



International Essay Competition on Migration Law

Participants' Information Pack

Introduction

The [International Legal Research Group \(LRG\) on Migration Law](#), a cooperation between ELSA, the Council of Europe and the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe, is about to be concluded. Twenty-eight National Research Groups have investigated a [number of questions](#) that seek to understand legislation on integration policies around Europe.

In addition to participating in the research for the LRG, ELSA International invites all LRG Participants to take part in a follow up project; the International Essay Competition on Migration Law.

The aim of the Essay Competition is to raise further awareness of, and knowledge about, Migration Law and different integration policies. Additionally, ELSA International wishes to encourage its members to practice and develop their legal English writing skills, as well as to have the chance of enjoying the great opportunities that the winning prize represents.

Below you will find all necessary information for your participation. Some details might change and all new information, if any, will be communicated to your registered email address. We will update [the website](#) with news and information in the event that would be necessary- In the unlikely event that information provided in this Information Pack and that on the website contradicts, the latter prevails.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact academicactivities@elsa.org.

I wish you the best of luck,

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About the Competition

I Assessment

All submitted essays will be assessed by a Panel of Experts. The names and professional background will be published with the results. The 3 highest scored essays together with the authors' CV's will be sent for a final selection to the Secretariat of the Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) for the selection of the winner.

II Price

Based on the highest scored essays and their authors CV's the Secretariat will choose a winner who will be offered a traineeship with the Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons Committee of PACE in Strasbourg. The usual length of the traineeship is 8 weeks and the best time to arrange it is during the PACE session, with the next available one in 8-12 October 2018. The exact time of the traineeship, however, will be decided together with the winner and the Secretariat of the Committee.

Please note that the traineeship is unpaid and the winner will be responsible for all expenses involved, including accommodation and travel costs.

The three highest scored essays will be published by ELSA International.

The winner, the runner-up and the second runner-up will receive a Letter of Appreciation from ELSA International.

III Draft Timeline

8 th of March	Launch of the Competition
18 th of March	Registration Deadline
21 st of March	Clarification Question Deadline
1 st of April	Deadline for Submission of Essay
14 th of May	Announcement of Winner

IV Essay Topic

The essay topic reads as follows: "The Future of Migration Law – Developments in Legislation and Governmental Policies". The participants of the Essay Competition are encouraged to give a creative new take on the analysis of the developments in migration law.

V Registration

The Essay Competition is open for all participants (National Coordinator, National Academic Coordinator, National Researchers and National Linguistic Editors) of the LRG on Migration Law.



[Please sign up by filling in this link.](#)

VI Communication

All questions about the Essay Competition can be directed to Kerli Kalk at academicactivities@elsa.org.

Rules of the Competition

1. General policies regarding the Rules

- 1.1. The rules shall apply to ELSA International, the Panel of Experts (referred to as judges) and the participants of the Essay Competition.
- 1.2. Participants are responsible for regularly checking the website for any updates on rules, clarifications and practical matters.
- 1.3. Only ELSA International shall interpret the Rules.
- 1.4. Participants may request from ELSA International an interpretation or clarification of the Research Question and the Rules before the deadline (21st of March). Questions that the participants are expected to research themselves (for example questions regarding the substantial content of the essay) will not be answered.
- 1.5. ELSA International will reply to the request via e-mail and will make it publicly available on the official website of the Essay Competition when the clarification is of the interest of all participants.
- 1.6. ELSA International may issue additional Rules if it is deemed necessary.
- 1.7. Any additional rules will be applied from the moment of publication on the official website of the Essay Competition.

2. Registration and submission

- 2.1. Only one person can be the author of an essay submission and each author can only submit one essay.
- 2.2. Applicants for the competition shall be considered accepted when the registration form is filled in and the applicant in question is eligible to participate according to “v. Registration” on page 2.
- 2.3. The Essay Submissions has to be sent as a Word file to academicactivities@elsa.org. The subject of the email must read “Final Submission, Essay Competition on Migration Law” and the filename of the WS must be “Participation Number_Final Submission_Essay Competition on Migration Law”, e.g. “Participant 14_Final Submission_Essay Competition on Migration Law”. The Essay Submission must be accompanied by the CV author as a pdf. The filename must be “Participation Number_CV_Essay Competition on Migration Law”
- 2.4. Only original papers will be considered for the competition. Previously published papers are therefore excluded.

2.5. All participants will receive a certificate of participation by e-mail.

3. Formal Requirements

3.1. Each written submission shall contain the following sections:

- a. Cover Page
- b. List of Abbreviations
- c. Introduction, Argumentation and Conclusion
- d. Bibliography
- e. Footnotes

3.2. The essay (including the Introduction, Argumentation and Conclusion) shall be no longer than 2500 words. Papers shorter than 1,000 words are not encouraged.

3.3. Formatting of the Essay Submissions:

- a. Typed on a A4 paper size;
- b. Font shall be Garamond;
- c. Font size shall be 12 points;
- d. Interlinear space shall be 1.5 lines;
- e. Margins shall be set to 2.54 cm on top, bottom and both sides.

3.4. Participants may not be identified by name or in any other way in the Essay Submission, except by participant number designated by ELSA International to them after Participant Registration.

3.5. The title of the document shall be featured on the cover, together with the participant number provided by ELSA International. Please include page numbers throughout the whole paper.

3.6. Participants may use any recognised style of referencing system and this must be consistently used throughout the Essay Submission.

3.7. The Bibliography shall include all references throughout the Essay Submission.

3.8. Footnotes are to be in Garamond font style, size 10 font, single spaced. Spacing between each footnote shall be at least 1.5.

3.9. References to national legislation and cases and jurisprudence should be adapted to a foreign reader, i.e explanations and translations should be provided if possible and necessary.

3.10. ELSA International reserves the right to make changes to the paper for the purpose of harmonising it with the content and style of ELSA publications.

4. Scoring of the Essay Submissions

- 4.1. Depending on the number of registrations, each WS will be reviewed by as many judges as possible.
- 4.2. The Judges will be provided a Essay Submission Score Sheet that stresses four guiding criteria in the assessment the Essay Submission:
 - a. Academic content: logic and quality of the arguments, originality and level of critical thinking: 65 points.
 - b. Structure: introduction and conclusion shall be complete and pertinent; the argumentation shall be coherent and the text logically organised: 15 points.
 - c. Linguistic quality: the language shall be clear, precise, diverse and coherent: 10 points.
 - d. Referencing: correct and consistent use of authorities and citations: 10 points.
- 4.3. Each Judge can assign a maximum score of 100 points per WS. The points are allocated as follows:
 - a. Poor (0-40)
 - b. Average (40-65)
 - c. Good (65-84)
 - d. Excellent (85-100)

5. Copyrights

- 5.1. Copyright in all contributions accepted for publication remains with the authors, and ELSA International acquires publication rights. Authors are free to reuse their own material.

6. Disqualification

- 6.1. Submissions incompatible with the Rules and other information provided in this document (such as deadlines) will not be considered. Participation to the competition implies acceptance of all terms and conditions issued by ELSA International.
- 6.2. Any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification of the paper.