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HEGEMONY

Hegemony is the preponderance of one state, or a group of states,

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However, what makes this phenomenon particularly interesting is that, unlike coercion, a hegemony usually has the consent of the actors it dominates. Simply put, hegemonies can be unravelled if the subjugated actors refuse to renew their consent. Today, we see examples of this refusal emerging in all spheres, and this prompts the question of whether hegemonies are still relevant in the 21st-century political landscape.

Hegemonies are most commonly exercised via politics, economics or culture. The American economic hegemony, until recently, prevailed after the dissolution of the USSR in 1991. Its promotion of capitalism through financial aid to countries under threat of communist takeover, and its unique veto power in the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, have given it a disproportionate amount of influence in world economic relations.

However, the rise of the Asian Tigers, BRICs nations, and the consolidation of economic zones such as Mercosur, ASEAN and the EU, potentially threaten this hegemony. In terms of

politics, the bipolar hegemonies of the Cold War have given way to a multipolar world, where spheres of influence are more flexible and there are numerous candidates vying to lead a political bloc. Finally, this change has pervaded the domain of culture as well, with European and American hegemony slowly eroding as media and cultural practices originating from the non-West gain momentum.

It is important to consider that hegemonies may hold some benefits. For instance, the Hegemonic Stability Theory maintains that hegemons are the 'stabilizers' that strengthen global architecture, especially with regard to military and financial matters. Moreover, hegemons – on account of their massive influence and economic power – can also serve as important centres of innovation and guidance for developing nations. However, this can, in turn, give rise to further issues such as neocolonialism and monopolistic control of resources in the hands of the hegemon.

Though we may see indications that certain hegemonies are declining, this does not mean that hegemonies will cease to exist. Time and again history has demonstrated that one hegemon is simply replaced by another; attempts to change the order usually end up with the installation of a new hegemon with its own set of preferences.

It is now up to us to decide whether we are content with the current world order, or whether it is time to revoke our implied consent and collaborate to arrive at a more equitable international model for the future.

By Kashvee Barjatya



Introducing Diego the Dragon

Diego the Dragon is the official mascot of DAIMUN 2022.

Diego's wisdom and experience have been gathered over years of misadventures and mistakes, similar to how hegemonies can grow, learn and change over time. Hegemonies, after all, are not instantaneous phenomena but are assembled diligently and patiently.

Diego is capable of unleashing enormous harm with his crimson-flecked fire.

However, he does not condone violence of any sort, believing rather in peaceful co-existence and understanding the geopolitical landscape characterized by hegemonies.

Watching riots, violence and famine torment regions such as the Horn of Africa saddens Diego greatly, and he hopes that those who need help receive it as soon as possible.

Flying high, far above the clouds, he surveys the world below him. Reflecting on the diffusion of power from the West to the East, he wonders how these changes will affect existing spheres of influence and multilateral dependencies.

The sunlight ripples across his scales, making Diego luminous, just like his heart of gold. He wishes nothing but the best for all those participating in DAIMUN 2022, smiling as delegates, both old and new, navigate the complex world of global hegemonies.



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The Lobbying Arena

Let the games begin

Lobbying: the one activity every delegate has a love-hate relationship with, no matter how much they deny it. For better or for worse, Lobbying and the Hunger Games are often indistinguishable. For starters, both involve a well-camouflaged cornucopia brimming with delegates' worst nightmares.

Reclusive and huddled in a tight-knit group, blocs have emerged, as delegates wait with sharp eyes and sharp knives hidden in their formal shoes. Meet the "Career" delegates. Their logic is simple: if the ordinary delegate cannot understand what they're saying, how can you ever rebut them? Perhaps the wisest tactic is to ally with your Rue – delegates who can improvise convincing arguments to attract delegates. With chocolates in their pockets and an arsenal of persuasive words to help steer bloc politics, they will be the triumphant underdog.

As for the master manipulators, tackle them with slyness. Look out for delegates with wild cards hidden in their sleeves, much like Haymitch's surprising support for Katniss. Hear it from the delegate who poetically proclaimed, "The last agenda is the most controversial and involves a range of countries – perfect fodder for strong debate, to take a resolution from good to great!"

