



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

National Young Sociologist Competition 2012-13

OVERVIEW

National Young Sociologist Competition 2012-13 aims to engage the young generation with critical and analytical thinking about various issues relevant for understanding the changing social relationships in contemporary world. The Competition seeks to fulfil this aim by inviting the participants to write original papers on topics prescribed below.

Theme and Topics

The theme for the National Young Sociologist Competition 2012-13 is:

Secularism, Democracy and Civil Society

The topics under this broad theme on which the participants are expected to write a paper are:

- Secularism in current day scenario
- NGO's
- Civil society working for the benefit of people
- India the biggest democracy in the world
- Civil society and media

Eligibility

The competition is open to all 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 31, 2012 to:

National Young Sociologist Competition 2012-13
C/o Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences
Christ University
Hosur Road, Bangalore-560029
Email: office.dean.hs@christuniversity.in
Tel: 91-80-40129121

Or
National Young Sociologist Competition 2012-13
C/o Dr Joyce Georgina John
Department of Sociology
Christ University
Hosur Road, Bangalore-560029
Email: ysc@soc.christuniversity.in
Tel: 91-80-40129436

2. The abstracts should be accompanied by participants' contact details 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 10, 2012.
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 10, 2012.
9. Participants whose papers have been selected for the final presentation at Christ University, Bangalore on December 13, 2012 will be notified by November 10, 2012.

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 31, 2012	Last date for submission of abstract (Extended date to 10 September)
September 10, 2012	Notification of shortlisted abstracts
October 10, 2012	Submission of full-length paper
November 10, 2012	Announcement of finalists for paper presentation
December 13, 2012	Final paper presentation at Christ University