

PPE Humanities essay competition 2011-2012

Topic

Choose one country involved in the Arab Spring, the recent chain of protests and uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa. Discuss the interplay of politics, philosophy and economics that has led to radical change in that country. Then consider whether this interplay holds any lessons for the appropriate future governance of that state.

Your essay should be no more than 5000 words, including footnotes and bibliography. The referencing method should be consistent and must include the standard information.

Prizes

The Humanities Faculty has provided a total of R1000. The judges – Greg Fried and Andre Hofmeyr, the members of the PPE Humanities Committee – will award the prize, or prizes, based on essay quality and perhaps student seniority. There may (for example) be just one prize, or prizes for first to third place, or prizes for students in first to third year of their undergraduate degree at the date of submission. The distribution of prizes will depend on the entries we receive.

Winning essays will be posted online, on a PPE section of the Philosophy Department site.

Eligibility

Although this competition has been designed with PPE Humanities students in mind, any students of the university are eligible to enter if they:

- are UCT undergraduates in 2011; and
- continue to be UCT students – whether undergraduate or postgraduate – in 2012.

Deadline

By 10 April 2012 – first day of lectures, second quarter of 2012 – submit a hard copy of your essay to the Philosophy Department reception (marked for Greg Fried's attention), and send an electronic copy to gregory.fried@uct.ac.za .