

2020 Essay Competition

The Mechanism Information Programme for Affected Communities (MIP) is pleased to announce *the MIP 2020 Essay Competition* for law students, participants of the Inter-University Video Lectures Programme.

The *MIP 2020 Essay Competition* invites students who participated in the first cycle of the Inter-University Video Lectures Programme to explore a wide range of relevant, challenging and contemporary topics. The essay topic can be chosen by the participants themselves, within the general framework of issues related to the work and legacies of the ICTY and IRMCT.

The essays can be submitted in Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, Montenegrin, Macedonian, Albanian or English language.

Essays should be sent to: mip@irmct.org using the subject line - 2020 Essay Competition - by midnight (CEST) on **October 1, 2020**.

The top essays will be selected for publication and the authors of the first-place essays (one per participating university) will be awarded with a one month paid fellowship at The Mechanism in The Hague.

The Inter-University Video Lectures Programme is developed and implemented by the MIP and brings together postgraduate students from six law faculties across the former Yugoslavia. The aim of this programme is to initiate and facilitate the discussion on the region's recent history, the role of the ICTY and IRMCT, and the principles of international criminal law and international humanitarian law. The first cycle of the Inter-University Video Lectures Programme gathered more than 120 post-graduate law students from the University of Niš, the University of Podgorica, the University of Priština, the University of Sarajevo, the Ss. Cyril, the Methodius University of Skopje and the University of Zagreb.

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Complete rules are presented bellow and should be read in their entirety.

RULES

1. Evaluation committee will pay specific attention to these questions:

- Is the analysis original, novel, fresh, and innovative? Is the topic more than a simple description of a court's decisions?
- Are conflicting viewpoints considered?





- Is the paper well written, with strong footnoting and does it provide insightful information?

2. Entries will also be evaluated on clarity, including on syntax, grammar and spelling.
3. Students are required to confer or consult with the Inter-University Video Lectures focal point at their university.
4. Manuscripts must be the original work of a single author and may not have been written for paid employment. The manuscript may not be under review for publication anywhere at the time it is submitted to this competition and may not be submitted for publication anywhere between the date of its submission and May 15, 2021.
5. The text and footnotes should be in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper with one-inch margins on all sides. The manuscript, exclusive of the cover page, must be between 15 and 20 pages. Articles must be submitted as two attachments, one in Microsoft Word and one in PDF format.
6. Submissions must have been written while the author was a student at a law faculty. Authors are not to have graduated from law school prior to start of the Inter-University Video Lectures Programme.
7. No person may submit more than one entry.
8. The committee reserves the right not to award any prizes and to reject any or all submissions.
9. Essays should be submitted to: mip@irmct.org using the subject line – 2020 Essay Competition - by midnight (CEST) on **September 15, 2020**. To ensure that competition judges are not provided information on authors' identity, a **separate** cover page must be submitted with your manuscript (see last page of rules). No personal information should appear on the manuscript itself. However, the title should appear at the top of the first page and pages should be numbered. Do not include your name as part of the file names of your Word or PDF documents. Instead use a descriptive name related to the subject matter of your article, such as: "War Crimes and Local Jurisprudence" or "Genocide and Burden of Proof".

Publication and Prizes

1. The following prizes are available: Authors of the first-place essays (one per participating university) will be the recipients of a one month paid fellowship at the Mechanism in The Hague.
2. The best essays will be selected for publication in an edited volume published by the Mechanism.
3. Names of the authors of the winning essays and titles of their essays will be published on the Mechanism's website and announced through its social media
4. The authors of the first-place winning essays will be invited to the launch of the volume in The Hague.





Student Information and Verification

Please read and confirm:

- ▶ My essay has not been written as part of any paid employment.
- ▶ My essay is not currently under review for publication anywhere and I will not submit it for publication anywhere between the date of my submission to this competition and May 15, 2021
- ▶ I have consulted with a professor on topic selection.
- ▶ I have read all rules and requirements of this competition and have fully complied therewith.

_____ Student Signature

_____ Date

