

Kings Christian Collegiate Model United Nations



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Dear King'sMUN 2024 delegates,

We are truly honoured, as this year's Co-Secretary Generals of King'sMUN, to welcome you to our 10th annual conference. The Secretariat has been working hard throughout this school year to deliver you an incredible, in-person conference with a variety of creative committees, experienced chairs, and an overall successful day of debate.

Model United Nations, a reenactment of the function of the United Nations, is designed for students to come together to debate, discuss, and develop creative resolutions to some of the world's most pressing issues that plague our world today. In most committees, students take on the positions of various countries, characters, or political figures to create solutions for both real and fictional issues and crises. We also offer unique committees that explore historical, future, and fictional issues.

In our personal experience with MUN we have developed many valuable skills that we will take with us throughout our lives, such as confidence in public speaking, leadership, and creative problem-solving. Furthermore, MUN promotes lifelong connections, as we are constantly meeting delegates who share similar passions to us in committee sessions. We truly believe that your participation in MUN will guide you throughout your high school journey and beyond.

At King'sMUN, we provide a variety of committees to ensure that we have something of interest for everyone. From very current pressing issues (ie. UNSC and the African Union) and issues in sports (ie. International Cricket Council and WSF) to fictional, yet real, controversies (ie. Barbieland) and issues set in the past (ie. The Manhattan Project). We strive to ensure that there is appeal for a variety of delegates. Whether you have no experience or have been to a multitude of conferences, there is a place at King'sMUN for you!

Once again, we are thrilled to welcome all delegates, new or returning, back to King'sMUN. We hope that you engage in fruitful debate and have an amazing time at King'sMUN 2024.

Sincerely,

Serena Kalsi and Georgia Apostolopoulos

Co-Secretary Generals

King'sMUN 2024

Purpose of the Committee

The Purpose of the Committee, inspired by Star Wars, is to help participants learn more important skills like problem solving and debate in a fun and inclusive environment. This committee isn't just about playing out scenes from Star Wars, it's a chance for everyone to learn and grow. This Committee allows everyone to be involved in debate no matter who they are or where they're from and minimizes conflict since the topic is fictional rather than a current issue or issue that has happened in the past.

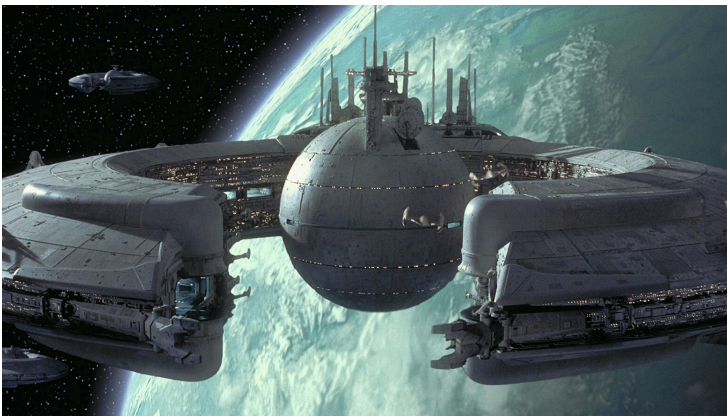
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History of Star Wars

Star Wars was created by George Lucas, and it was a space film series. Star Wars began in the 1970s and '80s and became one of the most successful and influential franchises in motion picture history (Britannica). Since George Lucas was a successful writer before he was in the film industry, he was given 9.5 Million dollars from 20th-century fox in funding for the very first Star Wars movie. The film was directed and shot by George Lucas and was in production for around 4 years before it was released. This original trilogy, which included "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi," followed the Rebel Alliance's struggle against the oppressive Galactic Empire. Between 1999 and 2005, the prequel trilogy explored the origins of characters such as Anakin Skywalker and the rise of the Sith. The sequel trilogy began in 2015 with "The Force Awakens," introducing new characters and continuing the saga decades after the original films. In Star Wars, the Republic is a major democratic government that rules over many planets in the galaxy. The Republic has a Senate where representatives make decisions. The Senate is almost like a big government meeting. Senators from different planets with meet with each other and decide on laws that will affect the entire galaxy. Each senator represents a specific location and works to ensure that everyone's voice is heard. The Senate's job is to keep things fair and prevent conflict, but in the movies, it gets into trouble and eventually falls apart, resulting in the rise of the Galactic Empire. Jedi are the Republic's protectors, and clone troopers, which were originally created to support the Republic, eventually became part of the Empire's military. In addition, the franchise grew to include comics, novels, animated series, and spin-offs. With its enduring characters, grand narrative, and technological advancements in filmmaking, Star Wars has had a lasting impact on popular culture over the years.

The Trade Federation's Involvement in the Separatist Organization

The Trade Federation was a very powerful Republic commerce guild, organization, and lobbying group that was founded in 350 BBY as a business and trade association with its own commercial trade fleet. BBY means before the Battle of Yavin. The two main leaders of the Trade Federation were Viceroy and Viceroy Nute Gunray. During the Clone Wars, the trade federation joined forces with Count Dooku and the Confederacy of Independent Systems which was known as the CIS. The Separatists, also known as the CIS, were a group of star systems and corporations that wanted to break free from the Galactic Republic. They were led by Count Dooku who was a former Jedi, turned Sith lord. The Separatists were formed because they were unhappy with the Republic's government, they saw it as corrupt and wanted to seek more independence. The Trade Federation has been involved in intergalactic affairs, such as when it attacked the planet of Naboo in retaliation for the Senate imposing greater taxation on them (known as the Battle of Naboo). They also played a crucial role in the Battle of Geonosis, fighting against the Jedi and the Republic in favour of the Separatist war machine and subsequently inciting the Clone Wars. Since the Trade Federation was driven by economic factors, they provided the separatists with resources, and armies, which made the conflict with the Galactic Republic more intense. Their alliance demonstrated how powerful corporations could influence galactic politics, demonstrating that the conflict was about more than just planets, but also about money and control.



