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# For the Tourists

*Pippa Uijtewaal*

Spending a day debating resolutions can be exhausting. Delegates that spend a whole day at MUNISH may be inclined to spend the rest of the day having fun in a new city. The Hague is a truly international city which, though it may be large and unknown, has many delights on offer. Here are some recommendations for delegates new to The Hague to check out.

If delegates are looking for a quick and delicious snack on the go, it is highly recommended to go to the Asian oriental in the city centre. This store offers some great mini springrolls. Despite there being an oriental in every country, these delicious savoury snacks are delicious and incredibly cheap.

If the delegate is rather someone who would want to sit back and relax in a cute café with nice coffee and pastry, highly recommended is the “bookstore café” right in the heart of the centrum. This café has the most amazing and cosy vibes and is open until 8PM.



Dining places are definitely my expertise, if you want a relaxed atmosphere with the best food I recommend that you check out the restaurant “VIP (Very Important Pizza)”. This restaurant mainly serves Italian cuisine for a fair price, and their pizza may be the best I've ever had.

The restaurant “little V” is a whole experience by itself. It is decorated beautifully to make it feel like you've been transported into a different world. Little V is a restaurant which serves Vietnamese cuisine and is absolutely delicious.



Now these recommendations may be good, but they do not serve typical Dutch food. If a delegate really wants a cultural experience on your visit to the Netherlands, they must search for oliebollen. Spread over the city, there are dozens of street carts that sell oliebollen, a type of fried dough Dutch people eat every new years. There are two types of oliebollen; a plain one, or one with raisins. No matter which one the delegate gets, make sure to add some powdered sugar on top.







## Spotlight: The Academic Advisors

*Sterre Blaauw*

The Academic Advisor team includes: Emile Marette, Dahab Kamel, Isabel Hasselaar, Christina Schlegel, Maria Clara Ignat Bernabeu and Robbie Pope, but what is their function at this conference?

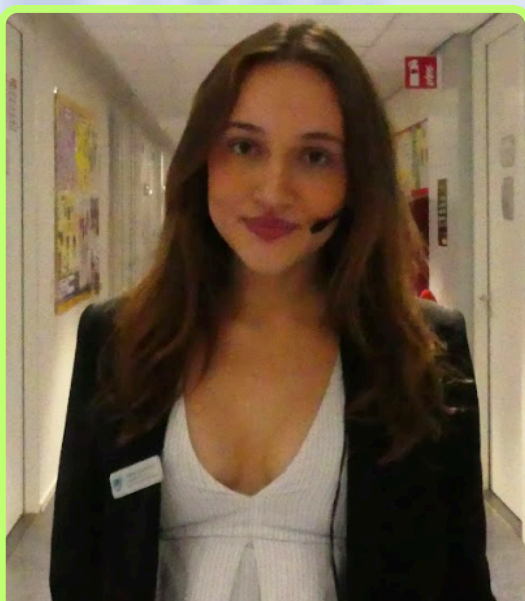
Academic Advisors are responsible for choosing the conference theme and issues that will be debated in each of the committees, appointing the StOff, reviewing research reports and the overall quality of the debate. They train and communicate regularly with the StOff team and every morning of MUNISH have briefings with the StOff team to make it the best possible conference with insightful debate for all delegates. The AA's are also responsible for organising workshops that will be held throughout this weekend. Isabel Hasselaar herself will be telling us how she contributes to this job at the 34th MUNISH conference!



**How does your role as an AA contribute to the organization of the conference?**

“The AA position has a lot to do. Before the conference our organisation includes deciding a theme for the conference, which then sets the stage for all further tasks. These tasks include picking all of the committee issues and also picking all the committees. We have a little room in what committees we want to pick and pick issues that align with the theme. This year we chose ‘The Commission on Narcotic Drugs’ as one of our commissions. We pick all of the StOff members both internally and externally and interview them to pick the best possible candidates. We also review the research reports they write. Throughout the conference we stay in constant communication with them, to ensure the conference runs as smoothly as possible for the delegates. We also run all the StOff training, to ensure they are prepared for the conference and know how to make it the best possible for all the delegates attending MUNISH. We have daily StOff briefings where we, break the ice with chairs, inform them of expectations, and explain how chairs can use technology to their benefit in the conference to make it easier for them.”

