



GeMUN 2026

February 19th, 20th, 21st

BOATS AGAINST THE CURRENT



HANDBOOK

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AGENDA

GENERAL ASSEMBLY *PD*

SOCIAL, CULTURAL & HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE (SOCHUM) *PD*

- Addressing the rise of electoral abstentionism and democratic disengagement.
- Addressing the misuse of power by law-enforcement authorities.
- Regulating the unlawful use of Artificial Intelligence in mass surveillance practices.

DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE (DISEC) *PD*

- Implementing regulations to prevent asymmetric warfare.
- Expand the range of action of NGOs in war zones.
- Preventing the militarization of outer space as a global responsibility.

LEGAL COMMITTEE *DS*

- The abolishment of veto power inside the UNSC.
- International legal frameworks for patents on cloning and genetically modified organisms (GMOs).
- Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction.

SECURITY COUNCIL *DS*

- Thailand and Cambodia: the disputed territories across the geopolitical system and strategic World alliances.
- The protection of maritime trades in the Red Sea region from non-state armed actors.
- The stabilization of Haiti by strengthening security, ensuring a political transition and providing humanitarian protection.

UNITED NATIONS ENTITY FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN (UN WOMEN) *DS*

- Democratic backsliding and the backlash against women's rights.
- Assuring the effectiveness of legal measures against domestic violence.
- Addressing the interconnection between gender inequality and poverty.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) *CC*

- The prevention of STDs through the implementation of sexual education in schools.
- Tackling the growing mental health crisis among youth and young adults.
- Questioning the issue of ultra-processed food leading to health issues.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT (CIGEPS) *C*

- The challenging and controversial issue of genetic equity in sports.
- The rise of political extremism in organized fan associations.
- Ensuring coherent sport governance in cases involving geopolitical disputes and international sanctions.

International Court of Justice *CC*

- Alleged violations of the 1955 treaty of amity, economic relations and consular rights (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)

PROGRAMME

Legend

CC = Camera di Commercio

DS = Palazzo Doria-Spinola (Prefettura)

PD = Palazzo Ducale

C = CONI

WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2026

What	Where		When	
	<i>Location</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Begins</i>	<i>Ends</i>
Registration	PD	Sala Liguria, 1st floor	10.30	16.30
Chair Worksop	LD	Sala Maggior Consiglio	09:00	13.00
ICJ	LD	Camera di Commercio	09:00	13.00

THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2026 FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2026

What	Where		When	
	<i>Location</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Begins</i>	<i>Ends</i>
Information and Help Desk Late Registration	PD	Sala Liguria, 1st Floor	8.30	17.00
SOCHUM	PD	Maggior Consiglio	8.30	12.45
DISEC	PD	Minor Consiglio	8.30	12.45
ICJ	CC	Camera di Commercio	8.30	12.45
Security Council	DS	Sala Minoranza	8.30	12.45
UN WOMEN	DS	Prefettura	8.30	12.45
LEGAL	DS	Sala Maggioranza	8.30	12.45
WHO	CC	Sala Bergamasco	8.30	12.45
CIGEPS	C	Sala Sport e Salute	8.30	12.45
Approval Panel	PD, DS	Sala Liguria	9.30	15.00
MUN Directors Meeting	PD	Sala Camino	11.00	11:30
Lunch Available	PD All Committees	Cortile Minore/Maggiore	12.45	14.00
Opening Ceremony	PD	Maggior Consiglio	14.00	16.00
Officer's Debriefing	PD	Maggior Consiglio	16.00	17.00

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SOCHUM	PD	Maggior Consiglio	8.30	13.00
DISEC	PD	Minor Consiglio	8.30	13.00
ICJ	CC	Camera di Commercio	8.30	13.00
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SATURDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2026

