YICGG2021 Announcement

Youth Innovation Competition on Global Governance

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Vision and Mission

Youth Innovation Competition on Global Governance

- YICGG is a global summit that aims to provide an opportunity for those aspiring students interested in global governance so as to interpret and spread their ideas.
- YICGG was launched in 2007 by Fudan University, sponsored by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in China and organized by the School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIRPA) of Fudan University.
- In the past fourteen years, we have brought together hundreds of top students from more than 183 countries and regions totally to present their ideas to esteemed researchers and thoughtful leaders in the innovation space.





Initiative and Reputation

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- The initiative to start YICGG is to establish a platform for the youth to meet each other and debate on global affairs, as well as to communicate and achieve a consensus on a broad horizon, concerning all mankind. The process of YICGG appears differently with that of the debates in daily life or on the Internet. It allows face-to-face discussion with the spirit of science, combined with critical and logical thinking, in order to produce a practical proposal with high academic value which can be applied to the real world.
- YICGG thinks highly of young people's passion on global issues. Thanks to the high academic standard, YICGG has been cited as "the Academic Olympics for the Youth" among similar student activities.



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Hosts

- Fudan University, China
- □ Shanghai Rong Chang Public
 - Welfare Foundation
- Huzhou Municipal People's
 - Government

Organizers

- SIRPA, Fudan University
- Shanghai International Culture Association
- Foreign Affairs Office of Huzhou Municipal
 - People's Government
- Talent Office of Huzhou



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YICGG2021 will be held this July, in Huzhou, Zhejiang Province, China.

Adjacent to Taihu Lake, Huzhou enjoys location and transportation advantages.

Culturally, Huzhou is well-known for its rich heritage like China ink brush, silk, and tea.

In a sound pace with rapid modernization, Huzhou preserves its natural assets as well. Crowned as the "National Civilized City", Huzhou stands out with flows of harmony. Moreover, Huzhou, as one of China's industrial bases, has contributed remarkably to the national economy, especially in terms of new energy vehicles, key automobile components, eco-friendly household products, and leisure tourism.

YICGG 2021 Themes

YICGG 2021, with the theme of "Future Community, Youth Creation: Build Smart Cities to Drive Sustainable Development", brings together the creativity and wisdom of the global youth, uses the platform to explore the fresh cases of global technological innovation, relationship between technological the innovation and social sustainable development, and to create developing models and innovative international cooperation mechanisms that can be promoted and replicated.

A. YICGG2021 Themes



Based on our aims, we propose to explore technological innovation and sustainable development from (but not limited to) the following action-oriented perspectives:

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Themes

1 Science and Technology Innovation

The ecological environment, public health, transportation, education and other fields involved in smart cities need scientific and technological innovation to provide support for the construction of intelligence and hardware fundamentals. Using cutting-edge science and technology, the core infrastructure including transportation, energy, construction and housing, and water resources will be highly improved.

- How to promote the incentive to stimulate science and technology in urban governance?
- How to promote the transformation and application of scientific and technological achievements in urban governance?
- How to make scientific and technological innovation embedded in the construction of smart city, so that it will really become the basis and driving force of smart city development?
- How to facilitate a high-quality development of urban governance by using data?



Digital Connectivity

"Smart city" is visual and measurable intelligent urban management and operation approach based on digital connectivity. It combines terminal sensing technology with information intelligence platform to build the "Internet of Everything". Based on this, smart cities can realize the deep integration of urbanization, industrialization and informationization, and comprehensively promote the transformation of urban governance model.

In practice, in what areas can digital technology be used?
 How does digitalization relate to the lives of urban dwellers, and are there potential technical or ethical issues?



3 Public Health

In the post-epidemic era, emergency management of health emergencies has become an important issue both in countries and cities. Smart cities uphold the core concept of peopleoriented, based on digital technology to establish and improve the urban public health system, with strong predictability and emergency management capacity to achieve efficient personnel deployment and material distribution, comprehensive crosssectoral collaboration and coordination of social participation, to achieve normal public health operations and health emergency response.

- How should the public health system of smart cities be constructed?
- How can the public health system break through tradition and complete the connection with the smart city?



Ecological governance

Smart cities carry out the concept of harmonious symbiosis between human and nature, actively promote the transformation of green economic growth model of resource conservation and environmental protection. Also, they vigorously promote the innovation and application of green science and technology, and promote the transformation of urban production and lifestyle and achieve sustainable environmental development through a series of ways such as urban environmental information monitoring, digital management of urban resources and pollution control.

