

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

National Young Sociologist Competition 2015-16

The Department of Sociology, Christ University, Bangalore, organises an annual National Young Sociologist Competition for undergraduate students having Sociology as one of their subject. It aims to encourage the young generation to carry out small research projects on socially relevant subjects and issues to enhance their critical and analytical thinking. The Competition seeks to fulfil this aim by inviting the participants to write original papers on topics prescribed below to participate in the paper presentation competition which will be held on 10 December 2015.

Theme and Topics

The theme for the National Young Sociologist Competition 2015-16 is Human Rights.

Human rights are moral principles or norms that describe certain standards of human behavior, and are regularly protected as legal rights in municipal and international law. They are commonly understood as inalienable fundamental rights "to which a person is inherently entitled simply because she or he is a human being," and which are "inherent in all human beings" regardless of their nation, location, language, religion, ethnic origin or any other status. They are applicable everywhere and at every time in the sense of being universal, and they are egalitarian in the sense of being the same for everyone. They require empathy and the rule of law and impose an obligation on persons to respect the human rights of others. They should not be taken away except as a result of due process based on specific circumstances, and require freedom from unlawful imprisonment, torture, and execution.

The term "human rights" was mentioned seven times in the UN's founding Charter, making the promotion and protection of human rights a key purpose and guiding principle of the Organization. In 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights brought human rights into the realm of international law. Since then, the Organization has diligently protected human rights through legal instruments and on-the-ground activities.

Human rights can be classified and organized in a number of different ways. At an international level the most common categorization of human rights has been to split them into civil and political rights, and economic, social and cultural rights.

Civil and political rights are enshrined in articles 3 to 21 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). Economic, social and cultural rights are enshrined in articles 22 to 28 of the Universal

Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR).

On this backdrop the Young Sociologists Competition focuses on the Human Rights, their violation and protection in the Indian context. Students are expected to identify different human rights as specified by the universal declaration; carry out an original research work to understand how they are violated in the local context and then identify agencies or organizations who are working for their protection.

Sub themes

1. Right to Life Liberty and Security
2. Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression
3. Right to Own Property
4. Right to Work and Right to Equal Pay for Equal Work
5. Right to Education

Eligibility

The competition is open to all regular undergraduate students studying Sociology as one their subjects in any of the institutions in India.

Submission Guidelines

1. As a first step to participate in this competition all participants need to send a 300 word abstract of their paper by August 23, 2015 to:

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Tel: 91-80-4012 9067

Or

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C/o Dr Sudhansubala Sahu
Co-ordinator for YSC
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2. The abstracts should be accompanied by the contact details of participants including name, college/institution details, postal address, email address, and phone number.
3. Participants need to enclose a bonafide certificate from the Head of their Institution and a copy of their college/university identity card along with the abstract.
4. There is no limit to the number of entries from a single institution.
5. All entries should be **original** works of the participant with appropriate references. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified.
6. **Co-authored papers will not be considered.**
7. Submitted abstracts will be screened and the authors of shortlisted abstracts will be notified by September 1, 2015.
8. Authors of shortlisted abstracts have to submit two hard copies and the soft copy in of their full-length paper in word format to either of the above-mentioned addresses by October 15, 2015.
9. Participants whose papers have been selected for the final presentation at Christ University, Bangalore on December 10, 2015 will be notified by November 1, 2015.
10. Travel will be reimbursed (second class sleeper) for outstation paper presenters.
11. Accommodation will be provided for outstation paper presenters.
12. Final papers will be considered for publication.

Evaluation Process and Rewards

- 1 The entries will be evaluated by an eminent panel of judges and the authors of the ten best entries will be invited to Christ University to make a presentation and to defend their ideas in the presence of students of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- 2 Awards are given to the prize winners. The first prize carries Rs 10,000/-, the second Rs 7,000/-, and the third Rs 5,000/-. The conveyance expenditure of the finalists would be reimbursed as per Christ University guidelines and the finalists would receive hospitality from Christ University community.

Important Dates

August 23, 2015	Last date for submission of abstract
September 1, 2015	Notification of shortlisted abstracts
October 15, 2015	Submission of full-length paper
November 1, 2015	Announcement of finalists for paper presentation
December 10, 2015	Final paper presentation at Christ University