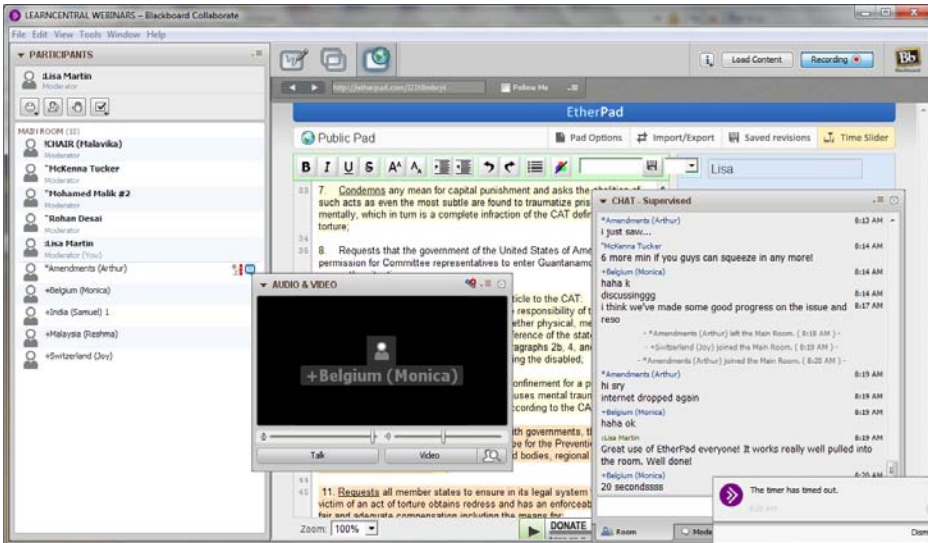


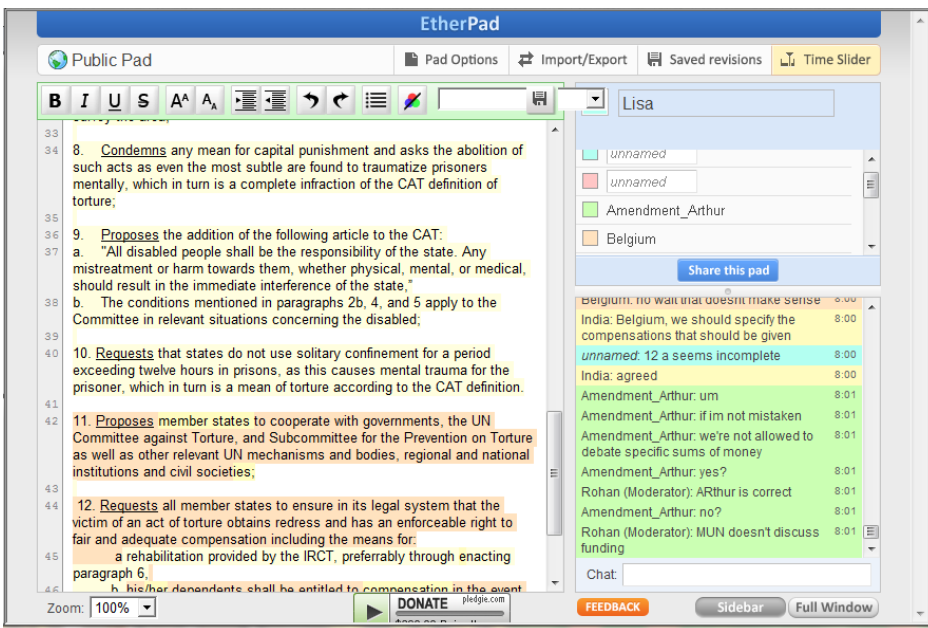


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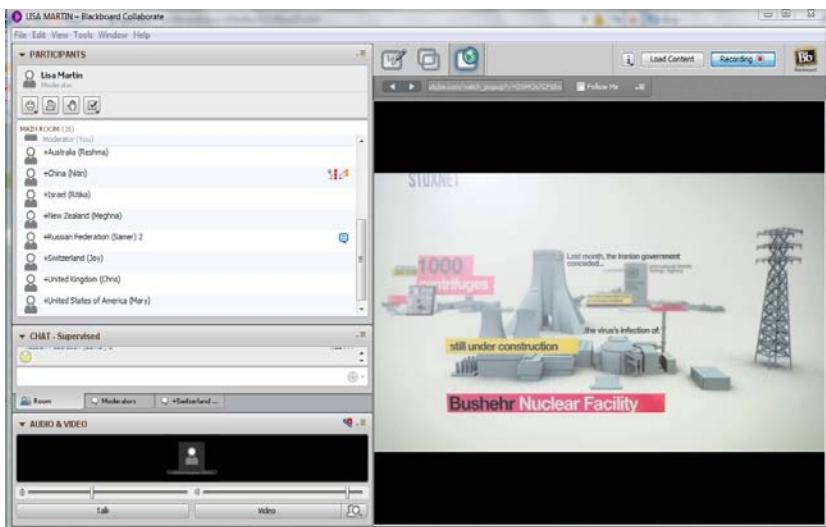
## The O-MUN Universe: Blackboard Collaborate (BbC) Virtual Room



The Blackboard Collaborate (BbC) room (left) is the space where delegates meet to lobby and debate. Numerous features include supervised and archived chat, list of participants logged in by country, a video/audio feed, and a large white board for posting resolutions. Each part of the BbC room is detachable and can be moved around to suit an individual's viewing preference.



