

"Economics and the Future" Essay Contest

2nd Edition - 2017/18: Transformational Investment

Regulations

The "Economics and the Future" essay contest is jointly organized by the School of Economics and Management of the University of Porto (FEP) and the Order of Economists (Ode), with the support of the Center for Economics and Finance at the University of Porto (CEF.UP) and has the primary goal of stimulating scientific research, contributing to the personal development and training of FEP students. The general theme of the 2nd edition - 2017/18 is "Transformational Investment".

Article 1 Scope

1. The School of Economics and Management of the University of Porto and the Order of Economists are the organizers of the "Economics and the Future" essay contest which, in its 2nd edition - 2017/18, focuses on the general theme of "Transformational Investment".
2. "Economics and the Future", 2nd edition - 2017/18, also includes a lecture series with the following specific topics of discussion and a closing session on FEP Day 2018:
Transformational Investment and Industrial Policy
Transformational Investment, Transformational Productivity?
Post-Crisis Transformational Investment
3. One original research work, on a relevant and interesting topic within the general theme of the lectures, will be distinguished.
4. The present regulations establish the norms and procedures essential to the realization of this contest.

Article 2 Organization

The persons responsible for the organization of this contest are: Álvaro Aguiar, Ana Paula Ribeiro (FEP professors), Filipa Mota and Francisco Nunes Pereira (FEP doctoral students).

Article 3 Promotion

The contest will be promoted by the organizers of the initiative, both electronically and in the physical spaces of the School of Economics and Management of the University of Porto, starting on 17 October 2017.

Article 4 Conditions of Participation

1. FEP students who satisfy one of the following conditions at the time of the contest's opening may apply in groups of two or individually:
 - a. Students in their 2nd or 3rd year of a Bachelor's in Economics or Management at the School of Economics and Management of the University of Porto;
 - b. Students in a Master's at the School of Economics and Management of the University of Porto.
2. Each group may submit only one essay.
3. The work must be analytical and not merely descriptive, and may be of a theoretical, theoretical and empirical, or just empirical nature.
4. Essays must be unpublished.
5. Essays may be written in Portuguese or English.
6. Unpublished or reformulated school works that have been submitted for evaluation by faculty members as part of the Bachelor's or Master's programme the applicant is enrolled in may be submitted, so long as they fulfill the conditions set out in point 3 of this article.
7. Essays must not exceed 3,000 words, excluding the bibliography and any attachments.

Article 5 Operation of the Contest

1. Formalizing the application:
 - a. Application to the essay contest is done online by submitting a document to the online platform (part of Sigarra) created for the contest, which can be accessed from FEP's homepage (<http://www.fep.up.pt/>);
 - b. The submitted document must be in PDF format and include the following information:
 - i. Name, student number and e-mail address of each of the group members;
 - ii. Provisional essay title;
 - iii. Description of the essay in 300 words or less.
2. Application phases:
 - a. Phase 1: Application
 - i. Application submission: 17 October 2017 to 27 November 2017;
 - ii. The relevance, structure and viability of the project presented in each application will be evaluated by the contest organizers and, in function of that evaluation, the groups who will advance to the next phase will be selected. The groups will be notified of their selection, or lack thereof, by e-mail;
 - iii. The contest organizers will designate, according to availability, 3rd-cycle students who will act as tutors for each of the selected groups.

- b. Phase 2: Participation in the lecture series sessions
 - i. Students admitted to the contest must participate in the lecture series sessions so that they may gather relevant contributions for their essays;
 - ii. Students admitted to the contest must furthermore participate in the networking session with the speakers before each session.
- c. Phase 3: Essay submission
 - i. Essays must be submitted to the online platform no later than 11:59 pm on 30 April 2018;
 - ii. Both the groups that pass to the 4th and final stage and those that do not will be notified of the results before the closing session of the lecture series.
- d. Phase 4: Final presentations
 - i. The finalists will present their works during the closing session of the lecture series;
 - ii. The final results will be revealed during the session, following the presentations.

Article 6 Evaluation Parameters

1. The evaluation criteria are as follows:
 - a. Originality;
 - b. Rigor and clarity both in the analytical and expository dimensions of the essay;
 - c. Essay structure and coherence;
2. The jury will determine how to operationalize the above criteria.

Article 7 Prizes

The prizes for the winning essays are as follows:

- a. Monetary prize of 1,500€ for the winning essay, sponsored by Banco Carregosa;
- b. Honorable mentions for the finalist groups;
- c. Publication in the *Cadernos de Economia* magazine;
- d. Presentation at the National Congress of Economists.

Article 8 Jury

1. The contest jury is composed of:
 - a. The Dean of FEP, who presides over the jury with a casting vote;
 - b. Two members external to the contest organization, nominated by the president of the jury;

- c. Ricardo Arroja (representative of the Order of Economists);
 - d. Álvaro Aguiar (organization, FEP) and Ana Paula Ribeiro (organization, FEP).
2. The jury's decisions are final and binding, not subject to complaint or redress.
 3. The contest jury will select as finalists only those who fulfill the distinctive requirements that they consider essential and which demonstrate the desired quality.

Article 9 Application Exclusion

1. Applications that do not fulfill the aforementioned requirements will be excluded.
2. Applications will also be excluded if fraud/plagiarism is detected in the presented work.
3. The decision to exclude an application may only be made by the jury.

Article 10 Omitted Cases

Any case omitted in the present Regulations will be subject to resolution by the jury.

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