



World Politics Simulations

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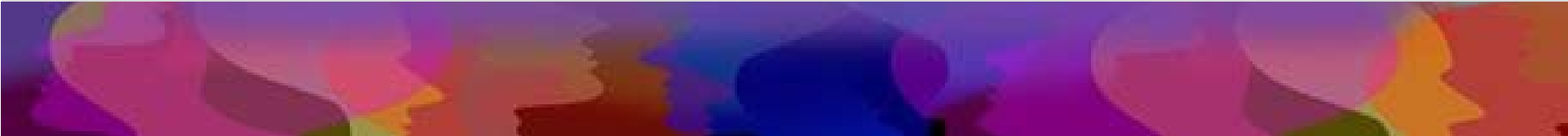
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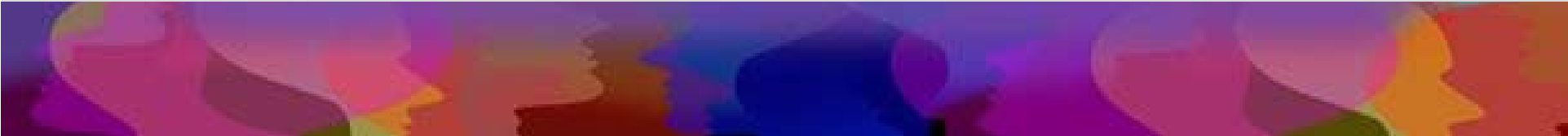


World Politics

- ❖ A process of rapid action-reaction exchanges
 - ❖ Among states, nonstates actors, international organizations, and media organs
 - ❖ To promote values and goals within a competitive setting
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World Politics Guidelines

1. Get familiar
 2. Participate in interactions among teams
 3. Keep updated
 4. Follow instructions
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1.1 Get Familiar

- ❖ Read the opening scenario and assess its implications
- ❖ Take new developments into account
- ❖ Adjust your team plans accordingly

1.3 Get Familiar

2012 Middle East Cyber Simulation

February 5, 2012

Middle East Tribune

DEAD AND INJURED FROM GAZA ROCKET

Jerusalem: 3 Israeli were killed and 10 wounded yesterday in a rocket attack from Gaza. US secretary of state Clinton met Israeli foreign minister Lieberman and expressed her deep concern. She urged restraint on both sides on the eve of the forthcoming Israeli-Palestinian talks in Washington.

Unofficial US sources: major topics for the coming Israeli-Palestinian talks

1. Immediate 6 months cease fire (HUDNA) between all parties.
2. All Palestinian factions will disarm, and Hamas will be the only military power in Gaza.
3. Israel will enforce a complete freeze on the settlements in the contested territories.
4. The Palestinians will cease their anti Israeli propaganda campaign.

US TO DEFEND ISRAEL FROM IRANIAN MISSILES

Israeli sources in Washington: “What is on the table in the nuclear talks with Livni in the US?”

1. Early Israeli notification to the US before an attack on Iran.
2. US will offer its support to Israeli or Iranian moves.
3. US will immediately post anti-missile defense systems and personnel to defend Israel.
4. US will support the nuclear free zone initiative.

Israeli Leader Heads for Nuclear Talks in DC

Israeli opposition leader Livni and US officials will hold talks on the nuclear free initiative. Before leaving for Washington Livni announced that her activities are fully coordinated with the Israeli government.

1.4 Get Familiar

2015 Hybrid Simulation of the 1938 Munich Crisis

The European Tribune

September 23, 1938 (February 5, 2015)

GERMAN SS TROOPS OCCUPIED TWO CZECH TOWNS

Prague: German forces occupied the border town of Eger and Asch. Taking advantage of the political turmoil in Czechoslovakia, SS troops have crossed the Czech border and together with the Sudeten-German Freikorps have seized the two towns. Some citizens, fleeing the German advance, reported that the Germans began rounding up Czechs and Jews in what they describe as "ethnic cleansing".

Frenchmen: "Versailles treaty too harsh"

Paris: A survey conducted in France showed that 76% are in favor of handing Sudetenland to Germany. 54% stated that the treaty of Versailles was too harsh on Germany and that concessions are needed in order to prevent war and to build a stable Europe.