- What are the successful experiences and innovations of eco-governance in smart cities at the practical level?
- **D** To what extent can these experiences be widely replicated?
- Can we come up with a new approach to ecological governance?



5 People oriented

The fundamental purpose of sustainable development is to realize human development. As a home for human life, cities are closely related to every individual. For one thing, urban governance needs more individual participation, and every urban resident can contribute to smart city construction. For another, the highest pursuit of urban governance is to meet individual needs and allow personal wisdom to flourish in innovative and livable urban spaces.

- How to involve more individuals in smart city governance in this process?
- How can individual needs be better integrated into the assessment of smart city governance?



We Youth Common Agenda

Except issues concerning our topic, we encourage one or two other vital global governance issues to be put forward and those issues will finally make up We Youth Common Agenda, which is resonating with the UN "We Common Agenda".



Participants

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YICGG2021 Committee will invite 1-2 leading roles in global governance as distinguished guests to give speech on the opening ceremony of the final. We will invite 9 professional judges related to the final theme to form a jury. 45 students who are keen on global governance around the world will be selected as the participants of the final. Meanwhile, we also welcome 3-5 former participants as youth representatives.



Agenda (to be confirmed)

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Day 1

- Opening Ceremony of Yangtze River Delta Future Conference
- Icebreaking
- Opening Ceremony of YICGG2021
- Culture Night

Day 2

- Ignite talk
- Field Investigation
- We Youth Common Agenda

Day 4

- Wrap-up
- Final Presentation
- Closing Ceremony



Day 0

- Arrival in Shanghai
- Registration
- Departure to Huzhou

- Day 3
 - World Café
 - Free Discussion



Competition process

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Referred to the suggestions from participants and judges over the years, YICGG2021 has updated its competition rules as follows:

Round 1: Based on the theme of the preliminary round, participants are expected to formulate globalgovernance proposals with creativity and foresight, either individually or in the group. The YICGG Committee will then strictly follow the experts' evaluation and announce the most competitive candidates to enter the second round, among which the "**Most Innovative Team (MIT)**" will be settled.

Round 2-1: Given that the Ignite Talk is the core of the second round of competition, all the <u>offline candidates</u> are welcomed to sign up. Applicants are required to submit their Talk outlines around **150-200 words** according to the elective topics. 20 applicants will be selected by the judges to share insights in the Talk. The most impressive participant will be honored with the individual award "**The Ignite Talk King/Queen (ITK/ITQ)**".

Note: For <u>online participants</u>, they are also welcomed to join the Ignite Talk, as long as they submit their **recorded videos** for the Talk to the Committee in advance. The evaluating process will be the same as the on-site candidates.



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With reference to suggestions of participants and judges over the years, YICGG2021 has revised and updated the competition rules as follows:

Round 2-2: For <u>offline participants</u> only, they will be regrouped randomly into "World Teams". "We Youth Common Agenda", resonating with the UN We Common Agenda, is an initiative event in the YICGG2021. It aims to nourish the common goals of the youth who share a passion for global governance. Viable ideas will be delivered to relevant UN organizations after the event.

Round 2-3: For <u>offline participants</u> only, a more targeted topic will be announced in the final session. According to it, every "World Team" is expected to articulate their project report and visualize their final presentation, which are featured in creativity, feasibility, and effectiveness. Among all the candidates, the first-ranking final project will be bestowed "**The Most Valuable Project (MVP)**".



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If you have an interest, you are advised to register as soon as possible. This will ensure that you can receive the latest information from YICGG2021 Committee. For registration, please complete the form in the attachment named "YICGG2021personal info-preliminary round" and send it with curriculum official vitae to your our mailbox(yicgg@hotmail.com). You can also visit the official website (www.yicgg.fudan.edu.cn) for more details.

• DDL: April 30th , 2021

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- To participate in the first round of competition, you/ your group need to submit your paper and we youth common agenda to our official mailbox (yicgg@hotmail.com).
- For those who have already submitted their proposals last year, they will be automatically considered for the first round of this year's competition. Should any amendments be made for their proposals, the YICGG2021 Committee will accept the latest version they submit.

• DDL: May 10th , 2021



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Step 3

Assessment &

Result Release

 The eligible participants' list for the second round will be released by June 4th, based on the assessment from the experts' panel. The selected participants are invited to the final competition in Huzhou.