EtherPad, a free, open source program allows multiple users to collaborate on documents. Each color represents a different contributor. Resolutions on EtherPad are pulled into the BbC room, and delegates can see the collaboration working in real time. Delegates can also work on the document asynchronously, allowing students from different time zones to collaborate on a shared document.



Videos can easily be pulled into the BbC room. Here you see a video on cyber warfare being shown during a lobbying session.

All activity in a BbC room is recorded, both in video, and in archived chat (text).



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## The O-MUN Universe: Community Management hosted by OrgSync

The screenshot shows the O-MUN website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Directory, About, Team, Online Debates, Files, Calendar, and Contact Us. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area with a header for 'Online Model United Nations' and a sub-header for 'September 18th Debate: Cyber Warfare'. A registration link is visible. Below this, there is a section titled 'The O-MUN Community Kicked Off August 21st' with a link to watch the recording. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Want to join O-MUN?' and 'I have an O-MUN account. Now what?'. A calendar on the right side shows the month of September 2011.

The O-MUN community is hosted by OrgSync, a community management system that is the organizational heart of Online MUN.

Within O-MUN, students and MUN advisors can find debates, follow discussions, post links, access legacy files of previous Model UN work, and apply for moderating roles and positions. There are messaging components within O-MUN, allowing students and advisors to contact one another, create To-do lists, Schools can also request to have an individual, private portal created for their exclusive MUN program use. Advisors can add and delete their own members, and design a club space unique to their program's needs.

The screenshot shows the 'Discussions' page in OrgSync. It features a list of discussion topics with columns for 'Topic', 'Replies', 'Category', and 'Last Update'. The topics include 'Combating torture & inhumane punishment', 'O-MUN Leadership Forum', and 'O-MUN Staff Forum - Operations'. There is a 'Create a Forum' button at the top right.

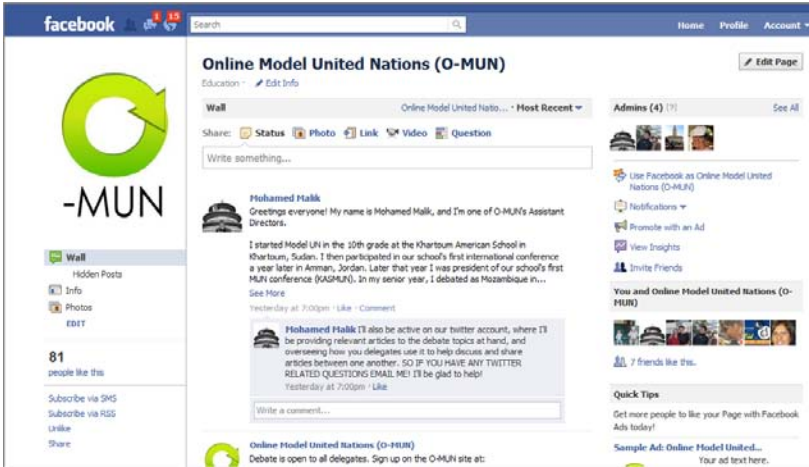
The screenshot shows the 'Events' page in OrgSync. It features a table of upcoming events with columns for 'Date', 'Time', 'Title', 'Category', 'Status', and 'RSVPs'. The events include 'Debate: Torture and inhumane punishment - Lobbying Season 1', 'Debate: Torture and inhumane punishment - Lobbying Season 2', 'Debate: Torture and inhumane punishment - Lobbying Season 3', 'Debate: Torture and inhumane punishment', 'Debate: Water Policy and Conflict in the Middle East', and 'Debate: Measures to combat cyber warfare'. There is a 'Create an Event' button at the top right.

The screenshot shows the 'Community Home' page in OrgSync. It features a header with navigation links for 'Community', 'Organizations', and 'My Tools'. The main content area includes a 'Community Home' section with a 'Water Policy Debate' announcement, a 'Model UN Feed' section with a post about country assignments, and a 'Community Events' section with upcoming events. There are also sections for 'Model UN Directors', 'Online Debates', 'Bookmarks', 'Join Your Committee', 'File Resources', and 'Conference Calendar'.



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## The O-MUN Universe: Social Media as a Research Tool



### Online Model United Nations (O-MUN)

Education · Edit Info

Wall

Online Model United Nations · Everyone (Most Recent)

Share: Status Photo Link Video Question

Write something...



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Can the Rules of War be extended to include cyber warfare? This interesting two part article explores the issue. <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=1300233>



**Extending The Law Of War To Cyberspace : NPR**  
[www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org)

Electronic "cyberwar" capabilities are the most important military development in decades. But it's unclear how the rules of war might apply in this new area of conflict. At issue: protecting citizens, and defining a cyberattack.

Like · Comment · Share · 3 hours ago

The use of Facebook and Twitter serve two purposes.

Facebook is used by most high school students, and it is a convenient way of contacting individuals, sending updates about lobbying and debate times, and in general fostering the O-MUN community. Search "O-MUN" to find us on Facebook.

Facebook is increasingly being used to share research links and relevant content needed for delegate preparation. As students turn to Facebook as a research tool, the posts turn to dialogue around the topic. Pulling in small thumbnails of news articles and video links is an appealing way to get student's attention and allows moderators an opportunity to keep delegates focused on the research at hand.

Twitter serves much the same purpose, by sending out links with relevant research to followers. Twitter can also tap into official UN Twitter feeds, Ambassador updates, and NGO tweets from the field. O-MUN and their followers also create lists of organizations to follow based on the topic to be debated.

Search "onlinemun" on Twitter and sign up as a follower.