CHAMBERLAIN TO MEET HITLER

London: In the light of recent events, British and French publics are torn apart whether to support Czechoslovakia. In an interview to the BBC, an anonymous British parliament member said that "British soldiers will not die for a distance land and people that none of them know". Due to public pressure, Prime Minister Chamberlain announced that he will travel to Germany to meet Herr Hitler and do everything in his power to preserve peace.

4 PANZER DIVISIONS ON GERMAN CZECH BORDER

Chicago Tribune: William Shirer's weekly column:

The Wehrmacht began concentrating forces in Saxony, close to the Czech border. According to Shirer, these forces include four Panzer divisions, equipped with brand new tanks.



2.1 Participate in Interactions among Teams

Each team member:

- ❖ Interacts with allies and rivals using a variety of policy means, short of war
- ❖ Performs independently in specialized aspect of the scenario
- ❖ Follows the main themes of the cohesive team plan decided during policy formation

2.2 World Politics Tools for Political Teams

1. Suggest topics for discussions
2. Offer to serve as mediators
3. Participate in negotiations
4. Draft, challenge, accept, sign, reject or modify diplomatic offers, treaties, alliance proposals, or peace plans
5. Grant/halt economic, humanitarian, or military aid
6. Threat to use violence or other forms of coercive diplomacy
7. Issue an ultimatum
8. Declare a state of emergency, high alert
9. Move forces or order military buildups
10. Use terror, hostage taking acts, reprisals and other limited violence, short of war *only with the consent of your educator*

2.3 Media Management for Political Teams

- ❖ Make an impact on the news agenda
- ❖ Implement a public diplomacy campaign to build a positive image for your team
- ❖ Publish press releases with official positions
- ❖ Get interviewed using “sound bites”
- ❖ React to media publications
- ❖ Circulate spins and leaks
- ❖ Share information selectively
- ❖ Beware of media manipulation



2.4 World Politics Tools for Media Teams

- ❖ Gain exposure and set the simulation agenda
- ❖ Shape the activity between political teams
- ❖ Get exclusive press releases, interviews and provocative leaks
- ❖ Cover developments in short salient breaking news items
- ❖ Highlight sensational facts colorful “sound bites”, and emotional pictures
- ❖ Plan publications for prime time media breaks

2.5 Media Products

2012 Arab-Israel Conflict Cyber Simulation



The Israel Post
Anywhere, for Everyone
5th edition, 5th Dec 2012

Breaking News

The Latest Installation of Negotiations Has Yielded Both Surprising Successes and Bitter Disappointments for Working Groups

**Syria Reaches Unprecedented Agreement:
After hours of talks, agreements have been
made for a ceasefire and free elections in
Syria**

By Rheta Robertson and Ashley Brio

With ten minutes left in the second round of talks following the media break, all sides of the Syrian aisle came to a shocking agreement. Both sides have come to terms on implementing a ceasefire and free election among other assents, including the right for both sides to hold on to their territories and the right for Syrian refugees to return to Syria.

Discussions were fierce after the media break as the Syrian government and the opposition were willing to seriously negotiate for the first time since the talks began. Defense Minister Fahd Jassem al-Frej and Opposition leader Riad al-Assad went back and forth over the willingness to accept President Assad as the legitimate President of Syria until free elections were to be held. Initially, Riad al-Assad was adamantly opposed to accepting Assad, but soon eased up, stating, "I will make the concession of Assad calling himself whatever he wants, but then until the election the areas under my control stay that way."

This instance opened the door for a final agreement that was outlined by Jordan's President King Abdallah II (see below):

1. Elections will be held in December 2013, and will be overseen by international observers led by UN representatives.
2. All parties will be allowed to participate in the elections as long as they maintain the democratic rules of the game. Any party found using violence in a period of 10 months before the elections would be considered a terrorist organization and would be banned from participating in the elections.
3. Six months prior to the elections a committee will be established, comprised of representatives of all parties participating in the elections, and UN observers.
4. Until new democratic elections are held, the sole ruler of Syria is the elected President Assad.
5. The period until the elections will be dedicated to rebuilding the country so that all citizens are freely able to participate in the election process. Refugees will be returned to Syria during this time.
6. A ceasefire will be in place, effective immediately upon the agreement of the Syrian government under Assad and the Syrian National Coalition to these terms. The ceasefire will be between these two parties.
7. Both parties hold on to the territories they each control currently."

