

CERGE-EI Competition for University Students

Was organized for the first time by the Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute (CERGE-EI), a joint workplace of Charles University in Prague and the Economic Institute of the Academy of Sciences (ranked among the top 3% of research institutions worldwide according to SSRN), in cooperation with the Nadace CERGE-EI Foundation.

The competition was open to Bachelor's and Master's students in any field, who are interested in contemporary economic issues and wish to understand better the forces and processes that 'shape the world.' The aim of the competition was to encourage students to pursue economic research.

Participants were truly international, with 97 eligible papers submitted by students from 24 countries and studying at 58 different universities. Participants were required to be currently enrolled as Bachelor or Master students, and CERGE-EI students were excluded from participation. Participants were invited to submit a paper on any sub-field of economics (single-authored, including previously published work, 10-50 pages plus extended abstract).

Papers were judged based on

originality, substance, analytical nature, and clarity of writing. Preference was given to papers that presented original ideas and were not of a purely descriptive nature. Three finalists presented their papers at CERGE-EI in Prague on May 30th, 2014 and received detailed feedback from CERGE-EI scholars.

The winner was...

Justin Grider, University of San Francisco, USA (Wheelchairs and Income: An Impact Evaluation of Wheelchair Allocation in Ethiopia). He received \$1,000 USD, a trip to the Global Development Network Conference 2015 (where he will present his paper), and a VIP ticket to the next Distinguished Speaker Series at CERGE-EI.

Second place was shared by

Daryna Brazhnyk, Lazarski University, Warsaw, Poland (Testing Rationality of Consumers' Inflation Expectations for Countries with Different Monetary Policy Regimes: Cases of Poland and USA)

Salim Turdaliev, Westminster International University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan (Empirical Evidence on Labor Force Participation of Married Women: The Case of Russia)

New Economic Talent 2015

Thanks to all participants who made this year's NET such a remarkable event, we are already preparing next year's contest. In NET 2015, we plan to include more participant categories, and also allow graduates to participate.



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The three finalists with CERGE-EI Founder, Jan Svejnar



NET Winner, Jason Grider, with his \$1000 prize

Detailed information will be published along with the NET 2015 Call for Papers.

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