These are images of the Trade Federation Battleship and the two Leaders Viceroy and Viceroy Nute Gunray

Solving the Wealth Disparity on Coruscant

There exists a great wealth disparity on the planet of Coruscant in which those living on the topside enjoy a much wealthier lifestyle than those living below. Coruscant has 5127 levels, with The Jedi Temple on top, built upon an Ancient Sith Temple. At the bottom Coruscant is known as the “underworld”, and it consists of local stores, gun shops, and alleged criminal activity. In the underworld, spice has become economically pervasive. Spice is an illegal substance that is often traded in the underworld of Coruscant. As a result, those who are wealthier on the topside are far less likely to resort to drug dealing and other such criminal activities in order to get by. They are also unlikely to do business with those in the underworld outside of illegal trades. Many citizens residing in the underworld have no way to escape their situation resulting in generations upon generations experiencing the same inequalities. In order to address this issue, however, one has to consider where all that money belonging to the seat of power in the galaxy is going. For example, many funds are afforded to the Jedi to maintain the Jedi Temple and contribute to their training of younglings. Senators are also highly valued members of society resulting in the best possible accommodations for them and their families. Should one wish to discuss a redistribution of Coruscant's funds, it is absolutely vital to take note of where those funds are currently going and which areas the planet as well as the galaxy as a whole are willing to take from.

Conclusion

To summarize, the Trade Federation's collaboration with Count Dooku during the Clone Wars demonstrated how powerful corporations can shape events for their own gain. This alliance, motivated by money and power, heightened the conflict. Shifting gears, there is a need for change on Coruscant, where the rich live at the top and the poor struggle at the bottom. A practical economic plan is required, with a focus on resource sharing, job creation, and community development. We can break the cycle of poverty by providing education and job training, particularly to those at the bottom/living in poverty. To ensure fairness, rules must be established, and leaders must collaborate to develop policies that bring everyone together and promote fairness and unity. Addressing the causes of wealth inequality and assisting people in moving up economically is critical for Coruscant's future harmony and balance, whether during or after the Clone Wars.

Connections to SDG:

SDG 1: No poverty

- Target 1.2: The trade Federation working with the Separatists increased poverty due to the conflict involved. This made things worse and created more poverty/poor people. They would need to Implement an economic plan that creates jobs and social infrastructure development for people living in the lower end of Coruscant
- Target 1.3: Allow a stream of funding to the lower levels of coruscant so they can break the cycle of poverty



SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

- Target 9.1: Target 9.1 is about building new infrastructure like roads and bridges that are good quality, lasting and overall benefit society. The plan in mind for Coruscant is to create reliable and sustainable infrastructure, which would support their growth and make life better for everyone. It could also potentially break the cycle of poverty
- Target 9.5: Target 9.5 Talks about coming up with smart ideas and improving technology so that it benefits everyone. How this relates to the topic is that On Coruscant, they need to implement a plan that encourages new and better ideas, and upgrade how things work. Doing this could significantly benefit people living in the lower ends of Coruscant also known as the underworld.



SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

- Target 10.1: The goal of Target 10.1 is for poor people/people living in poverty to earn more money. In this case, it would be the people living in the lower levels of Coruscant. What happened is that, The trade federation teamed up with the Separatists during the Clone Wars. This made things more unfair. Since the trade federation was a big organization, this shows that these big companies only care about money, and this can create inequality. Like mentioned earlier, Target 10.1 wants to help people in poverty earn more money. By stopping these organizations from making things unfair, We can ensure



that the poorest people's income increases at a rate that is higher than the average of people living in Coruscant.

Further Questions

1. Given Coruscant's historical significance as a central hub for political and economic power, how might the resolution of wealth disparity on the planet affect the Galactic Republic's overall stability and ability to address broader challenges such as the Clone Wars?
2. Given that the Trade Federation was founded as a business and trade organization, how did its transformation into a key player in the Confederacy of Independent Systems align with or deviate from its original economic goals, and what factors drove this shift in allegiance?
3. What specific regulatory measures could be put in place to ensure fairness and equity in the effort to regulate business practices and prevent exploitation on Coruscant, and how might these measures be enforced across the various levels of the ecumenopolis?
4. How did the Trade Federation's support for the Separatists serve to highlight the possible risks associated with letting large corporations have a say in matters of politics and the military? What implications does this scenario have for the Galactic Republic's future economic and governance strategies?



Here are two Images of Coruscant. The one on the left is the lowest part which is also known as level 0, and the one on the right is level 5127, which is known to be the wealthiest. Taking a look

at level 0 we can see that there are people struggling on the sidewalk, it's rundown, and there is only some infrastructure. Looking at level 5127, we can see that there is lots of infrastructure like transportation and many buildings. Looking at these pictures is another way of understanding how wealth is separated on Coruscant.

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