So, sharpen your senses and lunge into the room where delegates battle it to the end to seal their future. Happy lobbying, and may the odds be ever in your favour!

By Somya Jain

WHERE IS THE SECRETARIAT?



ANANYA SRINIVASAN,
SECRETARY-GENERAL,
WAS LAST SEEN AT
THE... WHERE ISN'T
ANANYA ?

DHRUV BHATIA,
PRESIDENT OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
WAS SPOTTED AT THE
CANTEEN...



SHREEVARDHAN
AGARWAL, THE DEPUTY
SECRETARY-GENERAL,
WAS FOUND TRYING ON HIS
THREE-PIECE SUIT FOR THE
FIFTH TIME...



AHAAN JINDAL, THE
DEPUTY
SECRETARY-GENERAL,
WAS FAR TOO BUSY
OBSESSING OVER HIS
CARICATURE...



ADMIN ALERT

DAIMUN

License for Head of Admin



Diya Piramal

Top 3 things you like about DAIMUN:

1. Excel sheets
2. GOOGLE FORMS
3. ID cards

Pick-up line: (M) U.N. I belong together

Superpower: HAS 60 tabs open and a messy desktop but can somehow navigate it

aka. Excel Excelsior (courtesy of PGA)

Height: 6'7"

DAIMUN

License for Deputy Head of Admin



Jiah Hara

Top 3 things you like about DAIMUN:

1. Admin Team, Best Team
2. The chaos and running around
3. The food (Sodexo supremacy)

Pick-up line: I should complain to Spotify - you weren't named today's hottest single :)

Superpower: The Head of Press called me The. Cutest. Ever

aka. Hara

Height: 6'0 (she wishes)

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License for Deputy Head of Admin



Anishka Manawat

Top 3 things you like about DAIMUN:

1. Motions of Entertainment
2. Interesting chits
3. The outfits, of course

Pick-up line: If you were words on a page, you'd be a fine print :)

Superpower: The ability to consume inhumane amounts of sugar

aka. Ani

Height: 5'4

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License for Deputy Head of Admin



Nikita Parera

Top 3 things you like about DAIMUN:

1. Diya Piramal
2. Jiah Hara
3. Anishka Manawat

Pick-up line: I'd vote in favour of **that**

Superpower: can take naps at anytime of the day

aka. Parero

Height: 5'2

MUNFEED

Choose shoes:

A

B

C

D

Choose a blazer:

A

B

C

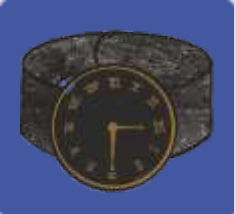
D

Choose an accessory:

A

B

C

D

BUILD YOUR OWN MUN OUTFIT & WE'LL REVEAL YOUR DREAM DELEGATE!

Writing by Ria Chawla

ECOFIN

The first agenda investigates debt traps: MEDCs provide LEDCs loans with unrealistic time frames and high-interest rates, thereby compelling the beneficiary nation to undertake ruinous actions such as selling land and other assets in order to pay off their alarmingly high debt. The second agenda deals with Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCMs), which involve the imposition of the will of a country on another through economic pressure. The third agenda is about the economic and social impact of debt on LEDCs, such as on their long-term sustainability and natural resources.



HRC

The first agenda relates to measures that can prevent corporate human rights abuses. Abuses in work environments have skyrocketed in the 21st century, and national governments are grappling to protect workers' human rights. The second agenda investigates measures to curb human rights violations in Kosovo, such as police brutality, child labour and gender discrimination. Finally, the third agenda is about tackling crimes against humanity in the Gambia. This small, underdeveloped country is battling unlawful killings, human trafficking and a range of other issues that infringe upon basic human rights.



Writing by Ziya Sheth

Writing by Ria Chawla

DISEC

The first agenda at DISEC deals with the political and religious uprisings in West Africa caused by various security issues. It has now become a war-ravaged and disunited region, with famine and disease running rampant. The second agenda deals with reducing the unprecedented levels of military expenditure that are currently characterizing numerous world economies. The third agenda goes on to address the exploitation of the EEZs for natural resources, navigation and military activity.



