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THE INSIDER

Luís Terrinha

Meet our keynote speaker!

In the year 2006, Luís Heleno Terrinha finished his secondary studies with a 19,4 average mark and he is now a guest professor at Universidade Católica Portuguesa teaching Law. While he was attending Colégio Internato dos Carvalhos, he participated for the first time the CICMUN representing Israel. Although he was a shy kid, it was an event with a big importance in his life, and he discovered, with the help of his teacher Emília Macedo, he wanted to continue to participate in those conferences.

After getting more involved in this event, Luís Terrinha was the CICMUN Secretary General in 2005. Now he talks about it as “one of the most valuable experiences that I have in my life”

Later on he got a Master’s Degree in Administrative Law and a PhD in Political Science. This year, he spoke to the students present at XVIICMUN where he talked about the importance of these conferences and gave them some advice about how to have a good experience there and what position they may have.

“Thinking about how the other thinks... It is about seducing, persuading and discussing in the noblest way” was his remarkable quote.

Luís Terrinha was always so interested in learning languages that he now speaks German, Spanish, French, English, Italian and Portuguese.

This young professor has won several awards and recognitions like the *Miguel Galvão Teles* award, the prize *Eleições Europeias 2014*, the 3rd Wolters Kluwer Portugal and the *Professor Francisco Carvalho Guerra* award. He also has an honourable mention in the *António de Sousa Franco 2012 European Prize* – in the Investigation Category.



Luís Terrinha during his speech in
CICMUN XVII



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CHINA'S THREATS

“We are not here to play. We will wrap you on Chinese pastries and fry you (...) don't mess with us!”

IRAN'S SPEECH IS SHOCKING UN DELEGATES!

“Journalists and the media are the cancers of our society. (...) Journalists should be sentenced to death because they are the ones who threaten us.”

READ MORE ABOUT DPRK CONSPIRACY THEORY!

“There are no English words to describe it! (...) Some tourists and journalists are USA's spies!”

PAKISTAN'S POLEMIC SPEECH

“Roses are red, violets are blue, women have no rights, neither the LGBTQ.”



Tomas Belmar – Afghanistan

“This is my first year here at CICMUN and it has been exciting so far. It wasn't quite as big as I had expected, but it has been such a rewarding experience so far that I am excited to continue.”

Ana Sofia Manata – Transparency International

“CICMUN this year is a new and exciting experience and I'm very much looking forward to more to see that it exceeds the expectations that I have so far.”

The question of the aging population and sustainable development in Japan

In Japan, the aging population and the low number of births per year has become a severe problem, which is worrying the Japanese government. Due to the Japanese tradition and culture, people are generally marrying at a later age and mothers are having their first child in their late 30s. Plus, single women who have children before marriage aren't well accepted in the Japanese society, which influences the birth rates negatively.

Moreover, the Japanese concept of the women's role at home is still the one of a housekeeper and the person in charge of the children, which might not be the best solution for the Japanese demographic problems. According to *The Japanese Times* «While there is no one-size-fits-all recipe for boosting fertility, current trends in European countries suggest that gender equity might be a key to higher birth rates. (...) Economic development leads to better access to education and employment for women, but household norms and expectations change at

a much slower pace. As a result, the family-work conflict intensifies and women delay marriage and childbirth or remain childless. »

Despite this, currently, Japan's ratings of aging populations have been gradually improving, which can give the Japanese government a bit of hope regarding their economy and future employment. For now, the immediate requirement is to vigorously confront Japanese male and ethnic chauvinism and traditional prejudices.

Written by: Catarina Pinto

JAPAN POPULATION (2017)

Over 65 years old 15-64 years old 0-14 years old



The question of the undergoing Crimea situation and the definition of official borders

Since the first glimpses of civilization there have been clashes when it comes to defining territory and borders. It is in our nature to want more and those who rule countries are no exception; that is why there is so much tug-of-war around frontiers. Everyday conflicts are reported around the world. We have the example of Nagorno-Karabakh clashes in 2016 and the Crimea situation in 2014.

The Crimean Peninsula, or Crimea, is located south of the Ukrainian region of Kherson and west of the Russian region of Kuban. The Crimea situation started when, in 2014, Russia claimed this Peninsula as their territory.

In February 2014, Russian President Vladimir Putin held a meeting with security services chiefs to discuss the implications of the fleeing of the Ukrainian President, Viktor Yanukovich, and at the end of that meeting Putin declared "we must start working on returning Crimea to Russia."

In March 2014, armed Russian Special Forces supported by pro-Russian separatists took over major Ukrainian government buildings, military bases and telecommunication facilities of the peninsula and forced local authorities to hold an unconstitutional referendum on the reunification with Russia.

Ukraine considers the annexation to be a violation of international laws and agreements by Russia. Furthermore, most of the international community supports Ukraine and don't recognize the annexation. Many world leaders condemned the event as an illegal annexation of Ukrainian territory, in violation of the 1994 Budapest Memorandum on sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, signed by Russia.

One of the many consequences of this event was the suspension of Russia from G8, which was followed by the introduction of the first round of sanctions against the country. The United Nations General Assembly also declined the vote and

annexation, adopting a non-binding resolution declaring the "territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders".

