



VERA ANSTEY SOUTH ASIA ESSAY COMPETITION

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.

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 southasia@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 20 January 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 2020.
- 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 They may not be published on any other platform by the writers before its official publication on the blog.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.