



Kashmir Committee of the National Capital Region, Ottawa, ON



Essay Competition, July 2021 – Invitation & Guidelines

Theme: Human Rights Violations in Indian-Occupied Kashmir

What: Essay on human rights violations in Indian-occupied Kashmir (IOK)

Who: Students at Canadian universities

When: All essays should be submitted by 6 p.m. (EST) on July 28, 2021

How: Submit essays by email to: kashmircommitteencrottawa@gmail.com (Subject: "Essay competition on IOK 2021 – submission")

Guidelines

Essay contents & evaluation criteria:

- Essays should include a short presentation of the context, a critical analysis of the situation from a human rights perspective, and a short conclusion.
- Essays should be based on a review of relevant UN resolutions, documentaries and other media reports, and briefs by human rights organizations. Topic suggestions are provided.
- Evaluated both on content and form.

Length of essay and presentation format:

- Essays should be 2,500-3,000 words and presented in double-spaced, 12-point font (i.e., approx. 5 pages, excluding the cover page).
- Essays should include a bibliography (APA style) and may also include annexes.
- File format should be MS-Word or PDF.

Topic suggestions

- Violations of UN resolutions and other international obligations by the Indian government
- Abrogation of articles 370 and 35A of the Indian constitution and its impacts
- Situation of women and girls in IOK
- Media ban
- Kidnappings and forced disappearances of youth
- Forcefully changing IOK's demographic makeup
- International community's role and silence
- Lock down since August 2019 and its impacts

Prizes & results

Prizes & certificates of participation: All participants will receive a certificate of participation. The first, second and third position submissions will receive prizes of \$700, \$500, and \$300, respectively. Other prizes may also be awarded.

Results: Results of the top three submissions will be announced on August 5, 2021.

Contact for inquiries: kashmircommitteencrottawa@gmail.com (Subject: "Essay competition on IOK 2021 – query")

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