



## SAN FRANCISCO, 1945

### THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

*This is a double-delegation committee.*

April 1945: As the war in Europe winds down, fifty nations from around the world, all signatories to the Declaration by United Nations, are meeting in San Francisco to discuss the formation of an international body to prevent such a war from ever occurring again. This conference, the United Nations Conference on International Organization, is the culmination of a long line of negotiations and summits between the Four Powers of the Allies: China, Britain, the Soviet Union, and the United States.

Their proposals for the structure of a United Nations Charter, released at Dumbarton Oaks in August 1944, contain their vision for this international body. However, while many issues were quickly agreed upon, there arose many disagreements. Of particular contention, and left unresolved at Dumbarton Oaks, are the issues of the nature and extent of the Security Council veto, future membership in the United Nations, and generally, the vision for the body and the responsibilities it could impose on states in the future. And of course, there remains the ultimate question: what will it take for the smaller nations of the world to accept the structure and organization set forth by the Four Powers?

With those questions still lingering, the San Francisco Conference begins on April 25, 1945. The task before the delegates today is to consider and amend the Dumbarton Oaks proposals in order to write the United Nations Charter. To do so, they must consider a deceptively complex question: what should the world look like?

*Position Papers are required for this committee. They should be sent to [mlupin@uchicago.edu](mailto:mlupin@uchicago.edu) and [rohanshah@uchicago.edu](mailto:rohanshah@uchicago.edu) by April 5th.*

#### BACKGROUND GUIDE



MAX LUPIN

CHAIR

Max Lupin has the privilege this year of co-chairing *San Francisco, 1945: The United Nations Conference on International Organization* at ChoMUN XX this year. He is a fourth year biological sciences major in the College, and is grateful to have had the opportunity to design and run this committee in his fourth and final ChoMUN. During his first year, Max served as an Assistant Chair on *Keep the Red Flag Flying Here: Harold Wilson's Cabinet*; his second year, he chaired the French side of the Algerian War JCC, and last year, he crisis directed the National Assembly side of the French Revolution JCC. During his time at the University, Max has also been active in the University's competitive team, and has run committees and served as an Under-Secretary-General at MUNUC, our high school conference. He is looking forward to simulating this conference with all of you, and if you have any questions, feel free to email him at [mlupin@uchicago.edu](mailto:mlupin@uchicago.edu). Best of luck with your preparations.



ROHAN SHAH

CHAIR

Rohan Shah has the distinct pleasure of co-chairing *San Francisco, 1945: The United Nations Conference on International Organization* at ChoMUN XX this year. He is a third-year in the College triple-majoring in Biological Chemistry, Chemistry, and Biological Sciences, with hopes of going to medical school. This is his third year in ChoMUN. At ChoMUN XVIII, he served as an Assistant Chair on *For King and Company: The British East India Company*, and at ChoMUN XIX, served as a co-Crisis Director on *Calderon's Cabinet: The Mexican War on Drugs*. Additionally, Rohan is an active member of the UChicago competitive Model United Nations Team, and is, at the time of writing, serving as the Under-Secretary-General for the Economic and Social Council at MUNUC XXIX, our high school conference. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to him by emailing [rohanshah@uchicago.edu](mailto:rohanshah@uchicago.edu). Thank you, and he hopes to see you at ChoMUN!

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