

Opening ceremony



Jelto Heykants holding a speech at the opening ceremony

To say it in the words of Secretary General Jelto Heykants: "I hereby declare the 21st Oldenburg Model United Nations for officially opened." Today, on the 21st of June the OLMUN 2022 started with the Opening Ceremony opening the way for three days of fruitful debates and fun evening activities.

The Opening Ceremony began with the Rolecall carried out by the President of the General Assembly Per Pagnia to confirm the delegations' presence. It was followed by the Opening Speech of this year's Secretary General Jelto Heykants. In the beginning he stated examples for conflicts and catastrophes all over the world like the situation in Afghanistan, civil wars or Russia's attack on Ukraine and acknowledged that

the prospect of war is as present as it has never been before, comparing war with a shadow that is clouding the sky and hence, peace. He also pointed out that "peace" cannot be easily defined and used the definition of sociologist Johan Galtung "peace as a society's capacity to transform", to help understand the word's true meaning. However, that implies that in order to have or maintain a peaceful world humans have to work on themselves and their society.

After the speech the Opening video for OLMUN 2022 was shown and the delegates were able to feel the typical "OLMUN- Spirit". It began with clips of peaceful cities and landscapes but quickly changed into showing calamities all over the globe. Natural disasters, climate change, pollution, famine, war and humans protesting against their governments. Summarized, it captured the essence of this year's slogan "Causes of Conflict and Proposals for Peace" as it demonstrates the urgency with which long-term peace must be achieved.

Subsequently, the delegations had the opportunity to present their opening speeches and many delegations accepted the offer. The main focus of many of those speeches was the world's peace as well as reassuring the delegations' willingness to work towards the common goal.

Worth mentioning is the fact that on all three occasions on which the Russian delegation gave a speech, many of the delegates left the conference room and only returned after the speeches were over. It remains to be seen how the committee sessions will pass off in that regard.

TIMETABLE

09.00-12.00
Committee Session
10.00-12.00
MUN Directors' Breakfast
13.00-16.00
Committee Session
17.00-18.00
Approval Panel
18.00 – 22.30
Volleyball

EVENING ACTIVITY

Today, there's Volleyball and other games and the Dobbenwiesen!



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Delegates during the rolecall



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