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**THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS,
THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HUMAN
RIGHTS AND THE REGIONAL DELEGATION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS
FOR MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA**

ANNOUNCE THE SECOND

**REGIONAL UNIVERSITY ESSAY
COMPETITION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN LAW**

**MISSING PERSONS
PERSONS IN SITUATION OF
HUMAN MOBILITY
PERSONS DEPRIVED OF THEIR
LIBERTY**

**FOR BELIZE, COSTA RICA, EL
SALVADOR, GUATEMALA,
HONDURAS, MEXICO AND
NICARAGUA**

PARTICIPATION:

1. The Competition is open to two categories of students: those enrolled in a university bachelor's (undergraduate) degree and those that are registered in a postgraduate program at an institution of higher education in one of the following countries, at the time of sending their essay: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua.
2. There are no fees to register for the Competition.
3. Essays must be sent to the Organizing Committee (made up of representatives of the three Convening Institutions) no later than 11:59 p.m. on 31 October 2022 (Costa Rican time); texts submitted after that date shall not be accepted.

CONDITIONS:

1. Participants may choose any topic for their essay, as long as it falls within the scope of the central focus of the Competition:
 - Legal protection of unidentified deceased persons: States' obligations to search, identify and prevent in the subject-matter of disappearances and the specific role of forensic institutions;
 - Access to rights and protection of persons in context of human mobility (internal displacement, migration and persons that receive international protection);
 - Conditions of detention and rights of persons deprived of their liberty: obligations of the States
2. Those interested in participating in the Competition must do so by submitting an unpublished essay (not published or submitted for publication or participation in any other essay competition), written in Spanish or English, individually by the participant.
3. Participants will only be allowed to present one essay.
4. The length of the essay should not exceed 20 pages, including the footnotes and the bibliography.
5. The essay must be presented in a Word file with 1.5 spacing and in Arial 12 font size; for the footnotes, the same font will be used with a size of 10, in single spacing. The margins of the pages will be those predetermined by the word processor.
6. The essays submitted must necessarily include footnotes and present a bibliography at the end of the piece.
7. The citation system to be used will be the one established in the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights' Guide on Style and Format, available [here](#).
8. The file containing the essay should not include any data allowing the identification of the participant or inferring their identity.

9. In addition to the essay, the email that each participant sends must include: i) in the body of the email, the full name of the participant, their email address, the name of the educational institution in which they are enrolled, the study program and the semester / year they are studying; and ii) the supporting documentation confirming the compliance with the requirement set forth in point 1 of the section "Participation" (if necessary, the Organizing Committee may request the educational institution to confirm the participant's status).

10. The email, sent to the address Concurso.CoIDH.CICR.IIDH.2022@gmail.com, should be entitled "Regional University Essay Competition". In response, the Organizing Committee will direct an email to each participant, confirming their registration, to the address from which the essay was sent.

11. Essays that do not meet the conditions expressed in this call shall not be admitted.

EVALUATION:

1. The essays received will be reviewed and evaluated by a Jury made up of members of the Convening Institutions, whose names will be announced through their social networks, which will select the winning essay in each category.
2. The decision of the Jury, which will be final and may not be subject to appeal, will be announced to the participants on 10 December 2022, and will also be published through the Convening Institutions' social networks.
3. The essays presented must be original; documents considered as presenting elements of plagiarism will be automatically disqualified.
4. The Convening Institutions reserve the right not to award the prize if the Jury considers that none of the essays meet the necessary requirements to be declared the winner.
5. Any situation that arises during the Competition and that is not provided for in the present Rules will be resolved by the Organizing Committee.
6. The evaluation criteria for the essays will be the following: originality of the topic and its treatment (20%); structure and clarity (20%); quality of the reasoning (30%); use of sources cited (20%); and form (10%).

PRIZE:

The winner of the Competition in each category will receive a diploma stating the decision of the Jury. The Inter-American Court will also offer an internship for the winner of the undergraduate category and a professional visit for the winner of the postgraduate category (in both cases, the related financing will have to be secured by the winners in both categories and comply with the dates, conditions and requirements set by the Court's internship and professional visits program), and the International Committee of the Red Cross will provide them with a set of publications. The winning essays will be published in the Review of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (subject to editorial approval), as well as through the social networks of the Convening Institutions. Should the quality of the submitted essays warrant it, the Jury may consider the possibility of recommending the publication of more essays in the Review.



SOLICITUD DE ACLARACIONES:



Any question or request for clarification should be sent to following email address: Concurso.CoIDH.CICR.IIDH.2022@gmail.com.



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