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## Chief of Press

The mastermind behind the newspaper



**D**ear Delegates,  
My name is Joanna Grave and I am the Chief of Press of this year's conference. I have the honor to lead the press team and to bring you the

most important news of this week's events. My journalists and I will ensure that our articles will be of the highest quality and meet your expectations.

While planning the conference, I managed the press team's preparations and organised the location of our headquarters, from where we will cover the most important events of OLMUN 2019. With all our needs taken care of, we are ready to provide an informative newspaper.

The "Daily Diplomat" is printed each morning and delivered to your

committees at lunchtime. Additionally, you can read the news on your phones using the OLMUN App.

In the future, we will attempt to fully digitize the newspaper to reduce our environmental impact. But for now, we look forward to covering this year's debates and to bring you a great newspaper each day!

## Keeping up with the Press Team

Know what is going on... With the Daily Diplomat... And our Press Team



**A**s the press team of the 19th OLMUN, it is our task and duty to inform you about the various events of the week.

This year we are a team of twelve students, plus some help from the Inner Circle and previous years secretary members. We are led by this year's Chief of Press, Joanna Grave, who is responsible for the final outcome of our daily newspaper.

Working in teams of two or three journalists, we will accompany the

different committees during the week. You may notice us, standing in the back, taking notes and photos. Maybe we will even ask you for an interview.

Later every team will write an article, which has to be sent to our press headquarter, located in the Helene-Lange-Schule. There, the Chief of Press and the designer will arrange our articles for the next day's edition.

Please keep up with the Daily Diplomat, which will be distributed every day during lunch break.

Have fun, fruitful debates, and we wish you a good start into this year's conference!

*By Cosima Scherbening  
& Janna Griem*



# Secretariat of OLMUN 2019

An introduction of the ones who make everything possible!



The Oldenburg Model United Nations Conference is probably one of the best organized school events of the year. Most of the time everything goes just as planned – and to guarantee this, we have our Secretariat. The Secretariat of the OLMUN 2019 consists of five experienced students, chosen from different schools.

They were elected by the OLMUN association's general assembly, which normally meets right after the school year begins. The members of the Secretariat are usually recruited from the ranks of former Chairs, Presidents and Student Officers. Their tasks include, as already mentioned, making sure that everything that has been planned by the organization team goes smoothly and without any problems, as well as managing the expenditures.

This year, the Secretary-General position is filled by the 18-year-old Hedda Spengemann from the Integrierte Gesamtschule Flötenteich (IGS). She likes swimming, reading, her friends and OLMUN, which she proves with the fact that this is already her third year being a part of this event. The Deputy Secretary-General position is taken by the 18-year-old Amelie

Schmidt from the Cäcilien-schule Oldenburg, who is interested in playing the piano, equitation and of course OLMUN.

2019 will be her fourth year as a part of OLMUN, and her third year helping with the organization of the event. The tasks of the Secretary-General and her Deputy are taking care of general organizational matters that might appear, as well as the contact with various sponsors and supporters of OLMUN, who will also be introduced to you in today's edition of the magazine.

The President of the General Assembly this year is Dennis Kirsch from the Graf-Anton-Günther-Schule (GAG). He is a 19-year-old firefighter and apart from this voluntary work he also likes traveling, meeting friends and OLMUN, which he has been active in since 2015. He also participated in numerous other MUNs within Germany. The position of Deputy President of the General Assembly is filled by the 18-year-old Rasmus Conrad from the Herbartgymnasium Oldenburg. He plays badminton, the clarinet, the tenor-saxophone and without a doubt, he loves OLMUN, in which he has already participated

four times. The duties of Dennis and Rasmus are the selection of agenda items and the recruitment and training of Chairs and Presidents, which requires a lot of experience, time and patience.

The Secretariat's Treasurer this year is Anita Kluck. She is 19 years old and graduated from the Helene-Lange-Schule in Oldenburg in 2018. Her first year joining the OLMUN was back in 2014, making her the longest participating member of the Secretariat team. Besides OLMUN, she likes gymnastics and meeting her friends. She is in charge of the financial matters, which means she regulates how much money is spent on which things. She also deals with the sponsors and supporters.

With these five members forming our Secretariat this year, we are sure that it will be a great experience for everyone!

*By Nai Alscheikh Almukadam  
& Mia Kluge*



## Interview with: The Team behind the new OLMUN App



### **How long did it take you to complete the app?**

We worked on the app for about half a year. The app available today is version 2019.7.52, so as you can see, we developed a lot of versions because there was always something to improve and to change.

### **Who came up with the idea?**

The first time we talked about an app for OLMUN was in the beginning of the preparation for OLMUN 2018, when we were both Secretary Generals. We developed a small and

very easy-to-use app with a modular construction system, but we were not completely happy and satisfied with that. So during the preparation of OLMUN 2019, we started developing and programming a totally new app all by ourselves.

