



# Harvard Model United Nations India

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Welcome to HMUN India 2019! My name is Roshni Chakraborty and I am so excited to serve as your Director for the United Nations Security Council. The UNSC is by far the most important organ of the United Nations and this year we will be discussing the Sino-Indian Border Dispute. I can't wait to have a productive discussion on an often ignored topic which affects much of South Asia.

I was born and raised in Kolkata, India. My family has always been very loud and argumentative, so I picked up most of my MUN skills over our dinner table. My childhood in India gave me great jaywalking skills and an undying love for Bollywood music and movies. I came to the US last year and love the country so much that I am willing to forgive its miserable winters and the lack of salt in my food. My unending store of Maggi, a popular ramen brand in India, and love for the Crab Rangoon at the Chinese restaurant across from my dorm are the only reasons I survived my first year here.

I have been involved with Model United Nations since my freshman year of high school. I've always known that I want to pursue politics and foreign affairs, so of course I took every opportunity to look fancy and pretend to do just that. I travelled to HMUN India in my junior year of high school and had an amazing experience. My director at HMUN India is incidentally also the person who told me to apply to the US for college and is one of the reasons I am here, so I've always been very grateful to HMUN India. When I first got on campus, I sat myself down and told myself I would never do MUN again because it's something only high schools kids do. Two weeks later, I found myself on the staff of both HMUN and HNMUN and as a member of the travelling MUN team.

I am majoring in Social Studies with a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. Outside of the all-consuming activity that is MUN, I am writing a book about the duty to vote with a professor and am conducting research on gender based violence among displaced populations. I love writing about international affairs with various publications on campus and am a Teaching Fellow for a class on American Foreign Policy. My biggest passion is fighting against domestic and sexual violence and, to work towards that, I lead the undergraduate legal committee on campus, which provides pro-bono legal assistance in the Greater Boston region and works on public interest law.

The Security Council is the most important organ of the UN by virtue of the fact that it can pass binding resolutions on member states. The presence of the veto, however, complicates this power and makes passing anything difficult. I hope that this committee can work together to come up with constructive solutions for these two pressing issues. The Sino-Indian border dispute has major regional stakes, so these are discussions worth having and solutions that need coming up with. My background in international relations and MUN, as well as my interest in Asia because I grew up there, make me extremely excited to direct this committee and I hope you will bring the same level of enthusiasm to it!

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. I am always available as a resource and am happy to help. See you soon!

Sincerely,  
Roshni Chakraborty