



## Security Section

Increasing global interdependence and growing international exchange of information has gradually led to the accumulation of cyberattacks and international cyberterrorism. Modern society has become so dependent on communication systems that without any protection of cyberspace other security strategies might lose their purpose. Moreover, knowledge is power and to obtain knowledge one needs information. Hence many governments use cyberspace to their own advantage even risking marginalization of their citizens' personal privacy.

Due to the above mentioned reasons Forum for 21<sup>st</sup> Century is aware of the necessity to discuss cybersecurity with world leaders and reach an understanding in specific points. We will address several important issues such as legal regulation of cyberwar, forms of retaliatory actions and sanctions, official introduction of hacker armies and usage of information in social networks. Our aim is to lay the foundations for an international system of rules and commitments.

## Economic Section

Poverty is undoubtedly the most challenging of the key global issues our society has to face. Forum for 21<sup>st</sup> Century realizes the share of responsibility each country has in providing help to the developing countries to fight against poverty and to integrate them into the world economy. With respect to the difficult-to-implement Millennium Development Goals, the Forum has decided to initiate negotiations with the aim of pointing out the questionable effectiveness of current development aid.

The key goal of the negotiations is to develop a new model of cooperation in the issue of development aid with the main aim to increase its efficiency and to open negotiations to resolve the source asymmetry in the world. Forum believes that redefining current conditions of development aid is crucial for the improvement of living standards in the least developed countries and for the reduction of poverty in the world.



## Environmental Section

In the past years government officials have been brought together and forced to sit down at the same table by issues of the global economic crisis, terrorism and efforts to sustain the development of the leading world economies. However, such negotiations have often omitted environmental factors, which are currently starting to show their importance for sustainable development.

The Environmental Section within the Forum for 21<sup>st</sup> Century is a group of representatives of countries, as well as political and apolitical organization whose aim is to ensure sustainable development reflecting environmental issues. The main target of this year's negotiations is to build a consensus on water resources, help people affected by water shortage, as well as to help them obtain this resource in the form of potable water and agricultural commodity. The Forum has great positive expectations concerning the enforcement of its resolutions, which are more necessary today than ever before in the past.

## Intercultural Section

Cross-cultural section of the independent NGO Forum for 21<sup>st</sup> Century aims to help foster the unceasing debate on defining and ensuring human rights. The section sees mankind as a whole, where the position of every individual should be equal and undiscriminatory since his/her birth. However the reality is different. Therefore the participants of this year's conference aim to reach a consensus in defining human rights that would apply to all individuals regardless of their race, nationality, religion or gender.

Forum for 21<sup>st</sup> Century will strive to unite at one table the heads of nation states with completely different points of view concerning the citizen and their rights, together with the representatives of major international organizations seeking to secure equality, fairness and transparency in citizen-state relations. Together we will look for the solutions on how to unite the contradictory opinions of the participants and find the right way and means how to secure equal human rights worldwide.



# The Model Conference

Faculty of International Relations, University of Economics in Bratislava





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The primary aim of the 5th year of The Model Conference is to provide the last year students with an opportunity to expand their theoretical knowledge and

to gain practical experience in the field of negotiations, bilateral and multilateral diplomacy, diplomatic protocol and application of foreign languages. A model-based conference within the platform of a fictitious international organization, the Forum for 21<sup>st</sup> Century, creates a rare opportunity for practical training of students of international relations and diplomatic service in the Slovak Republic. The project is divided into 4 sections and starts with the creation of drafts on the selected topics in the respective sections. This year's Model Conference includes security, economic, environmental and cultural sections, each one of

them enriched by the presence of the representatives of the most important global key actors in the respective field. The intention of the organizers is to provide students with high value-added outcome-presentation of the conference findings together with personal engagement of the invited representatives of international organizations, diplomatic missions to the Slovak Republic as well as academicians, business corporations, journalists and NGOs. Their role is to enrich the event with relevant feedback on the conference findings in each section and to evaluate the students' visions and ideas about the upcoming set-up of the rapidly changing international relations and global politics.



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## Faculty of International Relations

The Faculty of International Relations was founded in 2000. It produces university-level professionals in the areas of international political and economic relations. The aim of the professional training received at the Faculty is to provide its students with a deeper understanding of the issues of international economic relations, world economy, international law, international political relations, European Union, current diplomatic practice, diplomatic protocol, as well as political and economic diplomacy. Special attention is paid to the study of foreign languages.

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## Euro-Atlantic Center

EAC has been an important part of the Slovak NGO sector in the field of foreign and security policy for over a decade. After the accession of Slovakia into Euro-Atlantic structures agenda of the organization has undergone a process of development. Today its membership base, as well as main target group, is comprised of promising young generation of experts in the field of international relations for whom the EAC creates possibilities for further education (e.g. Model Conference, Visegrad Youth Forum 2011, academic lectures or informal discussion clubs). However, the civic dimension of public diplomacy, experts as well as the general public, remains an important part of the organization's activities (e.g. National Security Table series or the Turkish Day). Contribution to the Strategic Defence Review of the Slovak Republic is an evidence of the organization's stake within the professional discourse in Slovakia (Hodnotíme obranu Conference).

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