AGORA-Prize 2013 & Women AGORA-Prize 2013

Terms & Conditions 2013

1. The AGORA-Prize 2013 and the Women AGORA-Prize 2013 try to engage Nepali undergraduate students of Philosophy at Kathmandu University more in the topics of Intercultural Philosophy and Intercultural Feminist Philosophy and raise awareness for the important tasks which philosophers face in today’s academic world. It is open to male and female students of the Department of Languages and Mass Communication at the Kathmandu University in Dhulikhel.

2. To submit a paper for the "First AGORA-Prize 2013" competition, please give your paper to the designated paper-team of the Kathmandu University Dhulikhel, Department of Languages and Mass Communication. By submitting a paper in the competition you are accepting these terms and conditions. Please read the terms and conditions carefully.

3. You are responsible for the cost (if any) of creating, printing and submitting your paper to the paper-team of the Department of Languages and Mass Communication at Kathmandu University.

4. Only one paper is permitted per person – no further changes on submitted papers allowed.

5. The article must be in the hand of the paper-team between 1 April 2013 and 15 April 2013.

6. Papers received after this date will not be accepted for the competition.

7. Jointly authored papers or essay collections with more than three contributors are not eligible.

8. The paper must be in English and handed in as computer written paper print and as pdf. The paper has to be written in Times New Roman, 12, and 1,5-paragraphed. The citation must be in a correct scientific way. If there is no or inadequate citation of the scientific sources you have used, the paper will not be permitted to the competition.

9. The paper has to be scientifically adequate, consisting of a thesis which must be defended throughout the paper. The length of the paper has to be between 10-15 pages – not more, not less. Furthermore there has to be a bibliography included, also a cover stating author, title, date and also for which of the two AGORA-Prizes the paper is handed in. You are advised to download the official cover for the participation from the website. Additionally a short biography of the author of the paper has to be found at the end with the signature of the paper’s author which states that he/she has accepted the terms of the AGORA-Prize.

10. The AGORA-Prize is open only to students of Philosophy at the Department of Languages and Mass Communication at Kathmandu University Dhulikhel. No teaching or administrative staff is allowed to take part in the competition.

11. The AGORA-Prize winner 2013 receives the amount of NRp 7,000 for his/her paper to a topic of Intercultural Philosophy. This prize is open to women and men. The Women AGORA-Prize 2013 is worth NRp 3,000 and for women philosophy students only. The paper for the Women AGORA-Prize 2013 has to be a critical feminist approach to the status of women in Intercultural Philosophy from a Nepali woman point of view. Female students of Philosophy can enter both competitions, but can’t use the same paper for both competitions. The two AGORA-Prize winners have to present their papers in person at the Prize-Winning-Ceremony at the Department of Languages & Mass Communication in Dhulikhel and to discuss and defend their thesis in a 15min discussion with the audience.
12. The paper-team which consists of three teachers (at least one of them a woman) from Kathmandu University will take all submitted papers and check them concerning their scientific standards and if they fit philosophical requirements. The checked papers are then being mailed by the paper-team as pdf-data to Dr. Lisz Hirn who will finalize the decision in accord with the paper-team or/and her representative.

13. The AGORA-Prize winners will be announced at the end of June 2013. The AGORA-Prize Ceremony - including the presentation of the paper before an audience and discussing the thesis of the paper - will take place before July 2013 or at the end of the semester.

14. The AGORA-Prize money has to be spent for educational purposes only. The winners have to give bills and receipts to the paper-team and Dr. Lisz Hirn to prove the educational purpose for which the money has been spent. The purpose has to concern only the winner and his/her scientific education. Bills and receipts have to be handed in within the following academic year, otherwise the AGORA-Prize amount has to be refunded to Dr. Lisz Hirn or the sponsors of the Association of Philosophical Counselling.

15. The AGORA-Prize is powered by Dr. Lisz Hirn or/and the Association of Philosophical Counselling (Graz/Vienna) or a designated sponsor.

16. The winners will also get the chance to get their text translated into German and to be discussed in a bigger academic circle in Europe. They can also get in scientific contact with their annual sponsor(s).

17. After every year’s AGORA-Prize ceremony in June or the end of the semester, there will be a decision if the AGORA-Prize will be announced again or will be cancelled permanently. The decision for that lies only in the hand of the sponsors of the Association for Philosophical Counselling or Dr. Lisz Hirn.

18. The AGORA-Prize amount will only be carried out and carried on if all terms and conditions are followed and honored.

19. Dr. Lisz Hirn and the Association for Philosophical Counselling withhold the right to cancel the AGORA-Prize and competition immediately when unfair competition, deceit or worse are suspected or copyrights are broken. If there are no papers submitted for one or both prizes, the designed amount stays in the hand of the sponsor(s).

20. The cancellation of the AGORA-Prize lies only in the hand of Dr. Lisz Hirn or her representative and is effective immediately without further justification from her or her representative’s side. The Kathmandu University might also cancel the competition, but has to give reasons for that proposed cancellation to the sponsor(s).

21. There are no other financial claims or claims of any other matter from the participants, winners or the Kathmandu University towards Dr. Lisz Hirn or the sponsors of Association for Philosophical Counselling except of the announced prize amount of NRp 10,000.

22. These terms and conditions have to be reconfirmed every year in the end of June or latest at the end of the semester from Dr. Lisz Hirn or her representative and a representative of the Kathmandu University, otherwise the AGORA-Prize will be permanently cancelled.

23. The Kathmandu University is obligated to provide the necessary and permanent web space for the announcement and advertisement of the AGORA-Prize as well as web space for information about the sponsor(s) and the initiator of the AGORA-Prize on their official university website. The Kathmandu University/the Department of Languages and Mass Communication also provides Dr. Lisz Hirn with the logo of the University and other information material for her and the Association’s website within January 2013.

Acknowledged and confirmed by Dhulikhel, December, 6th, 2012

Dr. Lisz Hirn                       Prof. Dr. Janga B. Chauhan
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