



## **VERA ANSTEY SOUTH ASIA ESSAY COMPETITION 2020-21**

The 'Vera Anstey South Asia Essay Competition' is established by the LSE South Asia Centre in honour of LSE alumnus and Reader Vera Anstey (1889–1967).

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open only to registered, full-time LSE Masters students registered in any course.

### **HOW TO SUBMIT AN ESSAY**

- Essays should be an original piece of writing, not already published on any other platform.
- Essays should be between 800 and 1,200 words, and written in English. Essays exceeding 1,200 words (this word count is not inclusive of any tables and/or quantitative data)
- Essays should be submitted as PDFs via email only to South Asia Centre Deputy Director Dr Nilanjan Sarkar ([n.sarkar@lse.ac.uk](mailto:n.sarkar@lse.ac.uk)), with a covering sheet mentioning the writer's name, student number, and the degree programme at LSE that s/he is registered in.

### **DEADLINE**

The competition closes at midnight on 15 December 2020.

### **ASSESSMENT OF ESSAYS**

- The South Asia Centre will compile a shortlist of 10 essays, to be judged by a select panel of 3 jurors comprising LSE staff members.
- Jurors will assess essays on the following criteria: originality (25%), creativity of thought (25%), use of English language (25%), and appropriateness to the theme of the contest (25%).
- The Jury will choose the winner, and two runners-up.
- All shortlisted essays will be published on the 'South Asia @ LSE' blog.

### **AWARD**

- The winner and runners-up of the competition will be announced no later than 7 February 2021.
- The winner will receive book vouchers worth £250.
- The winner and both runners-up will receive a Certificate of Award.

### **PUBLICATION**

- The essays of the winner and the 2 runners-up will be published on 'South Asia @ LSE', the official blog of LSE South Asia Centre. They may not be published on any other platform by the writers before its official publication on the blog.

- All published essays will adhere to LSE's rules of free speech.
- LSE South Asia Centre reserves the right to undertake the editing of essays ahead of publication.
- 'South Asia @ LSE' reserves the right to work with non-shortlisted authors to develop their pieces for publication on the blog