In 2016, the UN General Assembly predicated non-recognition of the takeover and condemned "the temporary occupation of part of the territory of Ukraine—the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol".

The Crimea situation is an example of how easily countries violate territorial integrity. This disrespect causes conflicts (even wars) that could be avoided if governments respected the defined borders.

Written by Sara Tavares

An Interview with an ex-student and delegate in CICMUN - Tiago Gonçalves

MUN is an experience for life. If this is your first year, trust us when we say that, at some point in your “MUN career”, you are bound to find someone who will swear for that. If you have been here before, then you know we are not lying. There is something quite addictive about this conference and to prove us right we had the pleasure to meet one of our ex-MUNers, who was kind enough to let us in his own personal experience. Please meet Tiago Gonçalves

How would you describe your first experience?

“My first experience was fun and awkward at the same time. I remember to be there in the conference and to be totally quiet. Despite having so much to say and to ask, it was as if I was frozen, because I was totally scared and nervous. On the other hand, I didn’t know the rules of a MUN and I was trying to learn everything from everyone. However, it was a life changing experience, because after that I grew up as a citizen.”

How did MUN come into your life?

“When I entered CIC, I knew that every year, this school would organize a conference based on the United Nations’ GA. I was quite focused on this activity, and I could participate in the edition of 2011. That’s what made me really like politics and solving problems.”

What made you come back MUN after MUN?

“The spirit and the people. I mean, at the end of every MUN you feel that you have inspired so many young

MUNers and, at the same time, so many people have inspired you. Then, in a MUN, you really feel that your voice can be heard, that, indeed, so many people (like you!), have the dream of changing the world, and really want to do something. MUN after MUN, I felt like that. And, to be honest, I still do.”

Would you say that it has influenced life?

“It completely changed my life! I usually say that I would not be the man I am today if I didn’t participate in my first MUN. I am a person that likes to be involved in a bunch of projects, in associations and proactive in Academia and this is only possible because of my first MUN. When I reached University, I could see that all of the experience gathered in this project (Clube Internacional, CICMUN) made me a very skilled man and student. Imagine that, being under 18 you are able to organize a conference with three hundred people. Imagine that you gained leadership skills that you didn’t

know you had. And, at the same time, imagine that you can be friends with amazing people that will be with you the rest of your life (this is the best part, I must admit). It is awesome, right? Last but not the least, having the privilege of truly knowing and working with Miss Emilia Macedo is also a life changing experience. She is one of my role models of all times, and, nowadays, when I am working and taking decisions, I try to think of what her opinion would be in different situations. On the other hand, I became completely passionate about politics and became a better-informed person with a new perspective about the World we live in.”

Can you tell us one of the highlights of your “MUN career”?

“I guess the best part of my MUN career was when I was a Chair in Iberian Model United Nations (IMUN) and, at the same time, I had my resolution submitted and approved by the GA there. I remember that we had to take several tests to

be chairs, and, when I heard my name, it was like Christmas. Getting my resolution submitted and approved was difficult but it was worth the time. I remember that the debate was explosive. Good times!”

What advice would you give to the new MUNers?

“Do not be afraid of speaking and making mistakes. Always try to bring new ideas and be always critical with the others’ ideas. When you have these three forces within you, you will be a great MUNer, but, even better than that, you will be a great human being. At the same time, take your time to grow up and never give up on doing your best, every day, every time. Life is short, so enjoy it the best you can! Good luck!”

We kindly thank Tiago for his collaboration, and we hope you can see how MUN bonds are bonds for life.

Interview made by Beatriz Lopes

Davina Stamp – Reporters Without Borders (WINNER OF AN HONORABLE MENTION)

“I am super excited to be here for the second time. CICMUN was the first place in which I embraced being a delegate, and being back here is a wonderful experience and I’m glad to be back.”

A special SURPRISE!

Our CICMUN director, Maria Emília Macedo, was pleasantly surprised by her former student, Tiago Gonçalves, who was so kind as to gather, from fellow ex-MUNers, very heart-warming



Tiago Gonçalves (on the left) and our MUN director (on the right)

appreciation texts for our teacher, whose guidance was clearly memorable. Such a heart-touching moment couldn't pass unnoticed by the press, and so, we, as students and participants of this conference, would like to express our thrill, regarding this beautiful gesture. We would like to follow the excellent example our more experienced classmates.



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To everyone who made CICMUN XVII possible...

Colégio Internato dos Carvalhos, once again, was able to hold the MUN conference, where various students from different countries came to debate current issues of extreme importance.

However, a conference of such a big caliber was only able to be hosted through the great help of many ambitious, hard-working and kind-hearted people.

So, here is a special 'thank you' from all the officers to the housing families, that were kind enough to host guests so that they could enjoy their experience to the fullest, to the staff members who, despite from not being from 'Clube Internacional', still applied to help us out, to the members who were able to provide some snacks for the coffee break, to the owners of Santuário Coração de Maria, who had the heart to dispense the auditorium and last, but not least, to all the teachers who made this project possible, Ms. Edite Silva, who calmly corrected our little mistakes, Mr. Luís Leites, whose guidance was indispensable, and, of course, the one who made this project even dreamable, Ms. Emília Macedo.

With that being said, and hoping we are not being redundant, thank you all for being part of this conference. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



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