**Why did you choose to apply for the Academic Advisor position in the first place?**



**Isabel Hasselaar**

“I have always been on the delegate and debate side of Model United Nations. I was a delegate four times and a StOff member once, so I decided to apply as an Academic Advisor as I thought this would be the role that best aligned with that part of the conference. The part I love about the conference. The issues, the committees, the debate, and it's true I pick the issues I oversee debate so I'm very happy with my choice.”



**Why do you think this year's chosen theme  
"Multilateralism: Building Pathways to Peace and  
Security" is so important in today's world?**

"In the last couple of years, we have seen the outbreak of so many conflicts. From Ukraine to the war in Gaza, but also internal conflicts. I think this is why peace and security is so important because we are living in an unpeaceful world, an insecure world. The way we can achieve world peace is through multilateralism and that is the true essence of the Model United Nations. It's working together, nations coming together to try and solve the issues of peace and security.

**What is your personal favourite committee and issue  
that is being discussed this weekend at MUNISH?**

"My favourite issue this year is the Security Council, the reintegration of Palestinians. The Futuristic Security Council is also really interesting, they discuss Artificial Intelligence and what that will look like in a couple of years. I helped pick both as we all work together as AAs and help each other reach insightful issues and committees for the conference even if it is not in our respective committee."

**What makes you most excited about MUNISH?**

"Again, I've always been on the delegate and StOff side of MUN so what I am finding super interesting now is being on the organisational side of the conference. It's so different to being a delegate. I am walking around so much more, and working so closely with the Board of Directors. I am super excited to see all my chairs and all their hard work."

**What is one piece of advice that you would give to all the  
delegates taking part in MUNISH for the first time this  
year?**

"What I found was that I was super nervous the first time I spoke, but the more I spoke the more I wanted to. I think it's a matter of doing it for the first time. Once you have spoken up, you're going to have such a rush and excitement and you're really going to want to speak more. You just have to push through that first speech, or first POI and then you'll start to feel excitement to do it more and more and you won't want to stop engaging in debate."



