Model UN Planned November 3-4 at SWOSU

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University will host more than 80 junior high and high school students from four schools in Oklahoma and Texas for a Model United Nations Conference on November 3-4 in the SWOSU Conference Center.

Students will represent 15 countries from around the world as if they were truly at the United Nations, according to Kenneth Tillett of the SWOSU Social Sciences Department. Representatives of the countries will then be put on different committees, and these committees will discuss important topics relevant to present events.

The 1st committee will discuss a treaty to establish the reduction of nuclear weapons and the situation in Libya. The 2nd committee will address the world financial crisis as well as issues relating to North and South debt. The Economic and Social Council confers on the role of states combating human trafficking and the role of the United Nations in empowering women. The Security Council will address the situation in Palestine along with the situation in Afghanistan. The Commission on the Status of Women will converse on gender equality and the world food crisis.

Lauren Meyers will present the keynote speech. She is a SWOSU graduate and is now a student at the University of Tulsa Law School. Also, Bill Bryant, the president of the United Nations Association (Oklahoma City Branch), will be in attendance and speak about the happenings of the organization.

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