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Istanbul Conference: Negotiating a New European Order

A Wikistrat Interactive Simulation May 2022



Introduction

In May 2022, Wikistrat ran an online negotiation simulation in collaboration with the Emirati Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy (AGDA) and the Israeli Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at Reichman University (RU).

The simulation was part of a partnership that was established between the two academic institutions in October 2021 in the spirit of the Abraham Accords.

In the simulation, mixed groups of AGDA and Lauder School students played the roles of ten international players, conducting online negotiations and interactions for the resolution of the international crisis prompted by the Ukraine-Russia conflict.





A Word from the Professor

Lesley Terris

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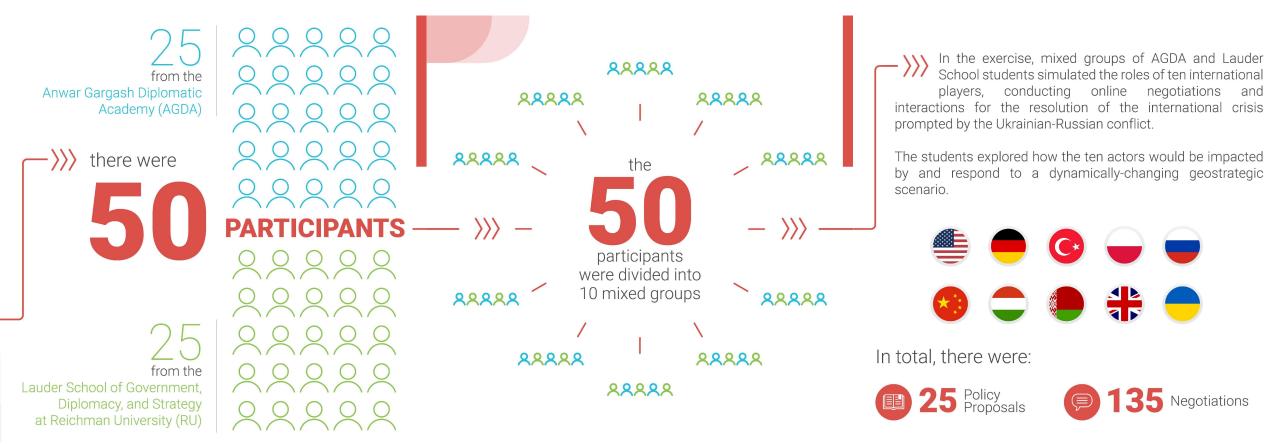
During the week-long simulation, Israeli students from the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy, and Strategy at Reichman University and Emeriti students from the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy worked together as teams, interacting online, learning about one another, practicing their negotiation and diplomatic skills, and building relationships. It was an incredibly enriching educational experience for all!



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Simulation Overview



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A Word from the Participants



"The lessons I have learned during the simulation were endless, here are some of the things I've gained in terms of skills, knowledge, and perception:

- 1) Teamwork and leadership skills from strategizing our approach towards the conflict.
- 2) Critical thinking and analysis when it comes to how states function
- 3) Negotiation and problem solving when a negotiation initiative does not match our agenda as a team."

AGDA student

"This crisis simulation was a great opportunity to learn hands-on about the realities that diplomats face while leading, managing, or trying to come to a resolution of an international crisis. The interactive platform was a good way to have students engage with each other and prepare for the next round of negotiations. The fact that we had to engage with colleagues from another country and culture made it exceptionally interesting. We had to work together to come to solutions. The networking from this experience was such an amazing and beneficial opportunity."

Lauder School student



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