What	Where		When	
General Assembly: SOCHUM, DISEC and LEGAL	PD	Maggior Consiglio	8.30	13.00
ICJ	CC	Camera di Commercio	8.30	13.00
Security Council	DS	Sala Maggioranza	8.30	13.00
UN WOMEN	DS	Sala Minoranza	8.30	13.00
WHO	CC	Camera di Commercio	8.30	13.00
CIGEPS	C	Sala Sport e Salute	8.30	13.00
Lunch Available	PD	Cortile Maggiore	13.00	14.00
Closing Ceremony	PD	Maggior Consiglio	14.00	15.30
Final Disco Party	PD	Le Cisterne	20.00	23.00

LOCATIONS

PALAZZO DUCALE (PD):

Sala del Maggior Consiglio: SOCHUM / GA

Sala del Minor Consiglio: DISEC

Sala Liguria: REGISTRATION

PALAZZO DORIA-SPINOLA (Prefettura):

Sala di Minoranza: UN WOMEN

Prefettura: Security Council

Sala Maggioranza: LEGAL

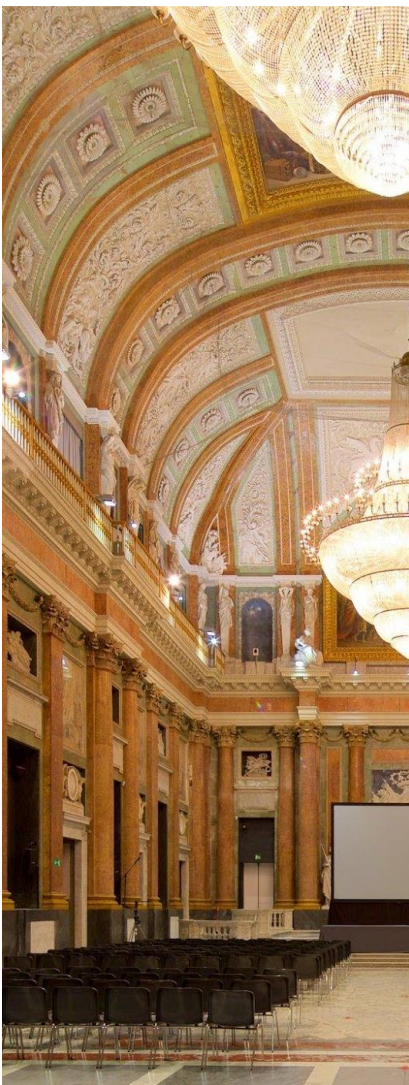
SPORT E SALUTE:

Sala Sport e Salute: CIGEPS

CAMERA DI COMMERCIO:

Sala Bergamasco: WHO

Camera di Commercio: ICJ



DRESS CODE

Appropriate clothing and attire are required to take part in the Conference.

A formal suit or separate with a smart shirt, a tie or similar alternatives are accepted. In the case of a formal dress or skirt, the length must hit at or below the knee. Bright colours are strongly recommended against, as is denim.

Shoes must be elegant; while heels are allowed, avoid sneakers and sandals.

Delegates should not wear sunglasses or anything which draws unnecessary attention, including flags, slogans or logos.

The GeMUN committee reserves the right not to admit those who are not dressed appropriately without any further justification.



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LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear participants of GeMUN 2026,

My name is Giovanni Callera, I am eighteen years old, and I am honoured to serve as Secretary General for the twenty-third annual session of Genoa Model United Nations.

It is with a deep sense of duty that I embrace this role, as it represents not only a significant personal milestone but also the culmination of my longstanding commitment and passion over the years.

Throughout the first months of our charge, the Secretariat and I monitored the numerous recent changes in global dynamics, acknowledging the need for courageous critical thinking rather than complacency. Thus, we, alongside the MUN Directors, formulated the theme for GeMUN2026: "Boats against the current".

In the present-day world, where the regression of rights and liberties seems easier than progress, not standing still and surrendering to the flow is itself an act of courage. Resurgent nationalism, demagoguery, unresolved conflicts, and climate change continually threaten the social gains achieved after centuries of struggle. Therefore, it is essential to truly appreciate that these remarkable achievements must not be taken for granted; rather, they demand unwavering commitment and active protection.

As also shown by history, progress in international relations does not come from passive momentum alone, but rather from constant engagement, perseverance and the will to navigate uncertainty rather than avoiding it. Hence, diplomacy becomes an active choice to preserve fundamental principles and oppose divisive forces through dialogue, cooperation and negotiation.

