

## Dahrendorf Essay Competition 2016

### *Europe & the World*

#### Background:

The Dahrendorf Forum, based at LSE IDEAS, is a space for debating Europe through original research and public engagement. It is a joint initiative between the LSE and German partners the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin and Stiftung Mercator, honouring the legacy of former LSE Director Lord Ralf Dahrendorf. For further information please see our website: [www.dahrendorf-forum.eu](http://www.dahrendorf-forum.eu)

The Forum's current focus is [Europe and the World](#), exploring European foreign policy particularly in relation to Europe's border regions (Russia/Ukraine, Turkey, North Africa and the Middle East) and the world's two largest economies (the United States and China). The project will culminate in May with the Dahrendorf Symposium, a high profile three day event taking place at the Akademie der Kunst in Berlin.

#### New Essay Competition

One of the key aims of the Dahrendorf Forum is to support and promote new research on Europe and the World. We are therefore launching a competition for PhD students to **submit a short essay or blog post (max. 1000 words)** relevant to the themes being addressed by either our Europe, Russia & Ukraine Working Group or our Europe & North America Working Group. Topics include security, economics, international relations, diplomacy, governance and power shifts. Essays should be policy relevant, including consideration of practical and strategic implications for Europe.

#### *Who can enter?*

- Any current PhD student is eligible to submit an entry for the competition (entrants need not be studying at LSE).

#### The prize

Winners will be invited to attend to Dahrendorf Symposium in Berlin, 25-27 May 2016, at which the project research will be presented. **The prize includes return flights from London to Berlin and three nights' accommodation.** The symposium will include keynotes and panel sessions with high profile academics and top-level policy makers, offering an unparalleled opportunity for learning and networking.

**Winning entries** will be posted on the Dahrendorf Forum website, giving them exposure alongside contributions from many respected academics and experts.

Winners will be required to write up their views on the Symposium for the Dahrendorf Forum Blog.

### *Style guidelines*

- Essays should be 1000 words maximum, written in third person without notes or references. Please indicate if your entry is based on previously published work.

### *How to enter:*

- Please email your entry in either Word format to [ideas@lse.ac.uk](mailto:ideas@lse.ac.uk)
- Entries must include your full name and contact details.
- The deadline is 5pm, Thursday 24 March 2016.

### *Selection process:*

- All entries will be considered by a panel comprising representatives from the Dahrendorf academic team and working groups and will be judged on the basis of their **originality** and **policy relevance**.
- Up to three winning entries in each category (Europe, Russian & Ukraine Relations and Europe & North America Relations) will be selected to receive the prize.
- The number of prizes awarded is entirely at the discretion of the judging panel.

[A summary of the Working Groups' respective research areas can be viewed here.](#)

[Dahrendorf blog posts on Russia & the Ukraine can be viewed here.](#)

[Dahrendorf blog posts on Europe & North America can be viewed here.](#)

If you have any questions about the competition, please email [l.ingledow@lse.ac.uk](mailto:l.ingledow@lse.ac.uk)

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