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THE OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome to the 25th OLMUN

A Recap of the Opening Ceremony

This year's OLMUN is truly unique. More than 1,000 participants have gathered to celebrate the 21st Oldenburg Model United Nations. Among them are guests from China, Luxembourg, and many other nations around the world.

The opening ceremony began with a warm welcome from the President, who greeted everyone contributing to this important event. The atmosphere was vibrant from the very start, as became clear during the roll calls. Delegates enthusiastically shouted "Present!"- as they're not only present as their delegation, but present in the moment and engaged with the challenges of global politics.

Secretary-General Mia Vocke then took the stage. She welcomed everyone to OLMUN and highlighted the importance of unity and cooperation in a world facing multiple crises. Referring to OLMUN's 25-year history, she encouraged delegates to think critically, reminding everyone that this is where democracy begins. With these words, she officially declared OLMUN open. The annual opening video followed,

by Leonie Lashlee

adding a cinematic touch to the ceremony. It left a lasting impression by highlighting pressing global issues such as climate change and armed conflicts. Next, the Minister-President of Lower Saxony, Olaf Lies, addressed participants through a video message. He wished everyone a remarkable week and expressed how encouraging it is to see so many young people taking an interest in global democracy and international cooperation.

These themes continued throughout the speeches delivered by various delegations. Representatives from Nigeria, China, and many other countries emphasized their willingness to work with all nations, stressing that coming together is more important now than ever before.

Another well known guest speaker was Petra Averbek. She thanked those willing to take responsibility during critical times and expressed her deep appreciation for the event and its participants.

Not all speeches were without controversy. Several statements sparked

debate, particularly regarding speeches by the United States and the Russian Federation. Nevertheless, the ceremony maintained an atmosphere of openness and respect. German politician Lena Nzume also left a very positive impression. She encouraged delegates to help shape the future and remain united. She therefore praised the delegates' commitment and encouraged everyone to remain bold, curious, and respectful toward one another.

Another speaker, Gero Elend, reflected on OLMUN's beginnings in 2001. Today, he is proud to see more than a thousand people contributing to the conference he brought to life in Oldenburg.

With so many interesting guests and thought-provoking speeches it was a vivid and memorable opening ceremony. It showed just how committed, loud and curious our generation is. And with such an entertaining start, we're more than eager to begin this week full of fruitful debates, meaningful conversations and plenty of fun and social activities.

OLMUN in Three Words

During the Opening Ceremony, the Daily Diplomat asked delegates to describe OLMUN in just three words.



Interview by Rieke Schlitter, Louisa Pendt

MEET THE PARTICIPANTS

Interview with a Chair

Jasper Lossin is chairing the UNESCO committee for the first time. He sat down with the Daily Diplomat to talk about writing the Committee Guide, reviewing every delegate's papers – and what he is looking forward to most.



First of all, what is your name?

My name is Jasper, and this year I am serving as a chair of the UNESCO.

How many times have you participated in OLMUN before?

Only once. Last year was my first participation.

Is this your first time serving as a chair, or have you done it before?

This is my first time as a chair. Last year, I participated in OLMUN as a delegate, and this year I am chairing the UNESCO committee together with Anjelina.

How did you prepare for OLMUN in your role as a chair?

There are many steps involved in preparation as a chair. The first thing we had to do was become familiar with the topic. For example, we wrote the Committee Guide, which explains the topic to the delegates, outlines the issues we wanted them to consider, and provides guidance on what they were expected to do. *Interview by Piet Schultz, Tim Kramer, Niklas Mählmann*

ed to do. The second major task for me was collecting and reviewing all the delegates' documents, such as their policy statements and draft resolutions. I checked them for mistakes and formal issues, gave feedback, and suggested possible improvements.

So you have access to all the delegates' papers?

Yes, I review all of them as part of the preparation process.

What is the topic of your committee?

This year's UNESCO's topic is "Rebuilding Public Trust in Science". Seeing that the current state of trust is contested among the states nowadays, UNESCO focuses on measures to restore a healthy degree of public trust in scientific institutions. It often compromises the relationship between the government, scientific institutions and the public. One of the main focuses is health science, which may include relevant topics such as public health communication, medical research transparency, trust in healthcare professionals, inequality an inclusion, and crisis management.

Why did you choose to take on the role of chair, and why specifically the UNESCO committee?

Last year I was, as I already told you, a delegate and I loved my chairs so much that they just inspired me to do it for myself. And actually when we planned the topics of the committees, I was one of the people to propose this topic because I liked it personally and thought it would be interesting. And that probably is why I also, when I applied, had the wish to go to UNESCO.

What is the thing you are looking forward to the most?