While all sides involved remain optimistic that this agreement will hold, Riad al-Assad still believes the key lies in President Assad: "I think that if the Assad regime can hold up their side for the first few days then it has a

2.6 Media Products

2014 Arab-Israel Conflict Cyber Simulation

The Global Crescent News Network

The Global Crescent News Network © 2014



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KARRY – OUT HAMAS - IN

The real reason that Kerry abandoned the Israel-Palestinian peace talks

At March 2014 the wide-world press published that Kerry decided to leave the Israel-Palestinian peace talks



because the two sides were reluctant to make peace themselves. However, Unformed news indicates that Kerry's second wife, Maria Teresa Ferreira, was flown urgently by a private jet, to a privet hospital at Massachusetts just a few hours before karry has surprisingly left the Middle-East .

Israel's "kidnapped" soldier posting on her FB wall

The Israeli soldier allegedly kidnapped by "Hamas" has posted a new photo of her, with what seems like her boyfriend.



It seems that the Israeli authority will do anything to evade negotiation.

HISTORY IS BEING MADE AFTER MANY YEARS, THE PALESTINAINS UNITE

it was expected.

This is the result of Israeli tough and narrow - minded approach. The Israeli leadership did everything it could

in order to create a deadlock in the political talks. An unended chain of demands and preconditions



succeeded to block the way to an agreement. Abu - Mazen, the Palestinian President, had no other option but to try to revive again the relations with Hamas.

“this is the beginning of re-becoming one nation ”

This is his best formula to gain political survival

Netanyahu's Domestic Problems

Is Yair Netanyahu, the prime minister's son breaking the Jewish chain?



the prime minister's eldest son and , is going steady with 25-year-old Sandra Leikanger

He visit Sandra's Christian family and even learn about Christians ceremonies.

When asked his son's interst in Christianity the PM replied:

“I believe it is very important for our son to maintain his jewish heritage”

2.7 Media Products

2012 Arab-Israel Conflict Cyber Simulation

America's newspaper

The Washington times

BREAKING NEWS



It seems that there has been no real progress in talks at the White House

Israel is ready to compromise on the demilitarization of weapons in return for a promise for future peace and cease attacks on Israeli citizens.

Palestinians are pleased with the recognition as looking steadfastly refused, claiming that the weapons demilitarization necessary for self-defense.

It seems that there is no future for talks today when the two parties fail to reach agreement. But we are confident that President Obama will do everything possible to ensure peace



