht*), but it is also open to other law students, as well as students from other departments with an interest in the United Nations and international politics. You can find the detailed selection criteria on the website of Prof. Marauhn under Model United Nations.

To apply to participate in NMUN 2023/24, please send a letter of motivation as well as curriculum vitae **in English**, as well as the usual application documents (high school diploma, previously acquired certificates and overview of study grades) by **31 July 2023** to: [ModelUN@recht.uni-giessen.de](mailto:ModelUN@recht.uni-giessen.de).

Please note, that **participation in the Giessen Model United Nations Conference taking place 15.-17. September 2023 is a necessary part of the selection process** (more info on the Chair's website)!

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us via email, in English.