# Celebrity Look Alikes



**Layla Fennelly**



**Michelle Trachtenburg**



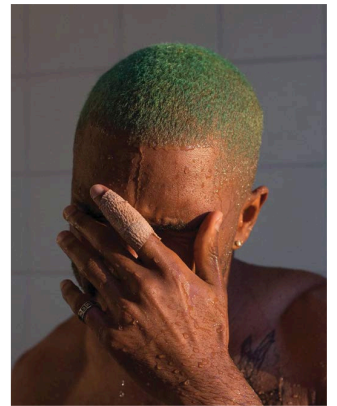
**Fenne Hubbers**



**Amanda Seyfried**



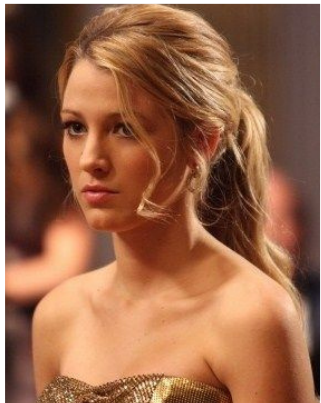
**Raphael Cohen**



**Frank Ocean**



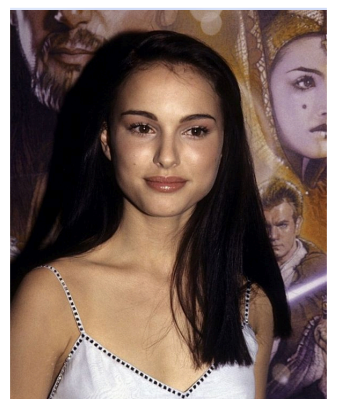
**Evi van den Berg**



**Blake Lively**



**Isabel Hasselaar**



**Natalie Portman**

*Do you see  
any familiar  
faces?*





**Hugo van der Wal  
Edgecomb**



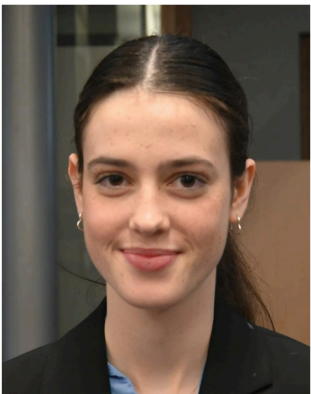
**Pedro Pony**



**Aoibheann  
Fitzgerald**



**Lindsay Lohan**



**Eve Bergin**



**Anne Hathaway**



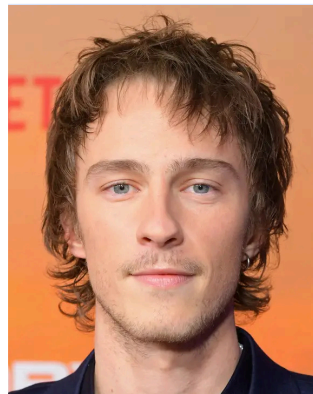
**Felix Gordon Graf**



**Mike Ross**



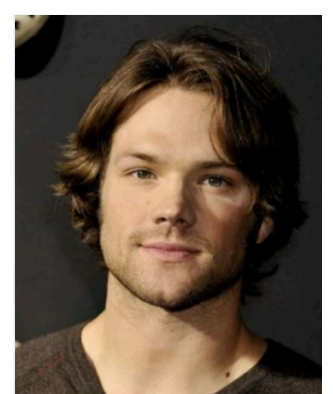
**Norbert Gontarski**



**Drew Starkey**



**Jonas Jusgoerd**



**Jared Padalecki**





# Behind the scenes with the secretariat

*Evi van den Berg*

Behind the scenes of the MUNISH, the secretariat operates as the core team. They are responsible for setting up logistical and administrative tasks that will further benefit the conference and not only that, but they chase the recurring conflicts and ensure they are minimised. This job requires the ability to work through stress, focus and the consistent application of problem-solving skills throughout the three days.

Each morning before the conferences commence, the secretariat arrives at school for their early morning briefing at 7:30 AM. They discuss the happenings of the day and aid in working out the schedule of each job present within the conference. Furthermore, they chase conflicts and solve them to confirm that it will not be an issue for the day, when delegates are missing plat cards, delegations are missing or staff is missing, they are the ones to go to and ask. In the morning brief, they keep a positive atmosphere, whilst ensuring the BOD receives both constructive and critical feedback.

