

2017 2nd SSK Human Rights Forum Student Paper Competition

The SSK (Social Science Korea) 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. The project intends to establish a global hub connecting researchers, practitioners, and policy makers in the field of human rights. Participating universities include Korea University, Yonsei University, Sungkyunkwan University, Ewha Womans University, Kyung-Hee University, Harvard University, University of Michigan, University of Georgia, and University of Washington. Also, the project is striving for multilateral extension of human rights education and research through Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with Human Rights Initiative of University of Michigan. In recognition of its efforts to contribute to human rights education and research over the past six years, SSK Human Rights Forum entered the third stage of its research on September, 2016, with a full grant from the National Research Foundation of Korea. In the third stage (2016-2019), SSK Human Rights Forum plans to investigate how the accumulated data and our published studies can be appropriated for designing practical public policies on human rights. 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.

The '2nd SSK Human Rights Forum Student Paper Competition' will provide a great opportunity for young scholars to conduct in-depth research in the human rights field. The SSK Human Rights Forum, in collaboration with Human Asia, launched the '1st SSK Human Rights Forum undergraduate/graduate student paper competition' in January, 2016, and realized young scholars' great interest in human rights. A total of 24 papers were submitted on a wide range of topics, including minority rights (disability, children's, migrants, women's, and LGBT rights) business and human rights, civil rights, and terrorism. These topics were dealt with through legal, administrative, sociological, educational, political science approaches. The '2nd SSK Human Rights Forum Student Paper Competition' calls for papers on the theme of 'how can human rights be improved?' We need your critical insights into how to revive, strengthen and extend human rights that are currently threatened by various global crises such as the global economic downturn and terrorism. You may freely discuss a wide range of topics within the broad scope of human rights, including, but not limited to, the role of governments, NGOs, the international community, human rights education, and the formation of a human rights culture. Any new and innovative ideas in the field of human rights are welcome.

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

- Papers should facilitate a discussion of how human rights improvement can be achieved and should explore legal, institutional, social or cultural conditions that promote or hinder the respect and protection of human rights.
- Empirical analyses on specific area(s) of human rights or on the human rights of specific group(s) are strongly encouraged. Papers can cover various topics including civil and political rights, economic, social and cultural rights, human rights in North Korea, international development and cooperation, corporate responsibility and protection of human rights, human rights to environments, human rights to information and various groups such as women, children, elderly persons, North Korean refugees, migrant workers, and members of the LGBT community.
- It is also recommended that authors formulate policy suggestions and possible solutions for the human rights issues found in their analyses.
- There is no restriction on title.
- Language: English or Korean

Important Dates and Deadlines

- Application period: December 19th, 2016 (Mon) 9 am - January 13th, 2017 (Fri) 6 pm
- Full paper submission: February 28th, 2017 (Tue) 6 pm
- Announcement of the winners: March 13th, 2017 (Mon) 9 am
 - * Please check on the following website - <http://sskhumanrights.org>
- Award ceremony and paper presentation: Mid-March ~Early April, 2017 (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 Korea are also eligible to apply.
- 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

2. Guidelines for Submission

Submitting your application and paper proposal

- Online application is available at <http://sskhumanrights.org>. Click “RSVP” on the top menu or use <https://goo.gl/f3njxk>

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, 10-point font, 1.5 line spacing, normal margins, academic style in-text citations and a reference list.)
*Authors of the three best papers must later submit a PPT file for a presentation at the Conference for Human Rights Leaders of the Next Generation.

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.

3. Judging Criteria

- Overall understanding of how ideas and practices of human rights are shaped, changed and reproduced.

- Validity of logical reasoning
- Originality and creativity of the idea(s) on human rights improvement
- Accuracy of writing
- Viability of the suggested idea(s)
- Appropriateness and clarity of research method(s)

4. Awards (Three best papers will be selected by a panel of experts.)

- First Prize: Award Certificate and Scholarship of 1,000,000 (KRW)
- Second Prize: Award Certificate and Scholarship of 700,000(KRW)
- Third Prize: Award Certificate and Scholarship of 500,000(KRW)

*The authors of the three best papers 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.

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