



ISASR ESSAY COMPETITION 2015

The Irish Society for the Academic Study of Religions (ISASR) invites entries for the 2015 Academic Study of Religions Essay Prize. The competition is open to any undergraduate student registered (part-time or full-time) in an Irish third level institution for the 2014-15 academic year who would like to present for consideration an essay which has been previously submitted and assessed in an undergraduate module and has as its focus a topic in the field of the academic study of religions. It is important to note that essays should be non-confessional in approach. The competition is open to students from all fields or disciplines engaged in the academic study of religions such as study of religions/religious studies, history, geography, sociology, anthropology, folklore, and historical or critical approaches to theology or scriptural studies.

The essay should have been awarded a grade of 2.1 (Second Class Honours Grade 1) or above, be word processed and be 1,500-4,000 words in length (please note that projects, dissertations or minor theses will not be considered).

The submitted work should be from the academic year 2014-15 and must be submitted in PDF format to Dr Jenny Butler at [j.butler\[at\]ucc.ie](mailto:j.butler@ucc.ie) by the **deadline of 21 August 2015**. Each entry should be accompanied by a tutor's/supervisor's/lecturer's email confirming that the applicant is a current student and also confirming the essay's grade. The 1st prize will be a €75 book token, with two runner-up book token prizes worth €25 each. The essays will be judged by a panel of experts appointed by ISASR. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.