



THE 1ST SUBRATA ROY CHOWDHURY MEMORIAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

About the Competition

The Subrata Roy Chowdhury Memorial Essay Writing Competition is being co-organized by the National University of Juridical Sciences, the Society of International Law and Practice (“SILP”), NUJS and the NUJS ILSA Chapter in association with the Indian Yearbook of International Law and Policy. The object of the competition is to promote research and writing in international law. The competition seeks to encourage creative thinking and the themes that have been selected for the competition are thus issues which are crucial today, to the field of international law and related legal policy.

Mr. Subrata Roy Chowdhury had distinguished himself as a practitioner both in the Supreme Court of India and the Calcutta High Court. He was an activist in the area of international human rights law and the Paris Minimum Standards of Human Rights Norms in a State of Emergency adopted by the International Law Association in 1984 were originally Mr. Roy Chowdhury's idea. He had chaired the ILA sub-committee that drafted and revised the Paris Minimum Standards. The Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University, Rotterdam had awarded its honorary doctorate to Mr. Roy Chowdhury in 1992. Apart from human rights, Mr. Roy Chowdhury had also written numerous books and articles on public international law, international refugee law and outer space law.

Mr. Roy Chowdhury had always encouraged young lawyers to research and write on international law. It is to recognize his exceptional contribution to fostering research and writing in international law, that the present competition has been started by the SILP and the NUJS ILSA Chapter.

Eligibility

The competition is open to undergraduate and post graduate law students enrolled in any institution in India.

Themes

- ❖ Is India ready for Sovereign Wealth Funds?
- ❖ Exo-politics and the emergence of a New World Order
- ❖ Non state actors, transnational armed groups and the regulation of hostilities in India: Should International Humanitarian Law recognize a hybrid category of armed conflict?
- ❖ Does Climate Change have an impact on National Security? An Indian perspective
- ❖ Can the principles of Insurance Law be applied to the Law of Outer Space?

JUDGES FOR THE COMPETITION

- Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kr. Sinha
- Prof. Vivek (Vik) Kanwar
- Mr. Nikhil K. Dutta

ABOUT THE JUDGES

Prof. Sinha is at present Professor of Law, N.U.J.S., Kolkata. He was awarded the European Commission Scholarship to pursue an LL.M. in International Human Rights Law from the University of Nottingham. He completed his Ph.D. in International Law from the Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has spent one year as visiting Professor at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund, Sweden, (2004-2005). He was the former Director of the Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi. He has also authored numerous books on international law and human rights and his work has also been published in reputed journals, such as the Indian Journal of International Law, Review of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights.

Prof. Kanwar is Assistant Professor of Law at Jindal Global Law School (J.G.L.S.) and the Assistant Director of the Centre on Public Law and Jurisprudence (CPLJ), J.G.L.S. Prof. Kanwar has served as a consultant for the Centre for Constitutional Rights, FECS, the Centre for International Cooperation, the Control Arms Campaign, the Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research at Harvard School of Public Health, and as a Non-Governmental Consultant on the Drafting of an Arms Trade Treaty, United Nations First Committee. He has been awarded academic grants for research at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU (2000), the Denise Carty-Bennia Award (2000) Northeastern University School of Law, as well as the Ella Baker and Jules Lobel Fellowship at CCR, and a Doctoral Study Fellowship at NYU School of Law, and Westerfield Fellowship at Loyola New Orleans.

Mr. Dutta currently serves as the Editor in Chief of the N.Y.U. Journal of International Law and Politics. He completed the two-year Masters of Public Affairs program at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton immediately before starting at N.Y.U. Law School, where he is particularly focused on law and development issues. Mr. Dutta spent his first summer at NYU working on the Access to Justice Project at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU, and split his second summer between the Brooklyn Family Defense Project and Catholic Charities Immigration Services. At NYU, he has worked closely with Prof. Kevin Davis on the Institute for International Law and Justice's Financing Development project, with Prof. Richard Stewart on

the Global Administrative Law project, and with Prof. Benedict Kingsbury on International Law and Justice's Indicators Project.

Submission Guidelines

1. The essays must be between 4500-6500 words inclusive of all footnotes.
2. The entries should be accompanied by a 200 word abstract (The abstract is not counted towards the word limit.).
3. All entries should be in Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5 line spacing.
4. The footnotes used should be in Times New Roman, size 10, single line spacing. Substantive footnoting is not encouraged.
5. The use of endnotes or other citation methods is not permitted.
6. Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.
7. The footnotes used should follow a uniform and complete system of citation. The use of the Harvard Blue Book (18th edition) system of citation is encouraged.
8. The entries must be submitted in the Microsoft Word (.doc) format
9. All identifying information should be removed from the text of the entries and the file properties and another document containing the name, e-mail address, postal address, institution, course and year of study of the author must be submitted along with the entry.
10. The entries must be submitted via e-mail to silp@nujs.edu and nujs.ilsa@gmail.com.
11. The deadline for the **submission of entries is 11:59 P.M., February 10, 2010.**
12. The organizers will check all entries to ensure that they conform to the submission guidelines. The organizers reserve the right to reject entries that do not conform to these guidelines.

Prizes

First Prize: Rs. 8000 [In addition, the winning entry will also be considered for publication in the forthcoming issue of the *Indian Yearbook of International Law and Policy*, in accordance with the Editorial Policy of the Yearbook.]

Second Prize: Rs. 6500

Third Prize: Rs. 5000

For any queries regarding the competition, please send an e-mail to silp@nujs.edu or nujs.ilsa@gmail.com.

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