SPECPOL

The first agenda is about the Tigray conflict. A consequence of the province's century-long struggle for autonomy from the Ethiopian nation-state, this conflict escalated in November 2020 when the Ethiopian government began military operations in the region. The second agenda deals with the geopolitical rivalry in the Caucasus region - it has led to instability in Eurasia. Disputes such as the one in Nagorno-Karabakh have threatened the region's already capricious governments. The third agenda addresses how the nations around the Lake Chad Basin are grappling with issues such as Boko Haram's monopolistic dominance and the drying up of the lake.



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DAIMUN STAR WARS

Illustrated by
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The Yoda – Judge me by my size, do you? They are often the quietest delegates in committee, the masterminds who work behind the scenes to ensure the force remains with them. Even though you may not notice them at first, you'll definitely remember when they walk away with the Best Delegate award.

The Padawan – Ironically the young Padawans enter the committee anxious and full of nervous energy. However, they are often the most loyal followers of the pack, listening enthusiastically to the bloc leader's directions. Patience, young Padawan, you have a long way to go!

The Darth Vader – This delegate seems to weave threads of chaos at every turn. They rule the high-stress world of crisis committees, guided by their unspoken motto: the more controversial, the better. Do not be surprised to see them frequently requesting invasions, war, and kidnappings whenever possible. What was that? You want to drop an atomic bomb?

The Jedi Masters – These MUN intellectuals have a gift for words. They spend most of their time preparing speeches that amateur delegates can only dream of. They are the masters of procedure and can instantly transform a resolution from good to great. These delegates are silent but deadly.

Written by Samika Jain

How To "Respectfully" Disagree With Delegates

Whether the resolution is against your delegation's policy or you simply dislike the font used, this is a comprehensive guide on how to "respectfully" disagree with delegates.

- 1) Aim to criticize the main postulates of a resolution, but remember to start with swag. There's always the classic "this resolution is like a blunt pencil...it has no point." If you're feeling particularly adventurous, maybe even say "I'll go through this resolution flaws by flaws, not clause by clause."
- 2) Criticize the way in which a resolution proposes to achieve its objective. You can go Yoda: "Rotten egg this resolution is like. Heart of gold it has. But also terrible stench and needs to be chucked." No one can find fault with the words of the small but wise Jedi.

It becomes tricky if a resolution seems solid but you have a primal urge to oppose it. In that case, you can do the following:

- 3) Ad hominem: Attack the authority or intentions of the delegation. All you need to do is scream SHAME and accuse them of green imperialism.
 - 4) Look for instances that reflect ignorance, double standards, hypocrisy or self-contradiction. Get up, adjust your tie and point out that the delegation's arguments are as fragile as their economy. It works every time.
- These techniques should prepare you for the cutthroat environment of a DAIMUN committee. Do use them wisely – and don't bother addressing the real, underlying problem.

That's unimportant.

Written by Mahir Shah

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Avantika Kampani



DAIMUN Word Search

S	P	E	A	K	E	R	S	L	I	S	T	C	E
L	A	R	U	D	E	C	O	R	P	M	S	H	G
D	E	C	O	R	U	M	T	A	S	A	I	A	R
C	L	A	U	S	E	S	T	M	C	O	G	I	E
R	D	E	L	E	G	A	T	E	H	E	N	R	S
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C	B	N	I	C	R	E	Y	U	C	M	R	A	C

yield
clauses
decorum
committees
lobbying
motion
playcard
resolution
signatories
chairperson
procedural
speakerslist
amendment
delegate

S	P	E	A	K	E	R	S	L	I	S	T	C	E
L	A	R	U	D	E	C	O	R	P	M	S	H	G
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MUNfeed Quiz

Mostly A's:
ALPHA ADMIN -
DAIMUN's
unofficial
monarch

Mostly B's:
POSH PRESS-
Whose outfit will
always be 10/10

Mostly C's:
SUAVE STOFF-
Whose only wish is
to be scary

Mostly D's:
NERDY
NEGOTIATOR-
Has the UN's
manifesto
memorized