### **What was your intention when you developed the App?**

We were talking about the 2018 version of our app and even though it worked great, we agreed that its features were not really tailored for the

OLMUN. As Alexander started studying computer science, he decided to use his already acquired knowledge to create an app that fits the delegates' needs perfectly.

### **What was the hardest feature to program?**

The ability to use the app offline. We felt that it was a very important feature, therefore we invested a lot of time into it. However, as a user, you will not recognize how much work went into this technical issue. A feature that was very labor-intensive and that you are actually going to use a lot was the newspaper section.

*By Carla Tolksdorf, Sarah Bieberstein & Svenja Wiecking*



## Facts and Figures

### More Activities to Come!

OLMUN, which was established in 2001, has grown considerably to Europe's largest Model United Nations conference organized by students only. A remarkable journey, considering that 19 years ago a group of students around Gero Elerd started this conference with just a handful of delegates from Oldenburg.

Today, OLMUN is organized by a group of sixty students, called the 'Inner Circle' and the 'Secretariat', consisting of five students (Hedda, Amelie, Dennis, Rasmus and Anita).

In this year's session, we welcome about 1000 participants from different nations like the United States, Canada, Zimbabwe, Mexico and the

Czech Republic. Our committee locations are spread out all over the city of Oldenburg. In total, ten committees are simulated and all of them have a guest speaker, who will provide background information on the respective topic.

In order to cover all the costs associated with such a large-scale event, every student who takes part as a delegate pays a participation fee. In addition to that, OLMUN is sponsored by companies based in Oldenburg and around, covering costs of 35,000 to 40,000€.

We are a non-profit organisation, so we use every cent of sponsoring and fees for paying venues, conference

material, copies and all other costs. Without this support, it would not be possible to create a conference of these dimensions.

During OLMUN, a lot of activities are offered, in which all participants have the chance to meet students from all over the world.

*By Carla Tolksdorf, Sarah Bieberstein & Svenja Wiecking*



# Moving Beyond Borders?

Borders still matter around the world for all the wrong reasons



The Dutch-German border. ©Wikimedia Commons

Travel just 80km west from Oldenburg and you will find yourself peacefully crossing into the Netherlands. The border is barely noticeable – roads, cycling paths and public transport continue without interruption. For the people in this region, crossing an international border is daily business.

Considering that the situation has been like this all over Europe since the Schengen Agreement of 1985, borders play a surprisingly important role in the political and social discussion in Europe. A generalised fear and hatred of anything ‘foreign’ have resurged in recent years, driven by far-right populist parties that benefit from voters’ fears for their own future. More shockingly, such openly racist attitudes become more socially acceptable as mainstream political parties adopt them, hoping to increase their approval ratings. Some politicians now openly question the EU itself and all its achievements – including borders that have not been closed for decades.

The consequences of this are blindingly obvious, yet often ignored. More than 2000 people died while attempting to cross the Mediterranean Sea in 2018. In Germany, as well as all over Europe, xenophobic at-

tacks and hate crimes are on the rise. Being foreign, a migrant or a refugee should never mean having to fear for one’s safety, not to mention for one’s acceptance in a society that has profited from its international openness for decades.

Mainstream politicians have seemingly decided to tolerate racist and chauvinistic attitudes and to play into the far-right’s hands by adopting a discourse that brings borders back into the collective imagination. We should have moved beyond this small-minded distinction by now. Migrants have brought and continue to bring wealth to their communities; not one of the topics on OLMUN’s agenda can be solved without international cooperation. Not to mention the joys of intercultural exchanges – anyone who has tried *stroopwafels* (or met a charming Dutch person) will agree that the Dutch-German border should never be closed again. It is up to all of us to broaden our horizons and to make sure that borders do not prevent the progress of humankind. Let’s hope that OLMUN 2019 gives all of us an opportunity to contribute to this effort.

By Emma Beelen



## Interview Baart von Donselaar



Bart van Donselaar is President of the Historical Security Council and an experienced OLMUN veteran.

***This is your third consecutive OLMUN. Why are you coming back every year?***

My school went to this conference every year until last year. I knew there would always be people that I know enjoying the fun that MUNs bring. Even now that I am enrolled in a university, I came back because it is always an amazing experience, and because of the friends that I made here!

***What is the biggest challenge when chairing a committee like HSC?***

The Historical Security Council is special in two ways. Firstly, the SC is the only organ of the UN that gives veto-powers to five countries that also have permanent seats in the council. This makes getting to a solution that pleases everyone extra important, as just one ‘no’ can mean the end of a lot of hard work. Secondly, the HSC is set in the past, meaning that the decisions made here could lead to a vastly different outcome from what happened in the real world.

By Joanna Grave



## Starving?

### How to Become a Gourmet in our Oldenburg Cuisine

As every year, OLMUN's participants can benefit from several discounts in restaurant and cafés in the city. All you need is your official OLMUN badge and this list of our supporters, which you can also find in our OLMUN app.

