

2019 SSK Human Rights Forum-Human Asia Student Paper Competition

This is the 4th year of the student paper competition which is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in human rights. This competition is co-organized by the Social Science Korea(SSK) Human Rights Forum and Human Asia.

SSK Human Rights Forum is an inter-university research group engaged in multi-year research projects on the diffusion and improvement of human rights from a social science perspective. SSK Human Rights Forum leads in information sharing of human rights, advocates human rights-oriented policies, and aims to create a global research center for nurturing human rights leaders of the next generation.

Human Asia established in 2006 is a NGO registered to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Korea and recognized as a partner status from the UN DPI. Human Asia strives to establish the Asian regional human rights protection system and promote peaceful coexistence of diverse cultures of Asia carrying out human rights advocacy activities and campaigns, offering educational and training programs to nurture young human rights activists, and publishing human rights reports.

The ‘2019 SSK Human Rights Forum-Human Asia Student Paper Competition’ calls for papers on the theme of “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Asia”. 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 the rise in authoritarianism, religious extremism, overt racism, environmental degradation. You may freely discuss a wide range of topics within the broad scope of human rights, including, but not limited to, gender equality, minority rights, rights in the digital sphere, business and human rights, the role of civil society actors and human rights institutions. Any new and innovative ideas in the field of human rights are welcome.

The ‘2019 SSK Human Rights Forum-Human Asia Student Paper Competition’ will provide a great opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to conduct in-depth research in the human rights field. We look forward to your participation.

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Changrok Soh, President of Human Asia and SSK Human Rights Forum

1. General Instructions for Contributors

Main Themes and Guidelines for the Topic

The theme for this year's paper competition is "Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Asia". Papers should facilitate a discussion of how human rights improvement can be achieved with a regional focus in Asia. Papers are strongly recommended to explore legal, institutional, social or cultural conditions that promote or hinder the respect and protection of human rights in Asia. The competition welcomes a wide range of topics including but not limited to the following:

- Gender equality (e.g., pay parity, sexual violence, #MeToo movement)
- Minority rights (e.g., migrants, LGBTQ, children/youth, elderly, people with disabilities, the poor)
- Rights in the digital sphere (e.g., freedom of expression versus privacy, surveillance, data mining, AI, right to information)
- Business and human rights (e.g., corporate social responsibility, labor rights, workplace harassment)
- The role of civil society actors, including human rights defenders
- Recent developments and challenges regarding human rights institutions and/or theories (e.g., human rights tribunals, courts, and national human rights commissions; framing of social versus political rights)

Papers addressing intersectional dimensions of rights are especially encouraged (e.g., gender equality in the digital age).

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, 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 on how to remedy the particular rights deficiencies at issue, taking into account institutional, legal, social or cultural circumstances.

Important Dates and Deadlines

- Application period: 1 Dec 2018 (Thu) – 18 Jan 2019 (Fri)
- Full paper submission: 28 Feb 2019 (Thu) 6 pm (GMT +9)
- Announcement of the winners: 1 Apr 2019 (Mon) 6 pm
 - * Please check the following website - <http://sskhumanrights.org>
- Award ceremony and paper presentation: During the April, 2019 (Details will be announced later).

Eligibility

- Participants must be a current undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at a university or a two-year college. Students who are on leave or expected to graduate are also eligible.
- Non-Korean nationals who are studying in Asia (including Korea) are also eligible to apply. Non-Korean participants also must be a current undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at a university or a two-year college.
- Papers written by a maximum of three students are permitted. Each co-author must meet the eligibility requirement.

Host organization

SSK Human Rights Forum, Human Asia

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2. Guidelines for Submission

Submitting your application and paper proposal

- The online application is available at <http://sskhumanrights.org>. Click “RSVP” on the top menu.

Submissions

- Please submit your paper by email to sskhrforum@gmail.com.
- Send a copy of your certificate of enrollment upon submission.
 - *Please title your file “Human Rights Student Paper Competition_YOUR NAME.hwp/docx”

Length and Format

- Papers written in Korean should be approximately 15 pages in length, excluding references. (Format: HWP 2007 or later version, Shinmeongjo 11-point font, 160% spacing, normal margins, academic style in-text citations and a reference list.)
- Papers written in English should be approximately 10-15 pages in length, excluding references. (Format: Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1.5 line spacing, normal margins, academic style in-text citations and a reference list.)

Plagiarism

- 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.
- * These are useful online resources to avoid plagiarism.
<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe-writing-centre/reference-effectively-avoid-plagiarism/avoiding-plagiarism>

3. Judging Criteria

- Overall understanding of how ideas and practices of human rights are shaped, changed and reproduced
- Appropriateness and clarity of research method(s)
- Validity of logical reasoning
- Accuracy of writing
- Evidence and support for claims
- Originality and creativity of the idea(s) on human rights improvement
- Viability of the suggested idea(s)

4. Awards

- A panel of experts will select a total of five papers.
 - 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)
- Five awardees will be invited to present their work at the Conference for Human Rights Leaders of the Next Generation, and awarded papers will be published in the conference proceedings. Non-Korean awardees from other Asian countries will receive the stipend which covers travel, accommodation and food. If the Non-Korean awardees are not individual but team, the stipend will be provided to only one representative from the team.

5. Contact the Human Asia

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