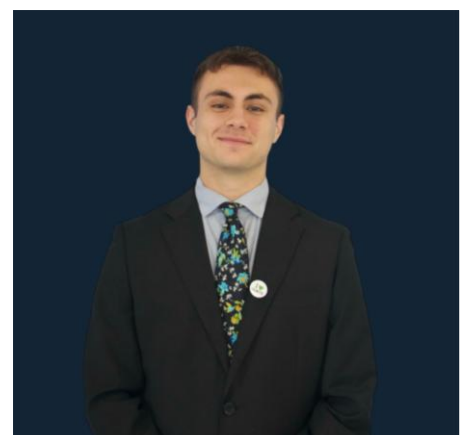
Such effort is not only required of governments and institutions, but also of individuals willing to engage in an increasingly unstable global landscape, consciously setting a direction and consistently working to maintain it.

Our generation is growing up in a world marked by increasing uncertainty, polarisation, and rapid change, where we face not abstract concerns, but lived realities. It is therefore essential that today's youth are not only aware, but also equipped with the skills needed to approach complex global situations with critical thinking and responsibility. Model United Nations conferences act as a training ground for such engagement, allowing participants to confront real challenges through debate, cooperation and informed decisions.

As we approach the twenty-third annual session of Genoa Model United Nations, I am confident that discussions, disagreements and exchange of perspectives will collectively shape the direction necessary to engage with the complexities of the world we inhabit.

Yours faithfully,

Giovanni Callera



LETTER FROM THE UNDER SECRETARY GENERALS

Dear participants of GeMUN 2026,

We are Beatrice Ghirlanda and Pietro Acquarone, and we are honored to serve this year as UnderSecretary-Generals for the 23rd annual session of the Genoa Model United Nations.

We are currently in our last years at Liceo Linguistico Internazionale Grazia Deledda and, although we only met this year, our shared passion for Model United Nations quickly brought us to work closely together. Through the years, we have had the opportunity to grow both as delegates and as members of the Secretariat, collaborating with commitment and enthusiasm to bring this conference to life.

The theme of this year's edition, "Boats Against the Current", invites us to reflect on the challenges faced by individuals, societies, and nations as they strive to move forward in a world often resistant to change. Just like boats struggling against an opposing current, humanity constantly confronts obstacles such as conflict, inequality, humanitarian crises, and power struggles. While contexts evolve and scenarios change, many of these challenges persist, rooted in recurring patterns of human behavior.

The topics developed in collaboration with the Secretariat aim to explore these enduring issues and encourage delegates to critically analyze the forces that shape our world. By understanding the currents that push us backward, we believe it is possible to find innovative ways to navigate against them and steer toward a more just and sustainable future. In a rapidly changing global landscape, our generation is called upon to face these challenges with resilience, cooperation, and vision.

We warmly thank you for being part of this meaningful and inspiring edition of GeMUN. We look forward to share this journey with you.

Welcome to GeMUN 2026!

Yours sincerely,

Beatrice Ghirlanda, Pietro Acquarone



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF ICJ

Dear attendees of GeMUN 2026,

We are Alice De Marchi and Costanza Nastasi, honoured to serve as President and Co-President of the ICJ. We have been participating in GeMUN since our first year of school, and we are now attending our fifth and fourth year at Liceo Linguistico Internazionale Grazia Deledda.

We are often asked: what is the ICJ?

ICJ stands for International Court of Justice, and it is the main judicial body of the United Nations, responsible for solving disputes between States.

The ICJ was established in 1945 by the Charter of the United Nations; its founding statute, the Statute of the International Court of Justice, is part of the UN Charter. The official ICJ is composed of 15 judges (each from a different nation) and its Presidency.

During this year's GeMUN, our Court will be composed of 13 judges, 4 advocates, the Registrar, the Co-President, and the President. The Court will work on this year's case, which will remain confidential until the conference in order to allow the judges, who are responsible for discussing the case, to remain free of any preconceptions.

We wish everyone a memorable experience at GeMUN 2026.

