

BratMUN 2013 Opening speech  
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Honorable guests, presidents, chairpersons, delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

I am honored to welcome you here, in Pan-European university. I am glad, that questions related to global problems are not indifferent to any of you, which is also proved by this amazing number of participants. We have gathered here from various countries around the world. Over the next three days we will address issues that have international and political character and impact.

I suppose that you have experienced a situation, where you had the feeling that world powers and politicians are making decisions on us, and our lives. Today, you have the opportunity to decide for yourself and for the rest of the world. It is only up to you and your conscience, how will you form the answers to these society-wide questions about the future of this planet.

Surely, it is not easy to take such responsibility on your own shoulders in the real world, that's why I think, that Bratmun is the best solution how to, at least partially, understand the functioning of the diplomatic decision-making mechanism about global problems at the highest international level.

Today's world is not just black and white. It's functioning is based on compromises. Yet, the path to compromise resolutions is not easy. One side always has to step aside. However, everybody should bear in their mind one goal-to come to an agreement.

The interests of the majority should be the pillars of any democratic society, but considering and respecting the interests of the minority, that is the privilege of the progressively thinking people.

Democracy is constantly evolving and our generation has a chance and potential to prove that particular diplomatic solutions to worldwide issues could make our world a better place to live in. I believe, that during these three days, you will come to such solutions.

Mind that these solutions should not be ideal only from your point of view, but also from the perspective of those who are personally affected by these questions and topics that you are going to discuss.

Therefore, as the Secretary-General of this conference, I would like to encourage you to contribute responsibly and with original ideas to your resolutions, so they are the ideal solution of the problem.

Despite the fact, that we will deal with serious questions, I would be very happy if you will feel comfortable during these days and get to know new people from other schools, or countries.

We were trying to prepare for you a conference, which will leave profound memories in you and I hope that we will succeed in that.  
I myself was very surprised how much effort and time is required to organize such an event.

Hereby, I want to thank everybody from the organization team for their persistence, patience and willingness to help. I want to thank all our professors for excusing us from the lessons, even though we had a lot of schoolwork.  
Dear professors, we have tried not to exploit your trust.  
Once again, thank you all-without you and your support it would not be possible to make this event happen.

Finally, I want to wish all the participants a lot of positive emotions and experiences from the conference and I wish you all to have the feeling that the world is in your hands.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for your attention.