

Human Rights Essay Prize

Terms and Conditions

1. Entrants

The competition shall be open to:

- (a) Masters students and Research Assistants who have completed their Masters degrees; and
- (b) PhD students,

who are Turkish citizens and enrolled or working at a university in Turkey (including students currently undertaking an exchange of one academic year or less at an overseas university) at the time of the submission of their entry.

There will be one winner in each of the above (two) categories.

2. Conditions of entry

- (a) All essays must contain a clear connection to contemporary human rights issues in Turkey.
- (b) All entries must refer to the relevant international and/or domestic legal framework.
- (c) Essays should be a maximum 5,000 words, including all footnotes or endnotes and bibliographies.
- (d) Entries may be submitted in English or Turkish.
- (e) All entries must be previously unpublished.
- (f) All entries must be submitted electronically to turkey@rwi.lu.se by **30 November 2012**.
- (g) All submissions must be accompanied by a separate statement providing: contact details for the author, whether they are a Masters student, research assistant or PhD candidate, their current institution of study/employment and that the work is solely their own.

3. Judging of entries

- (a) A panel of three academics will decide the winners. The panel members will be established academics with extensive experience in writing and publishing in the field of human rights and/or humanitarian law.
- (b) The entries will be judged according to the following criteria:
 - (i) evidence of understanding of international and domestic human rights and /or humanitarian law, including its applicability in the Turkish legal context;
 - (ii) breadth of appropriate sources used, including full and accurate referencing;
 - (iii) logic of structure and clarity of expression;

- (iv) originality of argument(s);
 - (v) accuracy of law cited and otherwise referred to in paper; and
 - (vi) depth of analysis.
- (c) Any entry containing plagiarised content will automatically and immediately be dismissed from consideration.
- (d) Papers will be reviewed anonymously.
- (e) The decision of the panel is final and cannot be challenged. No correspondence with the applicants will be entered into.

4. Prize

- (a) There will be one winner in each category.
- (b) The winners will be awarded with:
- i. the cost of travel to and participation in an international or domestic conference, workshop or summer school (including registration fee, accommodation, meals, costs of visas, airfares) up to a maximum of **EUR 2000**. The selection of event will be made by the winners according to their academic interests, subject to RWI's approval; or
 - ii. educational materials, such as books and/or computers, selected by the winners according to their academic interests, subject to RWI's approval, up to a maximum of **EUR 1000**.
- (c) The prize must be used by the end of 2013.
- (d) No prize may be transferred to another person. No cash payments will be made in lieu of the prize.
- (e) Winners will be notified by RWI by late February 2013 and will be announced on RWI's website.
- (f) RWI reserves the right not to award the prizes in any or all of the categories if the panel does not consider the submissions to be of sufficient standard.