

# Historical Security Council Guide

We've prepared this guide to get an idea of how the HSC works because we understand it can be confusing at first.

In this committee, we debate topics from a historical standpoint. That means we debate them as if we were in the given year that each topic is set in. You can find the exact years in which the chosen topics took place on the 'committee' section of our website.

When researching, and later debating, it is important to know that you are **debating from your country's perspective, as it was back in the given year of that topic**. For instance, if the topic is set in 1980, you'll be taking on your country's opinion in 1980, and represent what they believed in back then, not now.

That also means, that **your name may vary between topics**, or from the current name of the nation. For instance, a delegate representing Russia in topic 3 will be representing the Soviet Union in topics 1 and 2. That means we'll change your placard when the committee moves to a new topic that is set in a different year.

That **doesn't mean that you just erase all the progress that has happened since then** to the present. If you are representing the UK as a delegate, you cannot turn your country into a dictatorship, as that is unrealistic and doesn't match what has actually happened in the UK since then. While we think that a lot can be debated in HSC to make the past and or present better, these types of huge, sudden changes are unrealistic and therefore discouraged in debate.

An important exception to note is for the delegate representing China. Before 1971, China's seat in the SC was taken by the Republic of China (or Taiwan). However, on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 1971, UN General Assembly Resolution 2758 was passed, resulting in Taiwan's seat in the UN being given to the People's Republic of China. Because of this, the delegate for China will be representing the Republic of China (Taiwan) for topic 1, while representing the People's Republic of China for topics 2 and 3.

In case of further questions, please reach out to our team at [muniss@issev.de](mailto:muniss@issev.de) and we'll be happy to help you prepare. We're excited to meet and see you debate in our HSC in April!