I think fun. I do like the debates, the talking and the diplomatic feeling. But I think the most important aspect is still that it's done by students for students and with that, most of the time, it always is just fun and you can laugh all the time and find some joy.

A Test for Diplomatic Dialogue

One of the most interesting moments of the first OLMUN debates emerged following the speech of the United States delegation. In its address, the USA emphasized international cooperation and the importance of finding solutions together while also referring to the goal of making America great again. These remarks quickly drew criticism from the delegation of Tajikistan, which questioned whether calls for global peace were compatible with policies that some countries perceive as threatening.

What stood out was not only the criticism itself but also the response of the United States. Rather than engaging in a lengthy exchange through the Right of Reply, the delegation chose not to respond. This decision prevented the discussion from escalating and allowed delegates to focus on the broader issues being debated.

The exchange serves as an example of the challenges facing international diplomacy. Strong disagreements are inevitable when nations have different interests and perspectives. However, the success of OLMUN will not be measured by the number of arguments won, but by the ability of delegates to engage in respectful dialogue and work toward common solutions. Constructive debate, not confrontation, remains the key to meaningful diplomacy.

by Nina Rohweder

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Meet the Press Team

This is the Press Team! This year, we are 20 staff members who are excited to write info texts for you, conduct interviews and give insights into the daily life of this year's chairs, presidents and student officers. Over the last weeks, we've been collecting article ideas and working on the layout, so you can

enjoy the daily news of OLMUN 2026 in the most interesting and organised way. Here's the list of everyone who takes part in producing the Daily Diplomat:

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A big round of applause, please :)

by Frauke Rudolf

OPENING NIGHT

BBQ Recap

Tuesday BBQ was great fun for everyone

Yesterday evening, all participants had the opportunity to come together at the GAG for the traditional barbecue. After a few initial problems with the grill, the hungry crowd was finally served vegan sausages and grilled cheese. To avoid food waste, leftover bread from the delegates' breakfast was also offered.

Still, Technical Coordinator Simon Sellier named the grilled cheese as his favourite dish of the evening.

The barbecue was not only an opportunity to satisfy participants' hunger but also a chance to socialize.

Delegates played badminton, discussed their first draft resolutions, and got to know one another. The evening took on a special atmosphere when participants danced together to the "Macarena" and later imitated rowing movements on the ground to "Aloha Heja He" by Achim Reichel.

New friendships were formed not only on the dance floor but also while queuing for party tickets. Those who have not yet secured a ticket need not worry, as additional tickets will be available during tomorrow evening's socializing event.

by Johanna Conze



Impressions from the BBQ, Photography by Photography Staff



by Johanna Conze

OLMUN IN NUMBERS

OLMUN's Growth Over the Years



The first OLMUN Conference in 2001

What started as a small project in Oldenburg has grown into one of the largest student-organized conferences in Germany. Since its foundation in 2001, OLMUN has developed from a local event into an international meeting for young people from many different countries.

The first conference took place at Altes Gymnasium Oldenburg and welcomed around 100 participants. Most delegates came from Germany, but there were also guests from St. Petersburg, Russia. At that time, only three committees were available, and the event was much smaller than it is today.

During the following years, the conference continued to expand. More schools became interested in taking part, and the number of delegates increased steadily. By 2006, around 450 students attended the conference. As the event grew, more committees were added and more volunteers became involved in the organization.

The biggest increase came in the following decade. In 2013, about 850 students participated in OLMUN, making it the largest conference of its kind in Germany. The international character

of the event also became more important. Students from many countries travelled to Oldenburg to debate global issues and meet people from different cultures.

Today, OLMUN welcomes more than 750 delegates and over 1,000 participants in total. Students from around 15 countries take part every year. The conference now offers thirteen committees, giving participants the opportunity to discuss a wide range of topics.

The organization behind the event has also changed over the years. Around 80 members of the so-called Inner Circle work throughout the year to prepare the conference. They are supported by many additional volunteers during the

event itself.

Like many international events, OLMUN faced challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020 conference had to be cancelled, but the organizers managed to continue the project in the following years. Since then, the conference has recovered successfully and continues to attract participants from around the world.

Looking back at the past 25 years, the numbers clearly show how much OLMUN has changed. From only 100 participants and three committees, it has developed into a large international conference with thousands of participants and a strong reputation far beyond Oldenburg.



by Niklas Mühlmann, Piet Schultz, Tim Kramer

DELEGATE SPOTLIGHT

Today: OLMUN Fashion

As the OLMUN is an event that requires formal clothing and even has a detailed dress code, most OLMUN participants dress the same. A dark blue or black suit seem like a fitting and easy choice to meet the expectations. But besides that, some people show that you can stand out in a

by Anna Vossmann

fashionable outfit while dressing as formal as requested. We want to present the alternatives to the classic suits and therefore created a collection of the 15 best dressed people during the first day of OLMUN. We hope this inspires some in their choice of clothing for the following OLMUN days.



