

RUMUN 2014 Workshops

Improve your skills as a leader, delegate, and problem-solver through one of our engaging workshops, organized by professionals in the field and IDIA staff. These workshops will begin at 1:30 PM on Friday, following lunch.

Civil Society in the 21st Century *Tarnjit Singh*

RUMUN 2014 Secretary General Tarnjit Singh will lead a conversation about the conference's central theme of Civil Society in the 21st Century. As globalization and technological advancements have enabled billions of people to interact and connect in a way that has never been seen before in history, civil society's role is changing in significant ways. As evidenced by recent events such as the Arab Spring and protests in the Ukraine, Philippines, and Venezuela, civil uprisings are a constant and global civil society forms the basis for unrest and upheaval. Students will gain an understanding of the relationship between grassroots actors and global politics and how civil societies develop, function, and interact amongst one another on the international stage.

Social Media and Change *Ankur Choksi, Indraneel Purohit*

RUMUN 2014's Director of Civil Society Indraneel Purohit and Director of INSNA Ankur Choksi will discuss how developments in social media interact with movements for social change. A set of tools commonly used by civil society actors, social media outlets have come to play an important role in organizing protests, demonstrations, and other acts of resistance. They have also become a key forum for debate and discussion of issues in the public sphere. Students will learn about possibilities and limitations associated with these much-talked about spaces for international conversation.

Women, Equality, and Civil Society *Justice Hehir*

Justice Hehir, director of the ILO committee and President of the Rutgers United Nations Club, will be discussing how women have worked within civil society and how civil society has impacted women's rights historically and in the present day. Students will learn how women are able to advance their unique interests by organizing in civil society groups. Hehir will explore several examples of how women are organizing to improve their political and civil rights in the 21st century.

Student Activism in Civil Society *Nida Ahmed and Jose Cortes Sanchez*

Two politically active Rutgers undergraduates, Nida Ahmed (Rutgers AAUP-AFT and United Students Against Sweatshops) and Jose Cortes Sanchez (The Daily Targum and New Jersey United Students) will discuss their activist work and demonstrate to delegates that they can get involved in working toward social change while they are still in school. Ahmed and Sanchez will answer questions about getting involved on campus, working with civil society organizations, and how to maximize the impact of activist messages. They will also explore both the challenges and advantages associated with student activism and advocacy. Students will learn methods for disseminating information about their personal causes, networking, and getting their voice heard from a young age.

Global Citizenship and the Web

Marie Callahan

RU Global Citizens will be discussing the significance of Global Citizenship and Social Media. They will be discussing the ins and outs of being a global citizen in the world today, especially in light of technology in the 21st century. We hope to encourage other global citizens to be humble and to think critically when interacting through the Internet.

Resolution Writing

Ankita Tripathi, Priya Kantesaria, Rachel DiSciullo

Students will learn the basics of resolution writing, one of the chief activities they will participate in during the conference. From proper formatting to appropriate wording, the delegates will receive information about how to create a document that simulates the work of United Nations committee. Delegates will also improve their writing skills and learn how to better generate actionable clauses that could encourage real change in the global community.

Public Speaking

Raymond Wang, Hira Shaikh, Vysbakh Kodoth

Delegates will learn how to be more effective public speakers. Speaking comfortably in front of large groups is an important skill for success in committee. Students will learn how both verbal and nonverbal communication techniques play into delivering compelling speeches. Through tips, activities, and strategies presented by experienced staff members, students will come away with more confidence in their ability to deliver a message to their peers.

Preparing for College

Ally Wepner, Tiffany Chow, Manny Rubiano

Rutgers New Student Orientation (NSO) Leaders Ally Wepner and Tiffany Chow, along with Rutgers senior Manny Rubiano, will speak to students about the process of adjusting to college life. Whether they are thinking about attending Rutgers or any other institution of higher learning, delegates will leave with a better understanding of how to acclimate to campus, from academics to navigating new social situations. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about the admissions process, clubs and activities, paying for college, and more.