If you are hungry, **Woyton** is a good choice. At Woyton you will get 10% discount on bagels, salads, coffee and more.

Need Vitamins? **Vitamina** is the place to go! Fresh juices, milkshakes and other dairy foods are available for 10% less the usual price.

If it is hot outside, **San Marco** will provide you with delicious, refreshing ice cream. You will get 10% off of everything.

For eating pizza, the **Trattoria** is a nice option. You can eat there or take your pizza to go and pay 50 cents less.

At **Heimathaven** you can eat different dishes like soups, salads and quiches. You will get 15% off of every dish.

**Mu** is an ice cream parlor where you can match different flavors of ice cream with several kinds of toppings. If you load at least 150g on your scoop, you save 2,10€.

**Hans im Glück** is a restaurant with delicious burgers. Vegetarian or vegan options can be ordered, too. You get 10% off of everything.

At **Grüne Motte** you can eat tasty soups. You get 1€ discount.

Supporting citizen groups with limited abilities, **Cafe Kurswechsel** offers various teas, coffee specialties and other drinks, which will cost you 10% less. Snacks are also available.

Italian Atmosphere in the heart of Oldenburg can be found at the centrally located restaurant **Carusi**. Thanks to OLMUN you will get 10% off of everything.

**Frizz** is a nice shop to buy french fries for take away. Here you will get a free sauce.

*By Femke Behrends, Gwen Buhl & Tiffany Pieske*



## Free-Time Activities

### Read when you are bored

An awesome day at the OLMUN is over and now you are looking for a fun thing to do around the marvelous region of Oldenburg?

Here we will provide you with the best hot-spots and tips from natives! Starting with free outdoor activities, Oldenburg offers some lovely places where you can hang out with your friends and enjoy the natural beauty of the city:

The Hafen, Dobbenwiesen or Schlossgarten are some of our favorites and hopefully soon yours, too. Inside the Schlossgarten you can not only find various unique plants but also an armlet of the river Hunte, on which you can go for a spin with a rented paddleboat.

Another option when there are nice climatic conditions is to meet at the Woldsee or Bornhorster See. These two lakes are not as central as the other spots, however, definitely worth the way! If you want to go swimming nearer to the city, the Olantis Huntebad is the perfect place to go.

As the weather is being predicted as changeable and rainy, you may prefer to stay inside. In this case we can recommend to visit one of Oldenburg's impressive museum like the Stadtmuseum Oldenburg.

If education and active engagement, however, aren't quite your thing, but rather the latest Channing Tatum movies, Casablanca and Cinemaxx are the locations to go for.

Finally, the last and probably most special thing to do: 3D-blacklight minigolf is a very fun activity, offered in not too many places.

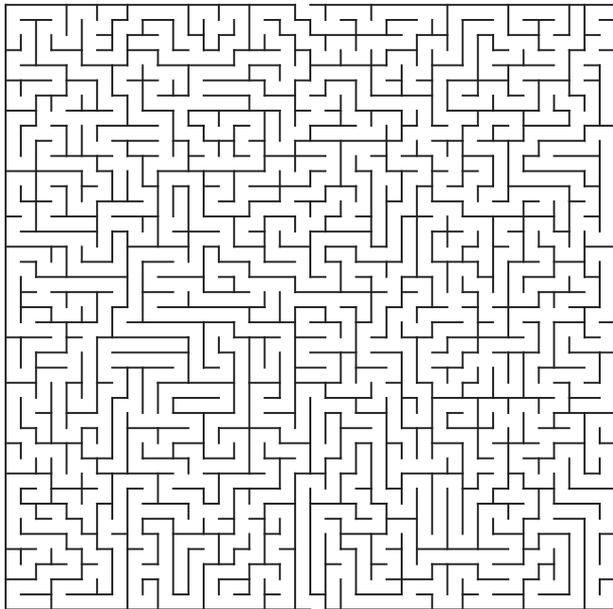
We hope you enjoy your stay in Oldenburg!

*By Femke Behrends, Gwen Buhl & Tiffany Pieske*



# Amazing Maze

Procrastination at it's best!



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# Weather

Should I stay or should I go?

## Tuesday

Noon	Afternoon	Evening
<b>21</b> °C   °F	<b>26</b> °C   °F	<b>23</b> °C   °F

## Wednesday

Morning	Noon	Afternoon
<b>22</b> °C   °F	<b>28</b> °C   °F	<b>21</b> °C   °F

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# Evening Activities

Barbecue at the Graf-Anton-Günther-Schule:

Tonight, you have the first opportunity to get in touch with your fellow delegates in a more casual environment. Enjoy well-known and delicious German sausages (vegan sausages are available as well!) while making new friends and later impressing them with some of your unique dance moves.



Where?  
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