



## UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, 2025

Set in the not-so-distant year of 2025, this UNSC deals with the so-called “Kurdish Question.” However, rather than a group of global superpowers deciding the fate of this oft-oppressed people yet again, the committee will include Kurdish delegates from the independent Republic of Kurdistan (formerly and currently Iraqi Kurdistan). Iraqi Kurds have been avowedly nationalist for some time now, but millions of their libertarian socialist brethren in Syria and Turkey reject the nation-state model altogether. What is the true value of the nation-state in the 21st Century? Can this relic of WWI sustain itself in an increasingly globalized world?

### BACKGROUND GUIDE

#### ALEXIS VALENCIA

##### CHAIR

Alexis is a second-year from northern Virginia studying Anthropology and Public Policy at UChicago. This will be his first ChoMUN and would have been an assistant chair for ChoMUN XXIII Maori King committee. Additionally, Alexis competes on the UChicago Model UN Team and is an executive for a hybrid committee for UChicago's Model UN conference for high school students. He is vice president of his dorm house, planning social and fundraising events for many to destress. This summer, he'll be interning at SignOff, a digital wellness startup, surveying individuals' relationship with technology. Outside of clubs and the MUNiverse, Alexis enjoys exploring Chicago and its abundance of coffee shops. His favorite shows include Grey's Anatomy, Avatar the Last Airbender, and Élite rewatching each at least once. If you have any questions, you can reach him at [valencia1@uchicago.edu](mailto:valencia1@uchicago.edu).

#### DEVIN HAAS

##### CRISIS DIRECTOR

Devin is a third-year at UChicago studying political anthropology, quantitative social analysis, and playwriting. He is from Chesterfield, Missouri by way of Davis, California. This will be his third second ChoMUN, as he was an Assistant Chair for the ChoMUN XXII Ad Hoc and would have crisis directed the ChoMUN XXIII Robber Barons vs. Roosevelt Administration JCC. Outside of ChoMUN, Devin competes on the UChicago Model UN Team and is the Under-Secretary-General for Continuous Crisis for MUNUC, UChicago's Model UN conference for high school students. He is a Viewpoints columnist for the campus paper, The Chicago Maroon, and he frequently participates in 24-hour writing festivals like Theater[24]. Devin has spent his summers working for Indus Action, EducationUSA Mexico City, a St.-Louis-based pizza law firm, the Chris Koster for Missouri Governor campaign (RIP), and a WashU ecologist. Beyond that, he also enjoys growing hundreds of carnivorous plants and orchids, watching foreign films and movie musicals, and seeing just how inexpensively he can backpack other countries without getting himself killed. You can shoot him an email at [dahaas@uchicago.edu](mailto:dahaas@uchicago.edu).

#### ANDRE ALTHERR

##### CRISIS DIRECTOR

Andre is a third year from New York, studying History and Political Science UChicago. This will be his second ChoMUN, having served as an Assistant Chair for the Muhammed Ali Pasha Committee in ChoMUN XXII as well as for the Roosevelt Administration vs. Robber Barons JCC in the abortive MUNUC XXIII. Beyond ChoMUN, Andre is also CD for an Afghanistan Committee in MUNUC XXXIII and does research with EUChicago, UChicago's EU-related research group. Over the last few summers he has worked for LEGO, interned with a New York law firm, and assisted with research on border walls. Andre spends his free time reading aggressively long history books, hiking, and watching Fraiser. If you have any questions, feel free to write him at [aaltherr@uchicago.edu](mailto:aaltherr@uchicago.edu).

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