

Call for Entries for the AY 2022 Waseda Society of Political Science and Economics Essay Competition

The Waseda Society of Political Science and Economics is holding its 23rd Annual Essay Competition for all full-time students in the School of Political Science and Economics, the Graduate School of Political Science, and the Graduate School of Economics, and is calling for entries for a wide range of essays. A collection of the most outstanding essays will be published, and awards will be given to the authors. In addition to a paper edition, the collection will be published online on [the department website](https://www.waseda.jp/fpse/pse/en/about/research/) (<https://www.waseda.jp/fpse/pse/en/about/research/>) and registered in the [Waseda University Repository](https://waseda.repo.nii.ac.jp/) (<https://waseda.repo.nii.ac.jp/>). We hope to receive many excellent papers. Please note that winners may be asked to revise their papers based on the results of the review process.

1. Eligibility for Entry

All full-time undergraduate students and master's and professional degree students enrolled in the School of Political Science and Economics, the Graduate School of Political Science, or the Graduate School of Economics of Waseda University are eligible. Entries will be divided into two categories: the "Graduate student category" and the "Undergraduate student category." Please be sure to indicate the appropriate category when applying.

2. Theme of Essay

Entries must be related to Political Science, Economics, Global Political Economy, Public Management, or Journalism. Please note, however, that new essays based on previous winners of the Waseda Society of Political Science and Economics Essay Competition (outstanding essays and honorable mentions) will not be accepted. Entries will be divided into two categories: "Theoretical Analysis and Statistical/Quantitative Analysis" and "History, Philosophy, and Other." Please be sure to indicate the appropriate category when applying.

3. Entrants

Individuals or groups such as from seminars may enter. (However, only group members who fulfill the above criteria are eligible to apply.)

4. Period and Place of Essay Submission

Period: November 24, 2022 (Thu) – November 30, 2022 (Wed), 17:00

Place: Submit via Moodle to "The Waseda Society of Political Science and Economics Essay Competition (早稲田大学政治経済學會論文コンクール)".

5. Essay Details

- (1) Entries (main text) should be 10,000 to 30,000 Japanese characters in length or 3,250 to 9,750 English words, 8 to 25 A4 pages, 40 characters x 30 lines (1,200 characters or about 400 words in English) per page.
 - i. Charts are counted as part of the total characters/words (a chart being taken to be equivalent to 500 Japanese characters or 175 English words).
 - ii. No particular font is specified.
 - iii. Charts should not exceed 20% of the whole essay.
 - iv. Please note that if the character/word limit is substantially exceeded, the essay will be deemed ineligible.
 - v. Pages should be numbered in the middle at the bottom.
- (2) Prepare a summary of approximately 1,200 characters (or about 400 words in English) on a single A4 page and submit it with your essay.
- (3) A cover sheet in [the prescribed format](#) must be attached when submitting.
- (4) An electronic copy (PDF) must be submitted (non-returnable).

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(1) Submit via Moodle to “The Waseda Society of Political Science and Economics Essay Competition (早稲田大學政治經濟學會論文コンクール)”.

(2) The filename must indicate the title of the essay and the name of the author/representative.

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Please ensure that the size of the file is no more than 50MB.

Please make sure to submit all the data in one PDF file, in the order of cover page, summary, essay.

6. Selection of outstanding essays and awards for authors

(1) One or two “outstanding essays (学会優秀賞)” and several “honorable mentions (学会佳作)” will be selected for each of the categories.

i. To recipient(s) of the Society’s outstanding essay award (学会優秀賞受賞者): Prize money of 100,000 yen

ii. To recipient(s) of the Society’s honorable mention award (学会佳作受賞者): Prize money of 50,000 yen

(2) Summaries and full essays will be published in a collection. In addition to a paper edition, the collection will be published online on [the department website](https://www.waseda.jp/fpse/pse/en/about/research/) (https://www.waseda.jp/fpse/pse/en/about/research/) and registered in the [Waseda University Repository](https://waseda.repo.nii.ac.jp/) (https://waseda.repo.nii.ac.jp/).

By submitting an essay, you are deemed to have agreed to this. However, you may decline to have your essay published electronically or registered in the Waseda University Repository by stating such a preference at the time of application.

(3) The awards ceremony will be held during the graduation party on the day of the graduation ceremony (March 25) or at the beginning of the entrance ceremony (April 1).

7. Notes on essay submission

(1) Any author-identifiable information, such as names, institutional affiliations, etc., and acknowledgments must not be included in the summary or the main text of the essay.

(2) All references must be listed at the end of the essay. The list should show which references are cited or referred to and where they can be found. Be sure to include the name, year of publication, publisher, and page number of works cited or referred to (e.g., Okuma, Azusa. *Introduction to Political Economy*, Waseda Shobo, 20XX, p.xx.).

(3) Add footnotes if necessary.

For further information on the format of references and footnotes, please refer to [the Waseda Journal of Political Science and Economics \(早稲田政治經濟學雜誌\)](#) or similar publications.

Please ensure that the total number of pages of the essay does not exceed 30 when combined with the main text, even though the characters/words in the summary, footnotes, and references are not counted.

(4) Data fabrication, falsification, and plagiarism of others’ works are strictly prohibited.

(5) An essay of which a substantial part has already been published elsewhere by the same author cannot be accepted.

(6) If you wish to use your own term papers and/or other works of yours as the basis for the essay you submit, please obtain the approval of your academic advisor prior to submission.

(7) If you would like to refer to outstanding essays from previous years’ competitions, they may be viewed in the Lee Kun-Hee Commemorative Library (FPSE Student Library) on Floor B1 of Building 3 or in the Central Library. The collection for the AY 2020 competition and after is available on the School of Political Science and Economics website and is also registered in the Waseda University Repository.

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