Young Process Scholars: International Essay Contest

Call For Papers: The International Process Network (IPN), a non-profit organization that promotes the study of the Process-Relational philosophy of Alfred North Whitehead (1861-1947) and its practical application to diverse disciplines and to human life, is calling on Young Scholars to submit essays on any topic relating to Process Philosophy.

Awards: Two prizes of $1000.00 each will be awarded for the best essays (written in English). In addition, winners will receive funding of up to $500.00 to go toward travel to present their winning papers at the 9th International Whitehead Conference—“Society and Process: From Theory to Application” that is to be held in Krakow, Poland from September 9th-11th, 2013. Winners will also be encouraged to submit their papers to Concrescence: The Australasian Journal of Process Thought for online publication.

Eligibility: The contest is open to young scholars anywhere in the world, who are up to 35 years of age at the date of paper submission, and who have not yet completed doctoral studies. The contest is directed toward those who may be in the process of beginning their careers, such as graduates or junior faculty, as well as independent thinkers of comparable standing. The purpose of the contest is to encourage the work of those who show promise of making important contributions to Process Philosophy and its various practical applications.

Submissions: Electronic copies of the essay, typed double-space in 12 point font (Times New Roman), in Word or PDF format should be sent as attachments by email directly to the IPN Executive Director, Dr. Adam C. Scarfe at: a.scarfe@uwinnipeg.ca. Please include “Whitehead Essay Contest” in the subject line of the email. Previously published papers will not be accepted. Submissions should not exceed 5000 words or 20 pages in length (excluding notes and bibliography). Please note: the paper itself should not include any reference to the author (name, addresses, etc...). Include your name and address in the email only.

Criteria of Judgment: Submissions will be reviewed blindly by a panel of IPN scholars and evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

1.) Creativity: the originality of your insights in respect to the application of process philosophical ways of thinking and/or the meaning of process philosophical concepts and texts;
2.) Comprehension: the competence exhibited in interpreting and elucidating process philosophical concepts and texts;
3.) Coherence: the method of development and the soundness of your arguments;
4.) Writing Quality: grammar, spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, clarity, etc...

Deadline: February 15th, 2013. For more information about the “Young Process Scholar: International Essay Contest,” please visit the IPN homepage at: www.processnetwork.org or email Dr. Adam C. Scarfe at a.scarfe@uwinnipeg.ca.

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