• DDL: June 4th, 2021

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• All candidates will have a week to decide whether to participate in the second round online or offline (in Huzhou). Their responses are expected to return before June 10th. Once confirmed, they will receive an official invitation letter from the YICGG2021 Committee that is on behalf of the School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University.

• DDL: June 10th ,2021

Eligibility Requirements

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Participant Requirements Participants should be undergraduates or graduates currently enrolled in any accredited colleges around the world. The YICGG2021 Committee reserve the right to verify the identities of the applicants.

Individual/Team Participation

- It is up to the applicants to decide whether to participate in YICGG2021 individually or as a team, which should be no more than 3 members. Both the individual and the team candidates will be assessed under the same criteria.
- □ If the applicants choose to participate in YICGG2021 as a team, all the team members should join in the same manner, i.e. either offline or online.



Format & Requirement

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- □ The report should be written in English with page numbers and the project title.
- The title page should include your/your group members' name, university, design date, and issue area. Set the font of main title to 20-point Times New Roman, and that of the subtitle to 16-point Times New Roman. Center the titles. The outline page should include the theme sentences and the outline.
- Set the font to 16-point Times New Roman. Mark the main outlines in capital Roman numerals, and mark the secondary outlines in lower case English letter. Set the font of the text to 12-point Times New Roman. Single spaced. Each paragraph should indent 1 each at the beginning of each paragraph.
- Reference pages should be appended after the main body on a separate page. Set the font to 12-point Times New Roman and keep single spaced.





Format & Requirement

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- The content and form of your project is variable. They can be conceptual discussion, policy suggestion, mechanism design, model building, simulated demonstration, etc.
- □ A. Theoretical Project (conceptual discussion, policy suggestion, etc.)Please submit a research report of 8-10 pages of A4, including title, outline, text and references.
- B. Operational Project (mechanism design, model building, simulated demonstration, etc.) Please include background literature references. Please submit a design report of 3-4 pages of A4, including title and text, with syllabus and references optional. The design report should give a clear explanation on the structure, function and operation of the system. Were to present a physical model, participants should illustrate its making process including necessary pictures and materials.



Question 1: Is there any fee for the YICGG2021?



- □ There is no application fee for the YICGG2021.
- Moreover, if you have been successfully selected to attend the competition, the YICGG Committee will cover the overall fees generated during the 4-day final including on-campus accommodation fees, facility fees, as well as certain meals.
- However, each of the participants should be responsible for some probable travel expenses to Huzhou throughout the competition.

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□ Financial aid can be granted upon request as followed:

- YICGG2021 will buy the single-way tickets to Shanghai for participants.
- We strongly suggest you seek funding support from your home university, and supply extra subsidy according to our coupon policy.
- All financial aid will be verified and allocated during the final in Huzhou.

Question 2: Can we build a team from different universities?



■ Yes. As long as all team members are eligible for the competition, teams can span a number of varieties.

Question 3: If I can't participate in YICGG offline, how can I participate in the finals to the greatest extent?



Due to the pandemic, it is a pity that some promising candidates are unable to participate in the final onsite. The YICGG2021 Committee has been working its best to improve the online experience. All the online participants are welcomed to join the Ignite Talk virtually and the final competition live streaming.

Question 4: Will YICGG2021 provide long-term



support?

Yes. The research center for YICGG in Fudan University has been established for mentorship and communication among all YICGG participants.

Question 5: What prizes will the winner of the competition receive?



- □ Firstly, all participants will receive written certificates verifying their participation in the summit.
- Additionally, according to the results of the 3-round selections, the first-place team/ individual will be awarded as follows:

Question 5: What prizes will the winner of the competition receive?



MVP: According to your world team proposal. **Award:** An opportunity to be exhibited in Shanghai Forum International Organization Sub-forum next year and an generous bonus.

ITK/Q: According to your personal behavior in the ignite talk. **Award:** An generous bonus.

MIT: According to your proposal in the preliminary. **Award:** An opportunity guaranteed to attend YICGG2022.

If possible, please help us in publicizing the YICGG in one of the following ways:

1.Form a team or participate yourself.

2.Forward the invitation e-mail to the international relations/engineering/environment/ social science departments of your university.3.Forward the invitation e-mail to the student communities on campus.4.Forward the invitation email to

your university SNS.

5.Personally invite selected students to participate.

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