



LSESU ECONOMICS ESSAY COMPETITION



QUESTIONS

1. Professor Sir Christopher Pissarides

As AI and other automation technologies are penetrating the office, employees are loving some aspects of it and hating others. For example, they love that AI is enabling them to work from home one or two days a week, but hate that the boss is using AI to monitor and evaluate their work. How can a modern employer balance the company's needs with AI against the employees' objectives and wellbeing?

2. Professor Sir Tim Besley

Is it useful to bring social identity into economics in order to understand contemporary policy challenges?

3. Professor Christopher Sandmann

What are the best economic predictors for armed conflict and peace?

4. Professor Jane Olmstead-Rumsey

How will the pace and economic effects of AI adoption differ from the adoption of previous general purpose technologies like computers, electricity, and steam power?

5. Professor Ricardo Reis

Take a country that uses tariffs to eliminate the (large) bilateral trade deficit it has with some of its trading partners, while at the same time runs a large public deficit. What are the consequences of such a mix of policies on its overall current account, its composition, the exchange rate, and domestic employment?



PRIZES

Award for Top 3 from each question: Certificate signed by LSESU EconSoc President and named professor

Award for #1 from each question: £50 Amazon Gift Card

Number 1 Overall: Certificate signed by LSESU EconSoc President AND £100 Amazon Gift Card

Number 1 Offer Holder: Certificate signed by LSESU EconSoc President and LSE Head of Department of Economics AND £100 Amazon Gift Card

INFORMATION

Deadline: Monday 1st September 23:59 GMT+1

Word limit: 1500 (excluding references)

Submission: via Google Form linked on the website indicated below

Results released: Monday 15th September

For more detailed information (including supporting guides, marking rubrics, further prize information, and the submission link), please visit the LSESU Economics Society website at <https://lsesueconsoc.org/>



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