

LCF Short Essay Award

As part of Lear Competition Festival, Lear has instituted a Short Essay Award for young economists and lawyers who wish to pursue a professional carrier in the field of competition law and economics, policy assessment and/or regulation.

Four Short Essays will be short-listed, and their authors will have the opportunity to present their work during the Lear Competition Festival.

The best two essays will be awarded a scholarship to the **2021 Trento Summer School on EU Advanced Competition Law and Economics**. The two winners, one economist and one lawyer, will be selected by a committee of four outstanding academics and practitioners: Michele Carpagnano, Joseph Harrington, William Kovacic and Tommaso Valletti.

Below you find the rules to participate and further details on the award.

Participants

1. Participation to the LCF Short Essay Award is open to graduate students, post-graduate students, young professional who wish to pursue a professional carrier in the field of competition law and economics, policy assessment and regulation. Either economists or lawyers can participate.
2. Participation is subject to prior registration at the Lear Competition Festival and/or the Talent4Comp.

The Short Essay

3. The Short Essay can deal with any topic related to (i) competition law, (ii) competition economics, (iii) public (not limited to competition) policy assessment, (iv) regulation (in any sector). Currently highly debated topics will be considered a plus.
4. The Short Essay should include no more than 2,500 words (2 Word pages).
5. Participants should indicate in the essay the following:
 - name and surname;
 - whether he/she is an economist or lawyer;
 - master/PhD degree. In case the participant is completing the master/PhD, he/she should specify it;
 - current employment (if any);
 - contact details (phone number and email address).

Submitting the Short Essay

6. The Short Essay should be submitted in PDF and sent via email at award@learcompetitionfestival.com;
7. The Short Essay should be submitted no later than April 30, 2021. Essay received after this date will not be considered.

Selection of the best Short Essay

8. The Short Essay will be evaluated by a scientific committee composed of four outstanding academics and practitioners: Michele Carpagano, Joseph Harrington, William Kovacic and Tommaso Valletti.
9. The Scientific Committee will prepare a ranking of the four best essays, two from lawyers and two from economists.
10. The ranking will be published on June 1, 2021 on Lear Competition Festival website (www.learcompetitionfestival.com).
11. The selection criteria will be (i) novelty of the topic, (ii) relevance to the antitrust community, (iii) clarity of the essay and (iv) robustness of the analyses/arguments.

Award

12. The two participants, one economist and one lawyer, submitting the best two short essays will be awarded a scholarship to the 2021 edition Trento Summer School on EU Advanced Competition Law and Economics (please see <https://www.complawschool.eu> for further details on the summer school courses and calendar).
13. The scholarship will cover the fee of the summer school (travel and accommodations expenses are not included).

Presentation of the Essay

14. The two winners, together with the economist and the lawyer ranked as second, will be invited to present their essays during the Lear Competition Festival.
15. The four participants that will be invited to present their essay will be reimbursed for any travel and accommodation expenses they may have to attend the Lear Competition Festival.