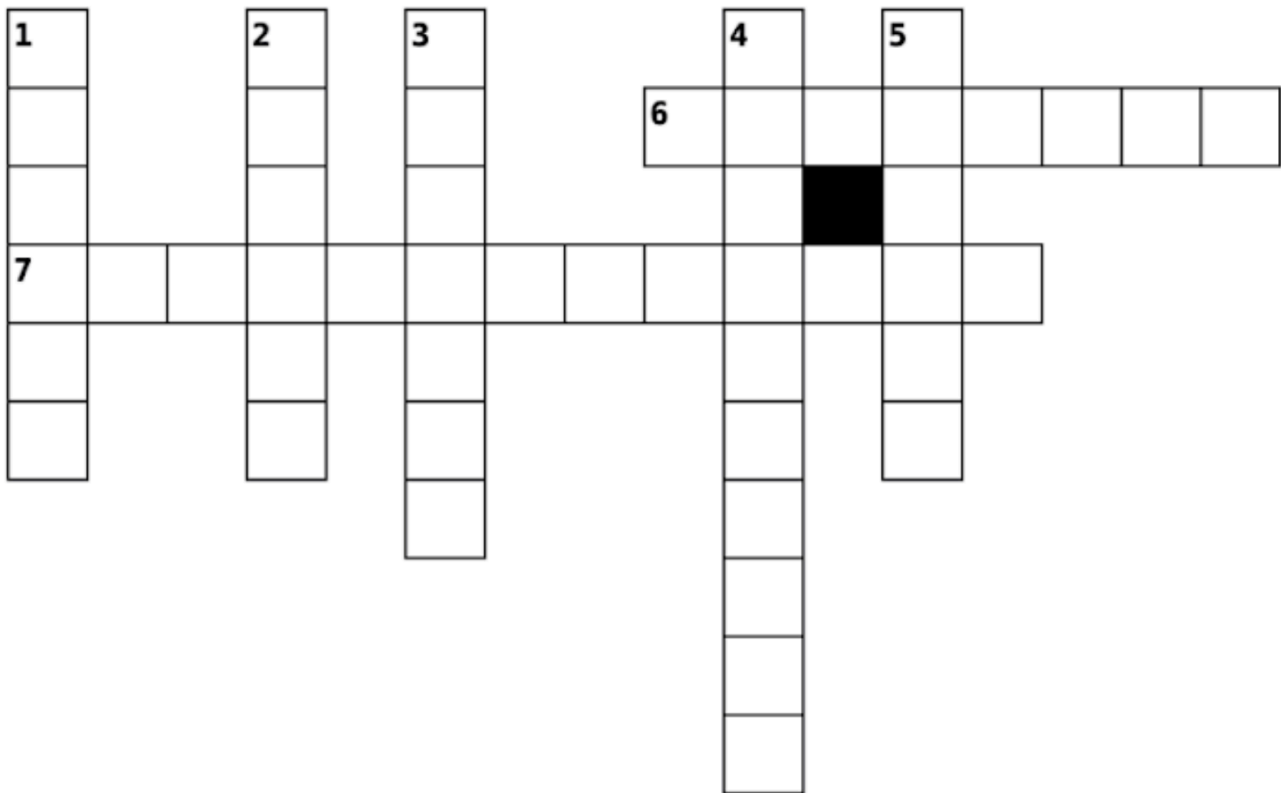


Along with this, the secretariat preplans the entire conference. Months of planning are spent discussing the theme, where the committees are placed and the schedule of the entirety. They follow the registration and count up the people attending and the people working to keep MUNISH working well. The DSGs and SG distribute the jobs accordingly and at the beginning of each day discuss what needs to be done and what needs to no longer be done. Every complaint, every piece of feedback and suggestion goes through them, is discussed and integrated to continually improve the conference as a whole.

They hold speeches during the opening and the closing ceremony, they explain the conference and congratulate its success. After a long day of solving conflict, proposing new plans and working together as a secretariat team, they end at around 20:00–22:00. But their job is not done; by the end of the whole conference, interviews are planned, and a new team is chosen for the following year. They follow the same rules, work the same jobs with a different theme, and the cycle repeats.



# MUNISH Crossword Puzzle



## Across

6. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular an elected representative sent to a conference