Sincerely yours,

Alice De Marchi and Costanza Nastasi



LETTER FROM THE HEADS OF ADMIN

Dear Secretariat, Distinguished Participants, Fellow Officers and Delegates, Dedicated Admin Team, and Members of the Press,

After months of preparation and commitment, it is a true honour to welcome you to Genoa Model United Nations 2026. Since GeMUN became an established and much-loved event in our city, our mission has always been to create a space where people from different backgrounds can come together, exchange ideas, and feel part of a shared community that feels just like home.

Being part of the Admin team at GeMUN means supporting the foundation of a highly intricate organisation. It calls for motivated, strong-willed individuals who are ready to push beyond limits in order to accomplish ambitious objectives.

Throughout our journey, we have learned that obstacles and responsibilities are not setbacks, but opportunities. By collaborating and supporting one another, we have managed to overcome even the most demanding challenges.

During the conference, our top priority is your safety and the smooth running of all activities over these three days. An Admin member will always be on hand to help with any needs or concerns, while also ensuring that each session is efficiently coordinated.

That said, our work did not begin with the opening ceremony. For months, our team has gathered on a weekly basis to carefully design every aspect of this edition of GeMUN. From drafting the handbook to arranging all conference materials and preparing the magnificent palaces in Genoa's historic city centre, countless hours have gone into turning this event into reality. We truly hope that this experience will be as memorable and enjoyable for you as it has been meaningful for us to create.

We would like to sincerely thank all GeMUN participants, with special gratitude to our MUN Directors, Igor Lanzoni and Chiara Battelli, who have shown us that dedication and perseverance are the keys to success.

We are also thankful for the opportunity to work alongside our Secretary General, Giovanni Callera, and the entire Secretariat. Finally, a heartfelt thank you goes to our fellow Admin members, whose commitment and teamwork made this project possible.

Yours faithfully,

Matteo Barletta, Greta Bruzzese,

Matilde Foti, Iris Stana



LETTER FROM THE HEADS OF PRESS

Distinguished Participants, Officers, Delegates, and Valued Members of the Press and Admin,

As the Heads of the Press Team for GeMUN 2026, we, Petra Porcu and Beatrice Perrino, would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone involved in making this 23rd session possible, held under the theme “Choose Evolution and Not Regression.”

Our dedicated team of around twenty individuals, including reporters and photographers, has worked diligently to produce the GeMUN newspaper, manage our social media platforms, and create engaging visual content. We have also taken on the task of overseeing the event's graphic design, ensuring that all visual elements are cohesive and align with the overall theme of progress and evolution.

We are deeply grateful to the MUN Directors, Secretary-General Giovanni Callera, and the entire Secretariat for their unwavering support and invaluable contributions to GeMUN's success. We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the Admin team, whose efforts have been crucial in ensuring the smooth operation of this event.

The experience at GeMUN is a testament to the power of collaboration, growth, and forward-thinking, which lie at the heart of this international gathering. We sincerely appreciate the contributions of all participants, which have played a significant role in making GeMUN 2026 a success.

With great enthusiasm, we look forward to capturing and sharing the highlights of this remarkable event.

Best regards,

Petra Porcu and Beatrice Perrino



GENOA

Genoa is sincerely honoured to host an important event such as GeMUN and, at the same time, students from the whole world are lucky to have the opportunity to spend some days in our beautiful city.

