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01 | Vision

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Concept

The Model WTO is a student initiative that provides a unique opportunity for future decision-makers to face important global issues within the simulation framework of the WTO ministerial negotiations. Every year since 1997, students from all around the world are invited to Switzerland to debate and exchange creative ideas in the exceptional context of the World Trade Organization.

Objectives

Our objective is to sensitize our student audience to the current issues of international trade as well as to enable the participants to have a unique insight into the procedure for adopting trade resolutions. In that sense, the Model WTO offers a unique experience for students to get involved in a high-level training and benefit from the expertise of WTO professionals. In addition, our goals are more than academic: we seek and encourage the exchange of knowledge, the meeting of international students from different backgrounds, and the active participation of young people in today's society.

Organization

The upcoming conference will be held from April 2nd to April 9th, 2020, at the campus of the University of St. Gallen as well as at the WTO headquarters in Geneva. The event is organized by 8 students of the University of St. Gallen who are supported by an advisory board of experts in international trade to ensure the quality of the simulation. Moreover, the conference will be supervised by a team of 14 additional students from the University of St. Gallen who will undertake the role of chairs and will be actively involved in the negotiations.



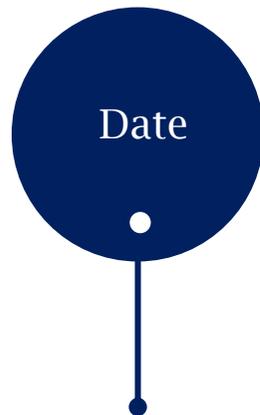
02 | Project

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Sustainable Trade
& Environment

University of St. Gallen, St. Gallen
WTO Headquarters, Geneva

72 Students from
around 30 countries



2-9 April 2020

8 Students from the
University of St. Gallen

5 Experts in
International Trade



03 | Topic - Environmental Sustainability and the WTO

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The discourse surrounding environmental degradation has been rapidly developing in the public and political spheres in the past few years. Around the globe, nations are becoming increasingly vulnerable to the challenges presented by climate change and environmental degradation. Although the topic has received central attention at the United Nations Climate Action Summit in September 2019, the World Trade Organization has yet to embrace a more proactive role in this matter.

As mentioned in the founding documents of the WTO, sustainable development, as well as the protection and preservation of the environment are fundamental goals of the WTO. Therefore, the 23rd Edition of the Model WTO will focus on the role of the WTO and its Member States, and how they can begin to truly fulfill these objectives. The goal of the students' deliberations is to provide a comprehensive framework of possible solutions and negotiate an **Agreement on Sustainable Trade and Environment**.



04 | Role of Participants

Delegates

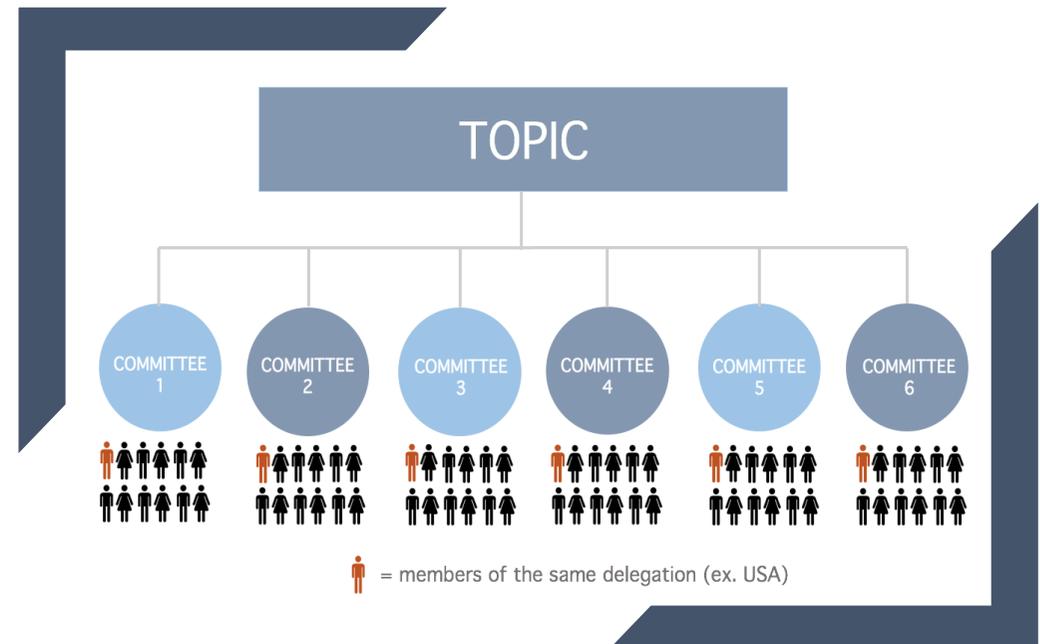
The role of the conference's participant is to represent the delegate of one of the 12 countries present in one of the 6 committees.