## 7. involving more than a single country

# Down

## 1. the best model united nations conference

2. a formal address or discourse delivered to an audience

**3. a body of people elected to manage the affairs of a city, county, or other municipal district**

#### 4. a firm decision to do or not to do something

**5. argue about (a subject),  
especially in a formal manner**



MERCH &

SKINWORKS

How to support MUNISH's  
charity partnership

Zarah Holleyman

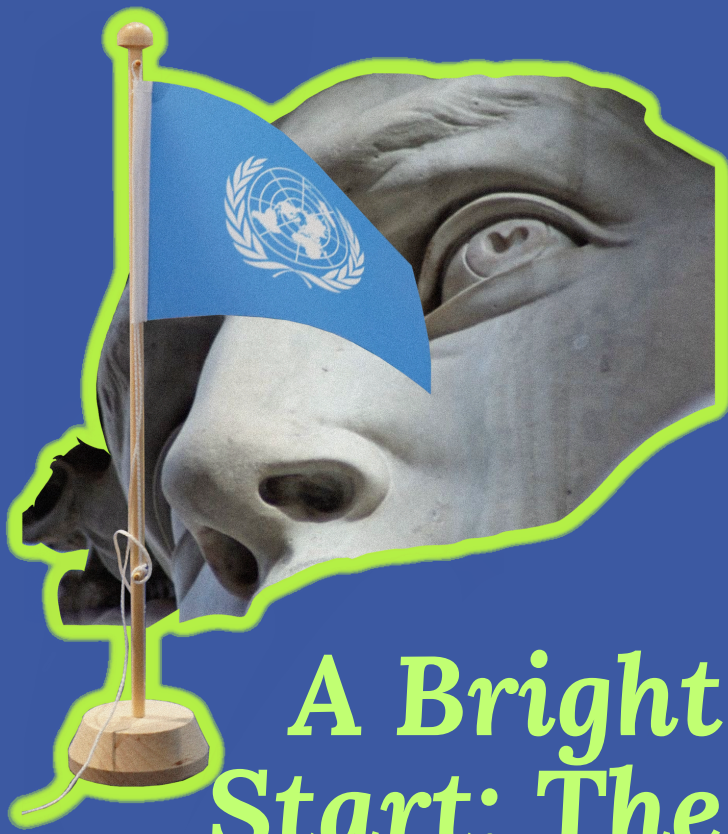


MUNISH is not solely about inspiring debates and global understanding; it is also about the authenticity of contributing to a real-world impact. This year, the MUNISH merchandise team is taking things a step further by partnering with Save The Children, aligning with the conference's mission of creating positive change. This collaboration means that purchases made at the table are not just souvenirs; they are also a way to give back.

Whether it's a signature MUNISH hoodie or taking a picture at the photo booth, the support given goes far beyond the conference venues. Here is how to get involved: each photo booth tickets for purchase at the merch table, with a donation box that directly funds Save The Children's objectives of "addressing children's unique needs, giving them a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm." Not only will all members of MUNISH walk away with memories captured on camera, souvenirs to collect, but also leave knowing they contributed to a cause that matters.

The merchandise table at MUNISH lies directly on plaza buzzing with energy and excitement as attendees go to check this year's original and limited edition collection. The merchandise embodies MUNISH's spirit while supporting a meaningful cause. In short, delegates must not miss the opportunity to make memories and make a difference. Head over to the merch table, buy the best MUNISH items, take a few photos, and understand the support delegates can give to Save The Children. Turning each memory into a meaningful contribution embodies the MUNISH commitment to global awareness and positive change.





# A Bright Start: The Opening Ceremony of MUNISH

Amelie Hugo

As the doors opened to this year's opening ceremony, I was struck by the choice of background music. Imagine, by John Lennon. He invites us to "imagine all the people, living life in peace, imagine all the people, sharing the world". This song reminds us to imagine a brighter future here at MUNISH 2024, to imagine a wholly multilateral future of peace. The President of the General Assembly (PGA), Philip Anghel, begins the ceremony. He speaks of the spirit of the United Nations, and how "the theme of this year's conference is not only a call to action to each and every one of you, but a commitment to the future.

In a world where crises do not respect borders, collaboration is not only a moral responsibility, but an essential strategy for survival and progress".

Following this, he invites the Vice Principal of ISH, Mr. Roel Scheepens, to the stage. He inspires us; "the pathways to peace and security are not always straightforward, but you can often make quite a bit of progress with patience, understanding, creativity and compromise" and reminded us that "real diplomacy is about finding win-win solutions".

Once Scheepens was finished, Anna Vallette d'Ossia, the Secretary General of MUNISH 2024, speaks. She mentions her joy at standing in front of such a diverse group of inspired individuals, and that "over the next three days, you delegates will be challenged to be the engineers of said pathways and to construct bold propositions that embody commitments to collective efforts transcending beyond individual state interests towards lasting peace and security".