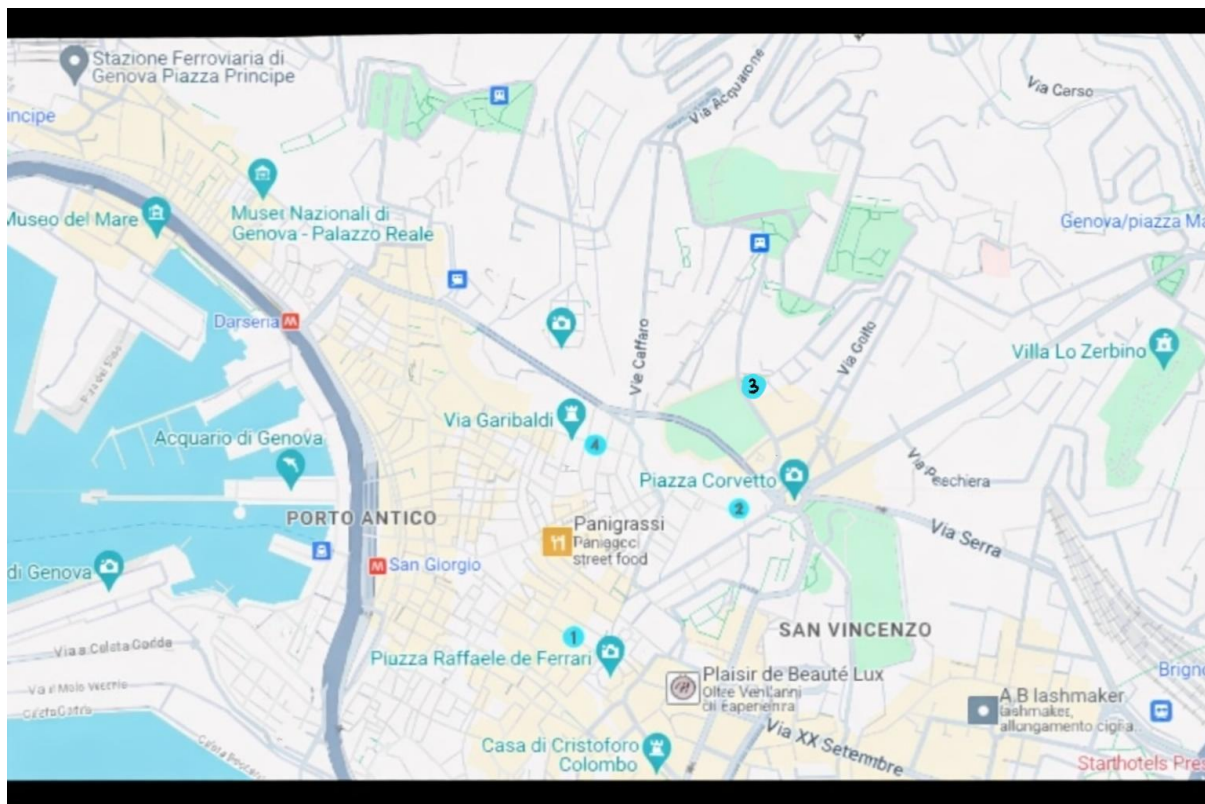
One of the most important ports on the Mediterranean Sea, Genoa is symbolised by its lighthouse: the landmark of the city; the aquarium, the largest in Europe; and the characteristic narrow streets, known as the “Caruggi” in the local dialect.

In Genoa, food plays an important role. If you want to eat the best focaccia in the world, go to Mario in Via San Vincenzo, in the centre. Instead, if you prefer dessert, you can take a walk in Corso Italia until you reach Boccadasse, where you can taste a delicious ice cream looking at the sea.



MAP OF GENOA

Genoa's city center is a UNESCO world heritage site and, as already said, one of the most underrated cities in Italy. It has many marvellous attractions, from palatial baroque churches to incredible sea-side promenades and most people underestimate the true value of the city. Visit the website <https://www.visitgenoa.it> to learn about all the museums, churches, and palaces to visit in Genoa while you take part in GeMUN.



- 1 Palazzo Ducale
- 2 Palazzo Doria-Spinola (Prefettura)
- 3 Sala CONI
- 4 Camera di Commercio

On the map, the subway system is marked with the letter "M". There is also a stop in "Piazza De Ferrari", where Palazzo Ducale is located. The subway system connects Piazza De Ferrari with the two biggest railway stations in the city: Genoa Piazza Principe and Genoa Brignole. There are also some of the most beloved tourist attractions, for instance Via Garibaldi or Christopher Columbus' house. While tourists mainly come to see these attractions, there are many that are not marked on the map. As already said, we recommend visiting the website <https://www.visitgenoa.it> if you'd like to visit this wonderful city.