2.8 World Politics Outcomes

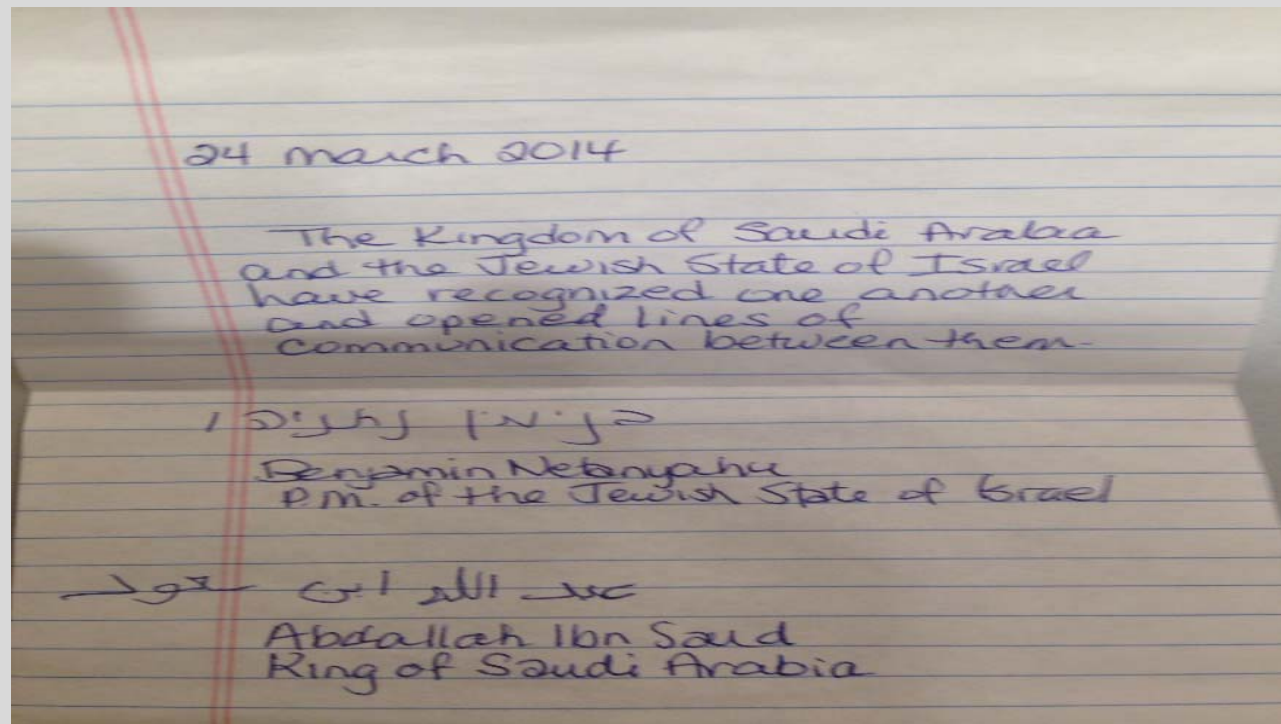
- ❖ Communicate to find mutually acceptable solutions
- ❖ Shape the impending agreement in favorable terms
- ❖ Seek compromise, bypass deadlocks and avoid extreme escalations
- ❖ Draft a formal document outlining points of agreement
- ❖ Formulate a summary document of disagreements as a map for future talks



2.9 Secret Back-channel Activities

- ❖ Use covert negotiations alongside public interactions
- ❖ Check reactions to “trial balloons” and test reception of offers for policy transformation
- ❖ Plan media management: timing for exposure of secret initiatives

2.10 Back-channel in Face-to-Face Simulations



Negotiations can include an exchange of letters or secret meetings

2.11 Back-channel in Cyber Simulations



Ask rival decision-makers to join you for secret talks on a Facebook back-channel group

2.12 Atmosphere in World Politics

- ❖ Trigger lively debates to enrich the simulation experience

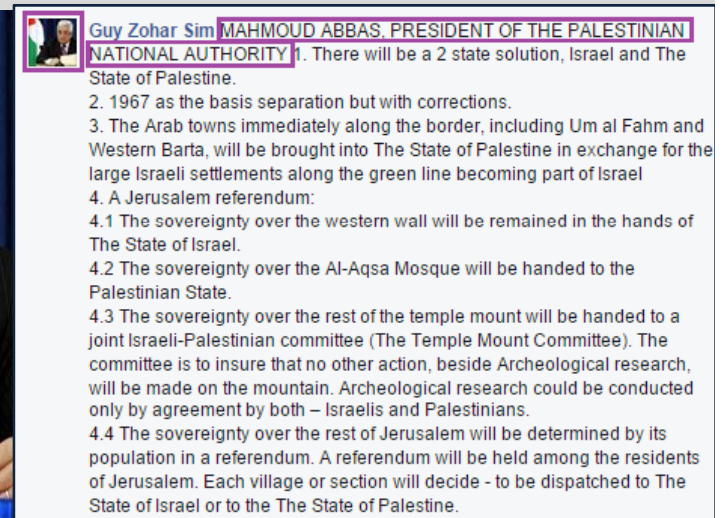


- ❖ Use ethnocentric terminology
- ❖ Rely on body language, costumes and décor

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2.13 Character Identification on Facebook

- ❖ Change your personal profile picture to the character you were assigned for the period of synchronous interactions



- ❖ Start posts and messages with the name of your character and its role in capital letters



3.1 Keep Updated

- ❖ Keep track of updates provided during the media break
- ❖ Share and discuss outcomes and media publications with teammates
- ❖ Coordinate and revise your team's activities

3.2 Ad-hoc Events

Ad-hoc events are “mini scenarios” with new and often provocative information

- ❖ Follow ad-hoc events and take them into account
- ❖ Consult with teammates about positive and negative implications of ad-hoc events for your team
- ❖ Reevaluate your policy plans accordingly

3.3 Examples of ad-hoc events

Gaza: Iranian intelligence reports indicate that non-conventional warheads have been smuggled from Sinai to Islamic Jihad militants, Hamas rivals, located near Rafah.

