International Model NATO - Washington, United States (2011)

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In February 2011, a delegation of six postgraduate students from POLSIS took part in the annual Model NATO event in Washington D.C. Model NATO is a three-day event in which delegations play out the process of debate, negotiation and decision-making within the Atlantic Alliance.

Model NATO is organised by a consortium of American universities (Howard, Kent State and Converse College) and involves role playing of all twenty-eight NATO members plus selected partners including Russia, Ukraine and Georgia. The University of Birmingham was the only UK-based student delegation - POLSIS students represented France and as part of their visit spent a morning being briefed at the French embassy.

The Birmingham delegation was prepared and led by the Head of the School of Government and Society, Professor Mark Webber (/staff/profiles/government-society/webber-mark.aspx) , and by Dr David Dunn (/staff/profiles/government-society/dunn-david.aspx) of POLSIS.

The event is very popular among students and Birmingham students were selected following an essay competition. In the academic year 2011/12, all taught postgraduate students in the School of Government and Society will be able to apply to participate in the event.

At the Model NATO 2012, the University of Birmingham will be representing the United States and the trip to Washington D.C. will involve a briefing session at the US State Department.

Further details of the Model NATO will become available in the autumn term. It is anticipated that the event itself will take place in early February 2012.

For more details about the recent Model NATO event, please contact Professor Mark Webber (/staff/profiles/government-society/webber-mark.aspx) , Email: m.a.webber.1@bham.ac.uk (mailto:m.a.webber.1@bham.ac.uk) , Tel: +44 (0)121 415 818

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