

## **ECE was also there!**

Babak Manouchehri is currently pursuing his PhD degree under supervision of Dr. Nandi in Electrical and Computer engineering department. He and Anne-Marie, who graduated in the Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution program at UVic were nominated by GSS to represent UVic at the Model United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Switzerland. The trip was supported by Dr. Monika Winn who initiated the inspiration for this trip as well as the Centre for Social and Sustainable Innovation (CSSI).

The Model UNFCCC was held on May 15 - 16, 2015 at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland. The city of St. Gallen was a special location for this event. St. Gallen is a one-thousand-year-old city in eastern Switzerland and is a UNSECO World Heritage Site. In a place of such history and hope, it was a very special place to host the negotiations.

The model UNFCCC brought together a group of Master-level students from leading business schools across Europe. The model UNFCCC was the culmination of a climate change policy course, which was offered at 7 universities across Europe. The goal of the model negotiations was to broaden students' understanding of climate change and climate policy.

Each of the 120 students who participated plus the two representatives from UVic was assigned a role in the model climate-change policy negotiation. The UVic representatives were assigned to the Media Team for the Model UNFCCC's website.

"We were impressed by how well students were prepared for the model and how serious they played their respective roles," Babak added. "The delegates' determination toward finding a solution for climate change was admirable."

"The most valuable part of the model," reported Anne-Marie, "was meeting with students from different backgrounds and discussing common challenges, information and discussion stemming from speakers."

### **More information about the conference and final protocol:**

- Final protocol: <https://unfcccnegotiations2015.files.wordpress.com/2015/05/st-gallen-protocol.docx>

- Event website: [www.modelunfccc.org](http://www.modelunfccc.org)
- Live blog of this year's fictitious media team:  
<https://unfcccnegotiations2015.wordpress.com/>
- Photos of this year's role play:  
[https://www.dropbox.com/s/pdg3cjns1fn3w47/Selected%20Pics\\_Model%20UNFCCC\\_2015.zip?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/pdg3cjns1fn3w47/Selected%20Pics_Model%20UNFCCC_2015.zip?dl=0)
- Journal Article of Prof. Rolf Wuestenhagen on the course concept:  
[https://www.alexandria.unisg.ch/Publications/citation/Rolf\\_Wuestenhagen/61082](https://www.alexandria.unisg.ch/Publications/citation/Rolf_Wuestenhagen/61082)



UVic's representative at UNFFC Model

Babak Manouchehri, Prof. Monika Winn and Anne-Marie Beliveau





NGO's delegates.



NGOs hold a meditation session for delegates to rethink their focus.



Delegates presenting during the plenary



Media Team announcing best negotiators.





Final voting