Cairo: Last night security forces in Egypt arrested five major opposition leaders, their whereabouts are unknown.

Jerusalem: A noon explosion in an open air market in the capital has left ten people dead and thirty severely injured. Israeli police have arrested two Arab at the scene.

Jerusalem: the Israeli secret service arrested ten Israeli Arabs, alleged members of a Muslim Brotherhood terror network in Nazareth.

The West Bank: According to Palestinian sources, an Israeli was kidnapped early this morning, but as of now Israel still remains silent on the issue.

Moscow: A Russian delegation of nuclear scientists has arrived this morning in Tehran for an unscheduled visit.

Washington: On a nationwide broadcast at 11:00 PM US President Obama announced that he will offer a 'New Deal' to Iran in exchange for a freeze in their nuclear program.

Washington: A White House spokesman confirmed that in ten minutes President Obama will present his new 'Roadmap for Palestine' at the UN general assembly.

Amman: Upon his arrival in the Jordanian capital, for security and counter-terrorism talks with King Abdullah, Prime Minister Netanyahu's car was fired upon by unknown assailants. The car raced to a nearby military compound with a Jordanian army escort; casualties, if any, are unknown.

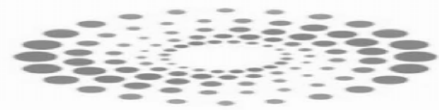
Damascus: Alleged CIA agents were brought to court this morning on charges of smuggling weapons and equipment to anti-government rebels and training them to use advanced transmission methods.

Beirut: Future Party sources claim that an unmarked convoy of non-conventional weapons crossed the border between Lebanon and Syria just before sunrise.

Riyadh: The Saudi Arabian radio announced the arrest of ten foreign reporters on charges of espionage.

3.4 Examples of Ad-hoc Events

2015 Cyber Simulation of the 1947/1948 Palestine Partition



REUTERS

REUTERS NEWS: MUSTARD GAS, AS A LAST RESORT WEAPON, HAS ARRIVED TO HAGANAH FORCES CONFRONTING ARAB MOBS IN THE GALILEE.



3.5 Examples of Ad-hoc Events

2014 Arab-Israel Conflict Cyber Simulation



*US is looking the other way around, as WMD
are making their way towards Gaza*



3.6 Examples of Ad-hoc Events

2015 Hybrid Simulation of the 1938 Munich Crisis

The European Tribune Newsflash no. 1

The German newspaper ***The Völkischer Beobachter*** reports that the Luftwaffe is developing a new bomber. The new plane is nicknamed "The Amerika Bomber", for its long range capabilities. The newspaper said "the plane will shower fire and death upon the capitalist Jew warmongers in America"

4. Follow Instructions


- ❖ Coordinate activities with teammates
- ❖ Abide by the simulation schedule and rules

Activities at odds with simulation rules will be stopped

Rule breakers risk lower grades



Questions for Discussion

- ❖ What are the chances of surprise, unexpected outcomes and turning points in world politics?
 - ❖ Is the option of a back-channel essential?
 - ❖ Why is it necessary to get the educator's permission before the use of violence in world politics?
 - ❖ Why should you be aware of media manipulation?
 - ❖ What is a successful simulation?
 - ❖ What is more important in world politics: friends or foes?
 - ❖ What should a team do in case of deadlock?
 - ❖ Is compliance always a failure?
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Key Concepts

- ❖ World politics interactions
 - ❖ World politics tools
 - ❖ Media manipulation
 - ❖ Media break
 - ❖ Simulation atmosphere
 - ❖ Ad-hoc event
 - ❖ Policy revision
 - ❖ Back-channel
 - ❖ Negotiation outcomes
 - ❖ Document of agreements/disagreements
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