

2022 Human Asia Student Paper Competition

Introduction

This is the 7th year of Human Asia’s Student Paper Competition, which is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in human rights. This competition is organized by Human Asia and the Korea University International Human Rights Center, and sponsored by Ildong Pharmaceuticals, Ildong Holdings Co, the Jeongam Foundation, and DYPNF.

Human Asia, established in 2006, is an NGO registered to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea and which is accredited with partner status to the United Nations Department of Public Information. Human Asia strives to contribute to the establishment of a regional human rights protection mechanism in Asia and to promote peaceful coexistence between the diverse cultures of Asia by carrying out human rights advocacy and campaigns, offering educational and training programs to nurture young human rights activists, and publishing human rights reports.

The 2022 Student Paper Competition calls for papers on the theme of ‘Climate Crisis and Human Rights’. The climate crisis is one of the main threats to the human rights of both current and future generations, including the right to life. In addition, actions designed to address it must incorporate human rights considerations. The link between the climate crisis and human rights has been increasingly recognized by international organizations, governments, and civil society.

We need your critical insights into how to revive, strengthen, and extend human rights in Asia that are currently threatened by various phenomena such as environmental degradation, the rise in authoritarianism, religious extremism, and overt racism. You may freely discuss a wide range of topics within the broad scope of human rights in connection to the climate crisis, including, but not limited to, gender equality and minority rights, businesses, the role of civil society actors, and human rights institutions and theories. Any new and innovative ideas are greatly welcome.

This competition will provide an excellent opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to conduct in-depth research in the human rights field.

We look forward to your participation.

Changrok Soh
President of Human Asia

1. General Instructions

A. Main Theme and Guidelines for the Topic

This year's paper competition theme is "Climate Crisis and Human Rights". Papers should delve into the environmental, legislative, institutional, social, and/or cultural conditions that improve or limit human rights and are related to the link between the climate crisis and human rights. The competition welcomes a wide range of topics, including but not limited to the following:

- The impacts of the climate crisis on diverse human rights
- The impacts of actions designed to tackle the climate crisis on human rights
- Human rights approaches and contributions in addressing the climate crisis
- Gender equality, minority rights, and vulnerable social groups and populations in relation to the climate crisis, as well as their contributions in addressing it
- Businesses and corporate social responsibility in relation to the climate crisis and human rights
- The role of civil society actors, including human rights defenders, in addressing the climate crisis in relation to human rights
- The international regime and governance system in relation to the climate crisis and human rights
- Recent developments and challenges regarding human rights institutions and/or theories in relation to the climate crisis.

Papers addressing intersectional dimensions of rights and/or providing creative yet realistic policy implications are especially encouraged.

Papers are strongly recommended to include or address the following:

- Empirical analysis using qualitative case study, quantitative data, or legal/policy analysis
- Recognition of the various institutional roles of relevant actors and identifying links or gaps in local and international synergies
- Giving voice to and crediting the agency of victims and identifying further means of empowerment
- Adequate translation of human rights discourse for and on behalf of aggrieved communities
- Constructive policy formulations taking into account institutional, legal, social or cultural circumstances.

B. Dates and Deadlines

- a) Registration: March 23rd, 2022 – August 15th, 2022
- b) Essay Submission Due Date: August 24th, 2022, 18:00 (KST)
- c) Announcement of Winners: September 23rd, 2022, 18:00 (KST)
- d) Awards Ceremony: September 30th (via Zoom)

C. Eligibility

- Participants must be undergraduate or graduate students enrolled at a university (or college degree of at least two-years) who are nationals of Asian countries. Students who are on leave or expected to graduate are also eligible.
- Papers written by a maximum of three students are permitted. All co-authors must meet the eligibility requirement.

‘Asia’ is hereby defined as listed by the UN (<https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/regional-groups>)

D. Host organization and sponsor

- Host organizations: Human Asia, Korea University International Human Rights Center
- Sponsors: Ildong Pharmaceuticals, Ildong Holdings Co, the Jeongam Foundation, DYPNF

2. Guidelines for Submission

A. Submission process:

- Authors must apply to the competition online before submitting their paper.
- i) The online application is available at <http://humanasia.org>. In the bulletin board, click the link (<https://bit.ly/3Iv10Yw>) and fill out and submit your application via google forms. (Due Aug. 15)
- ii) Submit the final paper by email to humanrights@humanasia.org. (Due Aug. 24)
- When submitting your paper, include a copy of your certificate of enrollment.
- Please title your file “Human Rights Student Paper Competition_ YOURNAME.docx”

B. Writing guidelines:

- Papers must be written in English or Korean.
- Papers should be 10-15 pages in length, excluding references, and written in the following format:
 - a) Korean: HWP2007 or later version, Shinmeongjo 11-point font, 160% spacing, normal margins, academic style in-text citations and a reference list.
 - b) English: Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1.5-line spacing, normal margins, academic style in-text citations and a reference list.
- Authors are advised to follow well-established academic citation formats, such as APA Style or Chicago Manual Style. Regardless of style chosen, authors must be consistent in their citing and referencing style.
- Papers should conform to the following basic structure: title, author(s) name(s) and affiliation, abstract, keywords, body (divided into sections and, if needed, subsections, including introduction and conclusion), and reference list.
- Authors should present their affiliation (degree and institution) in footnotes, with one per author.
- Titles should concisely and adequately capture the overall content of the paper.
- Abstracts must not exceed 300 words and should be followed by three keywords.
- Titles and abstracts submitted during the online application phase (due Aug. 15) are tentative and may be slightly different in the final paper submission (due Aug. 24). However, once the final version of the paper is received, no alterations are allowed.

C. Other:

- Authors should always cite the sources of their ideas and data. If plagiarism is detected, papers will be rejected without further review and awards will be revoked.
- Authors cannot submit a substantial portion of their thesis or dissertation, published journal article, or previously awarded paper. Papers will be rejected without further review and awards will be revoked.
- Contents used for the submitted paper must not involve copyrights or intellectual property infringement of external parties, or any other legal infringement (e.g. defamation, distribution of illegal information).
- If a paper written by a team is selected, award certificates shall be given individually to each co-author; however, the monetary prize for the entire team shall be of the same amount as for individual applications.

- Awarded papers shall be presented by the author (at least one author, in the case of team applications) in the awards ceremony (Sep. 30) and will be posted in Human Asia's website.
- Submitted papers which are not awarded shall be discarded and deleted within one month of application, so that authors can freely utilize them for other purposes.

3. Evaluation Criteria

- Overall understanding of how ideas and practices of human rights are shaped, changed and reproduced
- Theoretical, empirical, or policy implications or contributions
- Appropriateness and clarity of research method(s)
- Validity of logical reasoning
- Accuracy of writing
- Evidence and support for claims
- Originality, creativity, and viability of suggested idea(s) on human rights improvement.

4. Awards

A panel of experts will select a total of five papers, with the following awards. Participation in the ceremony (of at least one author, in the case of team applications) is mandatory.

- First Prize (1 paper): Award Certificate and Scholarship of 2,000,000 KRW
- Second Prize (1 English paper/1 Korean paper): Award Certificate and Scholarship of 1,000,000 KRW
- Third Prize (1 English paper/1 Korean paper): Award Certificate and Scholarship of 500,000 KRW

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