

# 2024 LSESU Economics Society Essay Competition

Enter by 30th July & win prizes! Share your insights, think critically, engage in current affairs, and apply your economic knowledge in an academic essay.

## -Questions-

- 1. The Financial sector deals with a significant moral hazard, since portfolio managers cannot be held accountable for poor investment performance. This is often used as justification for higher pay and bonuses in the finance sector. With reference to this, what is the impact of bonus caps on the financial sector?*
- 2. How does adoption of AI technology affect differences in rates of development across nations?*
- 3. Do election cycles affect economic policy making and financial markets?*
- 4. What are the economic effects of gentrification on urban communities?*
- 5. How can micro financing affect climate refugees in developing countries?*
- 6. Should social welfare maximisation be the focus of all policy making efforts?*

## -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 30th July 2024 **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

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### 2. Professor Silvana Tenreyro Prize

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### 3. Professor Sir Tim Besley Prize

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