The delegate's main contribution comes during the negotiations of Committee resolutions during which participants are tasked with defending the views and interests of their represented countries.

Head Delegates

Head Delegates represent a group of 6 participants that set the confidential negotiation goals for one of the 12 countries they represent.

At the beginning of the week, Head Delegates are responsible for aligning the position of the delegation for the conference's debates and negotiations.



05 | Further Information & Application Process

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Committees

Delegates will be allocated to one of six committees that will explore issues relating to the environmental sustainability of international trade within the WTO. Further updates can be found on our website and social media.

Essay Topic

Sustainable development, including environmental sustainability, is one of the objectives of the WTO. Do you think that the WTO is fulfilling this aspiration? Why? Why not?

Application Timeline



Applicants will need to submit their CV, an essay along with a short motivational letter by the application deadline. Upon acceptance the participants will be asked to provide us with their country/committee preferences and they will be allocated accordingly. Following the final selection, participants must submit the payment for the participation fees within two weeks.

The participation fee has not yet been determined. For reference, last year's fees amounted to CHF 370.

Please fill out the application form and follow the instructions at www.model-wto.org until the 19th of January 2020.



06 | Provisional Week Outline

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Thursday April 2nd	Friday April 3rd	Saturday April 4th	Sunday April 5th	Monday April 6th	Tuesday April 7th	Wednesday April 8th	Thursday April 9th
Arrival in St. Gallen  Kick-off Event Meet your host 	  Opening Ceremony  Team Building  Head Delegate Meeting Workshop  Agenda Setting  	  Head Delegate Meeting  Head Delegate Meeting  	  Head Delegate Meeting  Head Delegate Meeting  	  Head Delegate Meeting  Head Delegate Meeting  	  Transfer to Geneva  Visit Missions   Speakers at Geneva Institute  Visit to Missions  	  Feedback Session With WTO Experts   Closing Ceremony   	 Transport to St. Gallen/ Airport 

-  - Free Time
-  - Negotiations



07 | Our Previous Participants

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“Nothing gives you a taste of real diplomacy quite like sitting in a negotiation room with twelve other delegates, hammering out a consensus document for hours at a time while fighting for the interests of your country, forming international alliances while diving into the nitty-gritty of legality and logistics, and meeting some truly exceptional people.”

Yelong Zhu - Harvard University, USA



“The Model WTO is run by a skillful team of students who demonstrate professionalism, commitment, and passion in arranging every detail of the Conference. The overall result is a week that definitely adds to your personal, academic, and professional spheres through a superb simulation.”

César Andrés Peniche Luna - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico



“The Model WTO offers a unique opportunity to get an insight into the inner working of trade negotiations. The negotiation simulations were a unique experience to discuss and learn from exceptionally talented people from across the world.”

Andrew Lunardi - Oxford University, UK



“For the students from least developed countries and developing countries, Model WTO is the best platform to grab the opportunity to learn about international trade scenario, and provides the opportunity to learn more about how loopholes in trade agreements can be negotiated.”

Unnati Amatya - Tribhuvan University, Nepal



08 | Prizes for Participants

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Prize for Best Delegates*

One week of your choice at the WTI Summer Academy 2018 or MILE à la carte courses for the 6 best delegates, each a free course worth EUR 1,800

Based on a multitude of criteria, the Model WTO Team, WTO Experts, the Chairs and your fellow participants will evaluate your performance and the performance of your country-colleagues during the week.

We will take a look on your arguments, your strategy but also how you involve other countries and if you really made relevant attempts to construct a consensus. It is a team event, so if you want to win, you need to make sure that your delegates in the other committees do well collectively.

Prizes For Best Essays*

Free courses at the IELPO LL.M. Program in Barcelona with a total value worth over EUR 3,000

The best three essays will be awarded with free courses at the IELPO LL.M. Program in Barcelona.

1st Prize

40 hours at IELPO – free choice from the whole variety of courses (value of 1.600 €)

2nd and 3rd Prizes

20 hours at IELPO – free choice from the whole variety of courses (value of 800 €)

*Please note that these are the prizes from last year's conference, and are subject to changes.



09|Our Advisory Board

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Bernard Kuiten

Head of External Relations at the WTO and Former First Secretary at the WTO Unit of the Dutch Permanent Representation in Geneva.



Dr. Theresa Carpenter

Executive Director of the Graduate Institute's Centre for Trade and Economic Integration.



Dr. Klaus Dingwerth

Professor of Political Science at the University of St. Gallen with a special focus on the Political Theory of the Globalizing and Digital Society.



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