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ANNOUNCES

THE VIII EDITION OF THE BLATTMANN, ODIO BENITO AND STEINER ESSAY COMPETITION ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE
General Rules

1. The essays for the VIII Edition of the Blattmann, Odio Benito & Steiner Essay Competition shall focus on current issues related to international criminal justice, which can be approached from the various perspectives of the human and social sciences.

2. Only those who by February 1st, 2019 have obtained their undergraduate degree, or have passed all courses required to obtain such, can participate in the VIII Edition of the Essay Competition.

3. The essay summaries to be submitted on December 1st, 2018 may be sent even if the requirement provided in the previous paragraph is not fulfilled; as long as such requirement is met by February 1st, 2019 (deadline for the submission of the final essay).

4. There is no limitation based on age or professional qualification to participate in the VIII Edition of the Essay Competition.

5. The essays must be unpublished and cannot be co-authored.

6. The essays can be written in English, Spanish or Portuguese.

7. The essays should conform to the 2016 APA style guidelines, with 1.5 spacing and text set in 12 point Times New Roman font.

Procedure

The Procedure for the VIII Edition of the Essay Competition shall be as follows:

A. Essay summaries of no more than 300 words shall be presented between October 1st and December 1st, 2018. The essay summaries shall be sent in Word 2010 format to the following email address: iih.certamensayos@gmail.com.

In the "subject" of the email, the following reference shall be included: "Essay Summary for the VIII Edition of the Blattmann, Odio Benito & Steiner Essay Competition".

In the main body of the email, and at the top of the essay summary, the following information shall be provided: (i) name and last name of the participant; (ii) passport number or national identity card number; (iii) country of nationality; (iv) age; (v)
undergraduate degree; (vi) contact information (address, phone number and email). In no other part of the summary the identification information shall be included.

All participants who submit an essay summary shall receive an email confirming the receipt of the same.

B. Once the deadline for the submission has passed (December 1st, 2018), the essay summaries shall be distributed randomly among the members of the international jury of the VIII Edition of the Essay Competition. Each member of the international jury shall choose in the following fifteen days a maximum of one essay summary.

C. The authors of the chosen summaries shall be contacted on December 15th, 2018. They shall be given a deadline for submitting an essay of 8000 to 10000 words (including a summary up to 300 words at the beginning of the text, followed by 5 keywords, footnotes and a table of references) until February, 1st 2019.

D. The essays shall be sent in Word 2010 format to the following email address: iih.certamensayos@gmail.com

In the “subject” of the email, the following reference shall be included: "Unpublished Essay for the VIII Edition of the Blattmann, Odio Benito & Steiner Essay Competition”.

In the main body of the email, and at the top of the essay, the information required in paragraph A shall be included. In no other part of the essay the information identifying the author shall be included

All participants who submit an essay shall receive an email confirming the receipt of the same.

E. Once the deadline for the submission has passed (February 1st, 2019), the essays shall be sent to the international jury of the VIII Edition of the Essay Competition international jury, who shall evaluate the essays in accordance with the criteria set in the following section.

F. On February 15th, 2019, the winning essay of the VIII Edition of the Essay Competition shall be announced.

When the winning essay is written in English, the author shall be invited to present it at the III Polyphonic Day of International Justice to be held at The Hague University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands) on June 4th, 2019. Such event shall be part of the IX Ibero-American Week of International Justice, organized by the IIH, which shall take place in The Hague from May 27th to June 7th, 2019.
When the winning essay is written in Spanish or Portuguese, see the provisions in the Spanish version of the Public Announcement of the VIII Edition of the Essay Competition.

The international jury shall decide whether, due to their quality, an invitation to present their essays in the III Polyphonic Day is also made to the authors who came in second to fifth place in the Essay Competition.

Travel and accommodation expenses to participate in III Polyphonic Day shall be borne by the authors of the essays, who shall confirm their presence by March 15th, 2019.

G. The winning essays of the VIII Edition of the Essay Competition, as well as those coming in second to fifth place which the international jury considers of sufficient quality, shall be sent to external reviewers for an additional assessment.

Those essays receiving a positive review shall be published in the language they were originally written (English, Spanish or Portuguese) in the section on “Research Essays selected through the Blattmann, Odio Benito and Steiner Essay Competition” of the 7th Volume (2019) of the Anuario Iberoamericano de Derecho Internacional Penal / Iberoamerican Yearbook of International Criminal Law (ANIDIP), published since 2012 by the IIH, El Rosario University and Tirant lo Blanch.

The publication shall be subject to the authors’ revision of their work in light of the comments and suggestions made by the external reviewers. The authors of the essays shall have 30 days to make such adjustments.

H. The winner of the VIII Edition of the Essay Competition shall be invited to join the Research Network Ibero-American Perspectives on Justice. The authors of the essays that came in second to fifth place may also be invited to join this Research Network.

**Assessment Criteria**

The assessment criteria for the VII Edition of the Essay Competition shall be the following:

A. Thesis: (i) conceptual value of the main thesis of the essay; (ii) clarity in its approach; (iii) innovative nature.
B. Reasoning/Argumentation: (i) conceptual value of the arguments supporting the main thesis of the essay; (ii) level of elaboration of the arguments; (iii) innovative nature of the arguments (beyond other authors’ views); (iv) logical relationship between the main thesis and the arguments supporting it.

C. Sources: (i) international and comparative legislation; (ii) international and comparative jurisprudence; (iii) international and comparative doctrine.

D. Form: (i) compliance with the word limit: 8000 to 10000 words; (ii) compliance with format rules: 1.5 spacing, Times New Roman 12 and 2016 APA guidelines.

The last criterion shall have a 10% value of the overall assessment. Each one of the other three criteria shall have a value of 30%.

Additional Information

For more information:

1. Send an email to: iih.certamensayos@gmail.com.

Annex I: International Jury

Coordinator:

Héctor Olasolo (Spain): Chairman, IIH; Chair in International Law, Universidad del Rosario (Colombia); Director, ANIDIP; Lecturer, The Hague University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands).

Jury members:

2. Claudia Cárdenas Aravena (Chile): Professor of Criminal Law, Universidad de Chile (Chile).
3. Emanuela Fronza (Italy), Chair in International and European Criminal, University of Bologna (Italy).


7. Eduardo Bernabé Toledo (Argentina): Legal Advisor, International Academy for the Nuremberg Principles (Germany)