

University of St Andrews

The Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV) and the School of International Relations

Global Challenges – Annual Competition

Introduction

The Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV) within the School of International Relations is pleased to announce an annual “team” Competition, open to current University of St Andrews Undergraduates (including those who study IR together with other subjects). The Competition aims to support students’ personal and academic development and their ability to work collaboratively, effectively and creatively. Each team will be mentored and supported by a designated academic in the School of IR.

The Competition

Application

Each year, beginning in the academic year 2016-17, teams of Undergraduate students (including at least one person in International Relations, and at least one other St Andrews Undergraduate) will be invited to submit (i) a one-page executive summary (c. 300 words), and (ii) a two-page presentation, outlining their concepts and ideas in response to the designated topic. For 2016-17 the topic is:

What should be done to ensure that the media play the most constructive role possible in responding to the global challenge of terrorist violence?

Shortlisting

The Panel (comprising academics and people with other professional expertise) will expect to see clear academic engagement with the topic as well as a dynamic team approach to the project and its ultimate exposition.

The shortlist of six teams will be set the task of executing their projects and producing their findings through whichever means appeal to them as most appropriate. It might be that findings are expressed in a written Report, in a multi-media presentation, in a poster exhibition or other art form – but there is flexibility regarding the means of best expressing the findings, and this should be discussed with the academic mentor.

Each shortlisted team will be awarded a group prize of £500. If they choose to deploy this towards their work for the Global Challenge, then the money can be used in support of their work (eg with research travel, audio-visual or other technical requirements).

Academic Mentorship

Each shortlisted team will be allocated an academic mentor. Contact time with the mentor will be as follows:

- One full-day workshop (or two half days) with all team members;
- Three additional two-hour sessions with the mentor to review progress and final draft of the project.

Final Competition

A three-person Panel chaired by the Head of the School of International Relations will assess the completed projects. Each shortlisted team will have to present their findings to

the Panel in a presentation lasting not more than thirty minutes for each team.

Prizes Per Team

1st - £5000

2nd - £2500

3rd - £1000

Timeline:

26th September (week 3) 2016: Competition Opens

17th October (week 6) 2016: Executive Summary and Two-Page Presentation Due

31st October (week 8) 2016: Shortlist Announced and Mentors Assigned

31 March 2017: Findings Delivered in Written/Material Advance Form to Panel

7 April 2017: Findings Presented Live to Panel and Results Decided/Announced

Further information is available via

<http://www.globalchallenges.co.uk/>