GOSSIP

Opening Ceremony Gossip

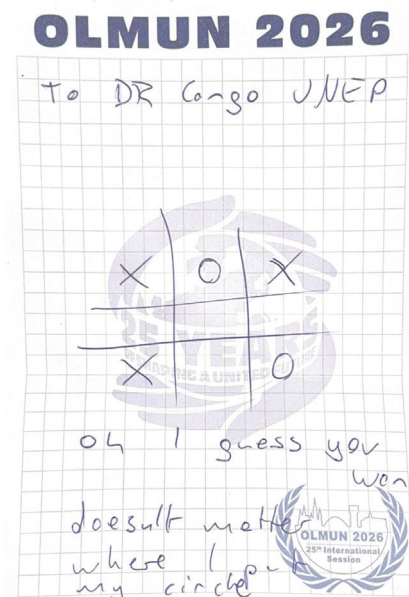
The opening ceremony turned out to be a good deal livelier than expected, with order proving rather hard to maintain.

Rather than sticking to the official note-passing procedure, a number of delegates simply got up and delivered their messages in person, which left the room noisy and a little disorganized. The president had to step in after almost every speech to remind everyone that clapping between opening statements wasn't allowed — a reminder more than a few delegates happily ignored. When some began whistling, the president repeatedly called for quiet and eventually warned that disruptive delegates would be escorted out if it continued.

Not all of the notes making the rounds were on point, either. One read *"We're gonna bomb the shit out of you!"*, later held up as an example of how not to behave. Another, shown in the picture, contained a game of Tic-Tac-Toe — a sign that some delegates were rather less focused on the ceremony than others.

All in all, the opening ceremony was far more chaotic than planned, with the president spending a good part of it simply trying to restore order.

by Louisa Pendt



WHAT'S ON

Volleyball

TONIGHT

Volleyball

When · 19.00 -22.00

Where · Behind the Weser Ems Hallen

The Entertainment Managers have organized volleyball and soccer activities at the Weser-Ems-Wiesen. Participants can compete, challenge friends, or simply enjoy a variety of fun games.



How to get there - Directions by your Entertainment Managers Ben Harenbrock and Bjarne Primavesi

JUST FOR FUN

OLMUN Bingo

Somebody wears white sneakers.	A Delegate drinks three coffees.	The microphone doesn't work.	Writing gossip.	»Point of Personal Privilege«
Following OLMUN on Instagram	»fruitful debates«	Eating 5 cookies in a cookie break	Meeting somebody with a good outfit.	Not present at the Roll Call.
„Clapping is not in order!“	„Honorable Chair, esteemed Delegates.“		Making a friend during the conference.	A Delegate uses a word nobody understands.
Going downtown to grab some lunch.	Someone gets punished.	A delegate refers to himself in the first person	„Could the Delegate please repeat the question?“	Karaoke
Reading your committee's guide	Spotting a Delegate playing on their iPad.	Someone abstains from voting	„We yield the floor back.“	Not having listened to a speech. ...

Rules of Procedure

- Cross out Box if Event occurs
- Stay focused to not overhear something
- Train for the big Closing Ceremony Bingo ;)
- The goal is to get five in a row (Bingo): horizontal, vertical, or diagonal
- If you have a Bingo,

by Pia Timmer

Awareness at OLMUN



OLMUN aims to be a place where everyone feels welcome, respected, and safe. To support this goal, our Awareness Team consists of 17 Trust Persons and 2 Ombudspersons who are available throughout the entire conference.

You can recognize us by our pink badges and, during evening events, by our pink vests.

Whether you are feeling stressed, overwhelmed, lonely, uncomfortable, or simply need someone to talk to, we are here to listen and support you without judgement.

OLMUN brings together people from many different backgrounds and perspectives. While this diversity is one of our greatest strengths, conflicts or uncomfortable situations can sometimes arise. Our Awareness Team is here to help ensure that OLMUN remains a safe space based on respect, fairness, equality, and mutual understanding.

If you ever need support – in any situation – please reach out. You are not alone.

GET IN TOUCH

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OLMUN 2026 Merch — get yours!

Like every year, OLMUN offers exclusive merchandise! This gives you the opportunity to take a memorable item home to remind you of the great time you had at OLMUN.

Choose from our selection of T-shirts, a polo shirt, pins and a tote bag. The T-shirts are available in men's and women's fits and come in the sizes XS–XXL.

You can find our merchandise at the Opening Ceremony, during the evening activities and at the Closing Ceremony. Don't miss the chance of taking home a lasting memory of your OLMUN experience!

