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# 2020 LSESU ECONOMICS ESSAY COMPETITION

FOR ALL **SECONDARY** AND **PRE-TERTIARY** STUDENTS  
TRAIN YOUR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND GET **RECOGNISED BY LEADING ECONOMISTS!**



# 2020 LSESU Economics Essay Competition

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Share your insights, think critically, engage in current affairs, and apply your economic knowledge in an academic essay.

## - QUESTIONS -

1. 'Poor countries benefit the most from prioritising investments in health.' Do you agree?
2. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, governments around the world have introduced huge stimulus packages. To what extent should societies be concerned about the short-term and long-term consequences of these policies?
3. Many economists warn that the COVID-19 crisis may worsen existing inequalities. Do you agree? If yes, what policies do you propose to reverse these gaps?
4. There are long-standing concerns about the under-representation of women in the economics profession. Do you agree that this is a problem? If yes, how should this problem be addressed?
5. How important is a country's historical path in determining its long-run economic development?
6. **(CEP 30th Anniversary Prize Question)** According to Thomas Jefferson, 'The care of human life and happiness... is the only legitimate object of good government.' What will change if governments make happiness the only policy objective?

## - ELIGIBILITY -

Entrants should be

- in the final two years of secondary school,
- starting sixth form (or an equivalent institution) this year,
- in sixth form, or
- starting university this year.

Entrants can be of **any nationality** and **studying in any country**.



## - GUIDELINES -

- Submit your entry by **1 August 2020** via the **official entry form**.
- Entries must be in English and at **1,500 words** maximum.
- Results will be announced by 1 September.
- If you don't know where to begin research for your essay, free to use our special **Starter Pack** for inspiration!

Please read the detailed guidelines and terms and conditions [here](#).

## - PRIZES -

The **three best entries to each question** will receive an award certificate.

The **six best essays** out of the whole competition will also be awarded one of the very special prizes below:

### PROFESSOR SIR CHRIS PISSARIDES PRIZE

A copy of *Equilibrium Unemployment Theory* and signed certificate by Professor Sir Chris Pissarides,

*2010 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences*

### PROFESSOR SIR TIM BESLEY PRIZE

Copy of *Principled Agents?* and signed certificate by Professor Sir Tim Besley,

*W. Arthur Lewis Professor of Development Economics at LSE*

### PROFESSOR SILVANA TENREYRO PRIZE

Copy of *Till Time's Last Sand* and signed certificate by Professor Silvana Tenreyro,

*Member of the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee*

### PROFESSOR SIR CHARLIE BEAN PRIZE

Copy of *The Great Economists: How Their Ideas Can Help Us Today* and signed certificate by Professor Sir Charlie Bean,

*Former Deputy Governor of the Bank of England*

### PROFESSOR ORIANA BANDIERA PRIZE

A copy of *Good Economics for Hard Times* and signed certificate by Professor Oriana Bandiera,

*Sir Anthony Atkinson Professor of Economics and Director of STICERD, LSE*

### CEP 30TH ANNIVERSARY PRIZE

Signed copy of *Can We Be Happier?* and signed certificate by Professor Richard Layard. Awarded to the best entry to **Question 6** only.

*The LSE Centre for Economic Performance seeks to address three related questions: How to foster growth? How to share growth? How to make growth sustainable?*