After this, the first keynote speaker, Thomas Evans, was called to the stage. Thomas Evans is an ISH alumnus, describing himself as a 'keen MUN participant'. After graduating from ISH in 2013, he went onto study law at the University of Oxford, and is now an associate at Hogan Lovells, an international law firm in London. He speaks on the theme of multilateralism, saying that "at its heart, multilateralism represents the latest answer to a question that has followed humanity from its beginnings: how do we solve a problem that is bigger than ourselves?



Cooperation in the tribe can achieve what the individual cannot, and so our species evolve to cooperate and be social, working in ever greater numbers exponentially to magnify our efforts". It is an interesting rationalization, explaining the innate need for cooperation in modern society. After this, he quotes the declaration of St. James Palace, 'the only true basis of enduring peace is the willing cooperation of free peoples in a world in which relieved that the menace of aggression all may enjoy economic and social security'. In response, he says 'throughout the stage of humanity's development, cooperation has always involved some degree of compromise and renunciation of self-interest in the pursuit of seeking greater security and prosperity'. Once Mr. Evans finished, Irakli Beridze, the head of the Center for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics at United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, is invited to speak;

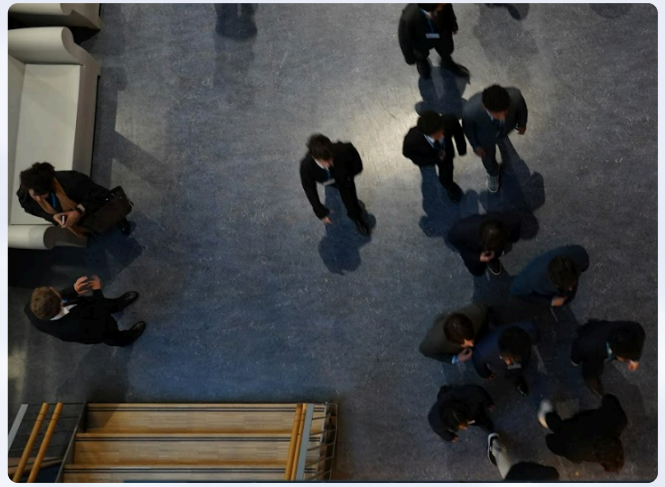
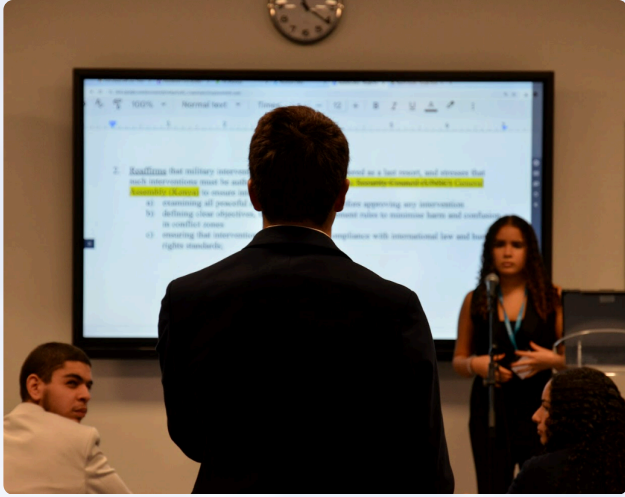
I was just looking at all of you here, and I was thinking; I wish I could bring you there to practise multilaterally instead of people who are actually practising now, because I do believe that you could have much better solutions rather than this world's leaders'. This sparks some certain laughter within the audience. He ends his speech by inviting us to "lead the way, innovate and work towards a better world".

Finally, the ending of the ceremony, the flag parade. Aspiring saxophonists Leon Hugo and Theodore Hennings, accompanied by their teacher Konstantin Iliev, play a rousing cover of the Mission Impossible theme, while the vivid flags circle the auditorium. Building pathways to peace and security, ensuring multilateralism. These may seem like impossible missions; nevertheless, we continue to strive for these goals at MUNISH 2024.





# MUNISH Day 2 (in Pictures)









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