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BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER: COLOMBIA 1958-2018

With over 7 million people impacted since 1958, the Colombian war on drugs has had an unmistakable impact on the development of Colombia. The country has seen the rise of paramilitary groups like the FARC, a massive narcotics crisis, and a number of political crises that have all impacted the lives of Colombians.

In ChoMUN's first ever iteration of Accelerated Crisis Committees (ACCs), delegates will have an opportunity to immerse themselves into this topic at three distinct points in history. Each day of committee will bring a new period in time, a new body, and a new set of challenges for some of the most influential people in the country. This ACC will be a fast paced mix of traditional crisis elements and novel mechanics that are designed to stimulate even the most experienced delegates. Join us as we tackle some of the deadliest periods in Colombian history and see if your ideas survive the test of time.

The fate of Colombia is in your hands; will you maneuver the country through this war or the Colombian people pay the price?

Note: This Committee will feature jumps in time and shifts in regional focus. More information on these mechanics will be released alongside the our Background Guide.

BACKGROUND GUIDE

BEAU SIMON

CHAIR

Beau (he, him, his) is a third-year in the College, double-majoring in Public Policy and Economics. He hails from Yardley Pennsylvania, a town known for being the birthplace of the Train Collectors Association (TCA) which now boasts a membership of 30,000 enthusiastic train collectors [1]. Unfortunately for the TCA, Beau Simon is not a card-carrying train enthusiast. Rather, his pastimes include involvement with UChicago's Institute of Politics, brotherhood in his fraternity Sigma Chi, and thorough involvement in UChicago Model UN. Beau loves competing with UChicago's traveling MUN team and, more importantly, loves spending time with the people on the team. Beau was an Assistant Chair for ChoMUN 22 on Bayan Ko: The Rebirth of Philippine Democracy Under Corazon Aquino 1986, and (almost) served as Crisis Director for the Federation of South African Women 1980 last year. Beau is eager to finally get behind the gavel after years on the competitive circuit. Please feel free to contact Beau at awsimon@uchicago.edu.

KYLEB BELLO

CRISIS DIRECTOR

Kyleb Bello is an undergraduate at the University of Chicago and is in his fourth year majoring in Public Policy and Political Science. He is originally from South Florida and spends much of his time praying for warmer weather during the Chicago winters. Kyleb serves as Director of the UChicago Model UN Team and Head Del'd at 6 conferences this past year. Last year, he Crisis Directed the Colombia hybrid, the year before he Crisis Directed the Indonesian War for Independence and he looks forward to being your CD this year. Outside of MUN, Kyleb serves as Vice President of his fraternity Delta Kappa Epsilon, and works at the library on campus. Some of his passions include eating, sleeping, eating, watching the NBA #HeatNation, playing basketball, eating and playing chess. Kyleb is very excited to see what you have in mind for Colombia and even more excited to meet you all! Please reach out to kbello@uchicago.edu if you have any questions

MORITZ REICHERT

CRISIS DIRECTOR

Moritz is a second-year in the College, double majoring in Mathematics and Economics. Born in Sydney but raised in New Jersey since the age of 6, he has unfortunately lost his Australian accent but his love for Vegemite remains intact. On campus, Moritz competes on the MUN traveling team and serves as a Chair for UChicago's high school conference, MUNUC. He also was slated to be an Assistant Chair for ChoMUN 23 on the Polish Second Republic. Beyond MUN, he can be found engaged in mathematics and economics research and tutoring kids for the piano. When he has a couple moments of free time, there are 50/50 odds that Moritz is either catching up on sleep with a nap or talking about his love for the German national soccer team (needless to say that 2018 was not a happy year for him). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Moritz at mreichert@uchicago.edu.

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