

2023 LSESU Economics Society Essay Competition

Enter by 15th August & win prizes! Share your insights, think critically, engage in current affairs, and apply your economic knowledge in an academic essay.

-Questions-

1. *How do you forecast AI will affect the market for creative professionals such as novelists, musicians and artists?*
2. *What are the trade-offs involved in expanding central bank mandates from maintaining monetary and financial stability to broader concerns about inequality, unemployment or climate change in order to promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth? (Choose one of the above points)*
3. *To what extent does political polarisation hinder economic growth?*
4. *How can policymakers balance incentivising pharmaceutical innovation while ensuring potentially lifesaving drugs remain affordable for consumers?*
5. *(In honour of) Sir Arthur Lewis' dual-sector model (the Lewis Model) has been incredibly influential in the field of industrial and development economics. Does the rise of the gig economy challenge or support traditional models of structural transformation?*
6. *(CEP) What explains the variation in happiness within a country, and how can wellbeing be improved by public policy?*

-Eligibility-

Entrants should be:

- current secondary school students in their final or penultimate year of secondary school or those entering university this year (i.e offer holders)

Entrants can be of **any nationality** and **studying in any country**.

-Guidelines-

- Submit your entry by **15th August 2023 11:59 pm GMT+1** via the [official entry form](#).
- Entries must be in English and at **1,500 words maximum**.
- Results will be announced early September
- Each entrant can only respond to **ONE** question.
- For more information on submitting your essay, finding inspiration and our top tips, please read our [Information Pack](#)!

-Prizes-

The three best essays in the competition will receive a **£100 Amazon gift voucher each**.

The three best essays for each question will receive an **award certificate** while the best essay for each question will receive one of the special prizes below:

1. **Professor Sir Christopher Pissarides Prize**
Book and signed certificate by Professor Sir Chris Pissarides
2. **Professor Silvana Tenreyro Prize**
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3. **Professor Sir Tim Besley Prize**
Book and signed certificate by Professor Sir Tim Besley
4. **Professor Mark Schankerman Prize**
Book and signed certificate by Professor Mark Shankerman
5. **Professor Oriana Bandiera Prize**
Book and signed certificate by Professor Oriana Bandiera
6. **Professor Sir Richard Layard Prize**
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The best essay by an LSE offer holder will receive:

- Professor Ricardo Reis Prize**
Book and signed certificate by Professor Ricardo Reis