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INTRODUCTION

Hey there,

As we embark on the first edition of our newsletter after the Christmas break, we are thrilled to bring you a curated blend of insightful content and exciting updates!

In this edition, we dive into the latest developments in the Palestine-Israel conflict, where South Africa has taken a bold step by bringing the dispute to the International Court of Justice. Looking back, we'll also be recapping two standout events from the last term. The first was an enlightening talk with Hassan Akram, offering valuable insights into breaking into elite finance careers. Additionally, we'll revisit the warmth and intellectual exchange from our Christmas Roundtable, providing a glimpse into the festive celebrations and discussions that marked the end of the previous term.

As we eagerly look ahead, we are excited to announce that tickets for our upcoming conference, themed 'Future Focused,' will be released shortly.

Best regards,

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

South Africa takes Israel to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) amid the Palestine Conflict

In recent developments, South Africa has initiated a case with claims that Israel orchestrated a state-led genocide in Gaza intending to destroy the population. Israel has strongly refuted these accusations, providing its counterarguments at the ICJ.

During the two-day hearing, the ICJ was urged by South Africa to enforce emergency measures to compel Israel to cease its offensive in Gaza immediately. In response, Israel's legal representatives contested these allegations.



Israel launched an offensive in response to a Hamas attack on the 7th October 2023 which has resulted in over 23,000 Palestinian casualties, as reported by the Hamas-controlled Gaza health ministry. The initial attack claimed the lives of around 1,200 Israelis, and approximately 240 individuals were abducted from Israel, with some hostages already released.

The Israeli's primary legal defence was that halting the assault on Gaza would leave their country defenceless as laid out by Tal Becker who described South Africa's timeline as "grossly distorted". He then went on to emphasise that if there were acts of genocide, they were perpetrated against Israel whilst highlighting that Israel engaged in a defensive war against Hamas, not the Palestinian people. He also affirmed that Israel had no intention of destroying the Palestinian people, invalidating the idea of their actions being genocidal.



Due to the lack of intent, Israel's legal team argued that under the Genocide Convention, there was insufficient jurisdiction to order a halt to military actions in Gaza. The Genocide Convention, established in 1948, defines genocide as "acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group."

Later this month, whilst a decision on the genocide allegations is not expected at this time, the ICJ is expected to deliver a ruling on potential emergency measures. There is a likelihood that all proceedings related to the genocide accusations will extend over several years. The court will face challenges enforcing any decisions even though their decisions are conclusive and unappealable.

EVENT RECAP

BREAKING INTO ELITE CAREERS WITH HASSAN AKRAM

Last Thursday, we had the privilege of hosting Hassan Akram for an engaging talk exploring the realms of consulting, banking and private equity. Hassan is the CEO of City Careers Coach based in London. As an elite ex-recruiter for investment banks, venture capital and private equity firms, he gave expert advice on the differences in approaching each industry, from tailoring CVs and cover letters to how to nail the interviews. Attendees also had the privilege of listening to his unique insights and getting all the answers to their burning questions.



For those who missed this fantastic session, please keep a lookout, as we are committed to providing more such opportunities to empower our members.

CHRISTMAS ROUNDTABLE



The Christmas Roundtable hosted by Warwick Congress was a festive culmination of intellectual discussions and camaraderie, marking the end of the previous term with warmth and conviviality. Bringing together our vibrant community, the roundtable provided a platform for participants to reflect on the year gone by, sharing insights on political developments, global affairs, and societal trends.

Attendees engaged in thought provoking conversations, fostering a sense of unity and intellectual exchange. The roundtable discussions touched on a variety of topics, ranging from geopolitical shifts to socio-economic dynamics, creating an inclusive space where diverse perspectives flourished.

UPCOMING EVENTS

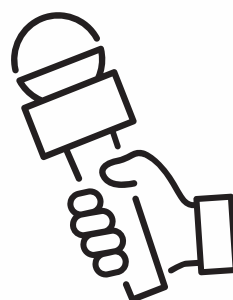


FUTURE FOCUSED 2024

17th February 2024 | More details to follow!



Now, onto some exciting news for the future! We're thrilled to announce that tickets for our upcoming conference, themed 'Future Focused,' are set to be released shortly. Mark your calendars for February 17th, as we bring together thought leaders and visionaries to explore cutting-edge ideas, trends, and innovations shaping our world. Keep your eyes peeled for tickets to be released shortly!



QUIZ

Instructions

Please send in your answers to
congress.warwick@gmail.com by 1159Hrs this Sunday.

Subject your mail as: Newsletter Quiz Issue #[Number].

Failure to do so will invalidate your participation.

***Winners announced in February*

Highest scorers of the series
will **win a pair of tickets** to
our highly anticipated
**flagship conference in
February.**

Politics Quiz!

Take the challenge and see if you get them right!

1. Who is the head of the executive branch of the United States government?

- a) Speaker of the House
- b) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- c) President
- d) Majority Leader of the Senate

2. What is the primary function of the United Nations Security Council?

- a) Economic development
- b) International law enforcement
- c) Maintenance of international peace and security
- d) Humanitarian aid coordination

3. In the United Kingdom, what is the role of the Chancellor of the Exchequer?

- a) Head of State
- b) Chief Justice
- c) Head of the central bank
- d) Finance Minister

4. Which political ideology advocates for minimal government intervention in the economy and emphasizes individual liberties?

- a) Communism
- b) Socialism
- c) Libertarianism
- d) Conservatism

Answers for Issue #5 Quiz

- 1. True
- 2. False
- 3. True
- 4. False

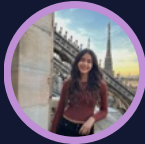


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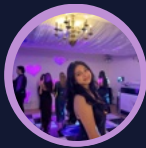
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