



# Social, Cultural and Humanitarian





Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee of the 2010 UC Berkeley Model UN Conference. My vision for this committee is a measured, comprehensive, and exciting debate on either: “The Death Penalty: Capital Punishment in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”, or “The Geneva Convention on the Treatment of Prisoners of War”. I chose these topics because they have garnered much controversy and impassioned debate in the international community of the present day. Further, I believe each delegate will benefit from a deeper understanding of the implications, interpretations of each issue as well as they way they have effected the social, cultural, and humanitarian state of affairs around the world.

In order to foster effective and interactive debate, I ask that you research your country’s relationship to both topics thoroughly. Use your research to present your country’s position correctly and compellingly, and be sure to take into account the social, cultural, and humanitarian variables that may or may not have been affected by your countries stance on each topic. I encourage you, diligent delegate of SOCHUM, to delve into an individual level of analysis—acknowledging the marriage of your nation’s societal mores to the political position it now touts.

Over the course of our time together, I know that we will grow as a committee and develop novel resolutions. I look forward to seeing you in committee.

Go Well,

Jasmine Jahanshahi

[jasminejahanshahi@ucbmunc.org](mailto:jasminejahanshahi@ucbmunc.org)

