

2018 3rd 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. In recognition of its efforts to contribute to human rights education and research, SSK Human Rights Forum entered the third stage of its research in 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 3rd SSK Human Rights Forum Student Paper Competition calls for papers on the theme of “New Dynamics of Rights: Risks and Remedies.” We need your critical insights into how to revive, strengthen, and extend human rights that are currently threatened by various global phenomena such as the rise in authoritarianism, religious extremism, overt racism, environmental degradation, and advancing technology. 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, and theoretical developments. 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

The theme for this year's SSK Human Rights paper competition is "New Dynamics of Rights: Risks and Remedies"

Human rights as a field has long been contentious in terms of compliance and efficacy, but ongoing global phenomena such the rise in authoritarianism, religious extremism, overt racism, environmental degradation, and advancing technology have introduced new dangers and dimensions to human rights. This year's competition asks students to contemplate how to respond to the challenges of upholding human rights for various communities and institutions in the early 21st century.

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: Jan 15th, 2018 (Mon) - Feb 14th, 2018 (Wed)
- Full paper submission: Mar 15th, 2018 (Thu) 6 pm
- Announcement of the winners: Mar 28th, 2018 (Wed) 6 pm
 - * Please check the following website - <http://sskhumanrights.org>
- Award ceremony and paper presentation: During the April, 2018 (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

- 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.)

*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.

* These are useful online resources to avoid plagiarism.

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe-writing-centre/reference-effectively-avoid-plagiarism/avoiding-plagiarism>

<https://ori.hhs.gov/plagiarism-0>

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 three best papers.
 - 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.

5. Contact the SSK Human Rights Forum

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