

Tijdschrift voor Theologie Essay Prize for Theology and Contemporary Culture 2015

In cooperation with the Edward Schillebeeckx Foundation, *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* organizes a biennial essay contest for young theologians and religious studies scholars (maximum age of contestants: 35). The deadline for submission is 1 April 2015.

Prizes

First prize: a sum of € 1000,-, and publication of the essay in *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*. The awarded essay will be published in the 55th volume (2015) of the journal.

Second prize (incentive prize): a sum of € 250,-, and publication of the essay on the website of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*.

Jury

The jury will consist of Erik Borgman (Tilburg University, Editor in Chief of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Johan De Tavernier (Catholic University of Leuven and member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Stephan van Erp (Jury President, Radboud University Nijmegen and member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Marianne Moyaert (VU University Amsterdam and member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Nico Schreurs (emeritus of the University of Tilburg and Chairman of the Edward Schillebeeckx Foundation), and Pim Valkenberg (Catholic University of Washington and member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*).

Essay

Participants are asked to submit an academic essay consisting of an innovative reflection on a subject concerning the relation between theology and culture, from the point of view of either theology, philosophy of religion, religious studies, or any other academic discipline with relevance for the study of religion.

The essay should have a minimum of 4000 and a maximum of 5000 words (including footnotes). It can be submitted in Dutch, English, German or French. Instructions for style and formatting of the text can be requested from Stephan van Erp: s.vanerp@ftr.ru.nl.

Participants

This essay contest is open to authors who are currently completing or have completed an academic education in either theology, religious studies or a related discipline and who have not reached the age of 36 on 1 April 2015. Authors do not need to have the Dutch or Flemish nationality and do not have to live in either of these countries.

Award Ceremony

The contestants will hear about the results before 1 August 2015. The award ceremony will take place in November 2015 at an award meeting in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, during which the Third Edward Schillebeeckx Lecture will also take place. The prize winners will be invited to attend this event, for which their travel and accommodation costs will be reimbursed.

Rules of the contest (2015)

Participants implicitly declare their acceptance of these rules by taking part in the contest.

Article 1. Participation

1. This essay contest is only open to authors who are currently completing or have completed an academic education in either theology, religious studies or a related discipline and who have not reached the age of 36 on 1 April 2015. Participants do not need to have the Dutch or Flemish nationality and do not have to live in either of these countries.

Article 2. Essay

1. The submitted essay should consist of a text in Dutch, English, German or French, with a minimum of 4000 and a maximum of 5000 words (footnotes included).
2. The essay submitted should conform to the conditions set out in this call for submissions.
3. Essays that have previously been published or offered for publication in a different journal or in *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* are not accepted.
4. The jury will evaluate the submitted articles, taking into consideration the following aspects:
 - The way in which the subject matter is treated, with a view to the genre, i.e. in the form of an academic essay;
 - Originality, expressed in a special, personal or innovative vision on the subject or a surprising perspective;
 - Language and style of writing.

Article 3. Submission

1. The essay must be in the possession of the jury no later than 1 April 2015, stating name, address, age and phone number and/or email address. The essay must be submitted as a Microsoft Word-file.
2. The submitted essay must be presented in such a form that anonymous assessment is possible. Personal details must therefore be included in a separate attachment.
3. Submissions must be addressed to:
Dr. Stephan van Erp
s.vanerp@ftr.ru.nl
4. The text must be formatted in a font size 11 or 12 and a line space of 1.5 and reasonable margins.

Article 4 Prizes

1. Only contestants who have met the criteria set out in articles 1 to 3 of these rules are eligible for prizes.
2. Participants are eligible for the first prize, consisting of publication of the essay in *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* and a sum of € 1.000. The second prize consists of a sum € 250 and publication of the essay on the website of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*.
3. The jury will reach a decision no later than 1 August 2015. Authors of the awarded essays will be contacted personally.
4. Prizes are non-transferrable and non-exchangeable.

Article 5. Award Ceremony

1. Prizes will be presented during an award meeting in Nijmegen, November 2015.

Article 6. Publication

1. The winning essay will be published in Dutch in the 55th volume (2015) of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*. The runner-up will be published in its original language on the website of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*.
2. Participants agree to accept any editorial changes to the text, needed to prepare the essay for publication. If possible, these changes will be made after consultation with the author.

Article 7. Copyright

1. The essay submitted must be free of copyright.
2. The essay will be published under the name of the participant(s).
3. Participants will not receive compensation for any form of publication of (parts of) the essays.

Article 8. Jury

It is the sole discretion of the jury to award the prizes to participants. The jury will consist of Erik Borgman (University of Tilburg, Editor in Chief of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Johan De Tavernier (Catholic University of Leuven and member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Stephan van Erp (Jury President, Radboud University Nijmegen and member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Marianne Moyaert (VU University Amsterdam and member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Nico Schreurs (emeritus of the University of Tilburg and Chairman of the Edward Schillebeeckx Foundation), and Pim Valkenberg (Catholic University of Washington and member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*). If the votes are equally divided, the Jury President casts the deciding vote.

Article 9. Unforeseen circumstances

In any circumstances not covered by these rules, the jury will decide.

Article 10. Liability

Tijdschrift voor Theologie and the *Edward Schillebeeckx Foundation* will accept no responsibility for any damage and/or loss of submissions or any other inconvenience related to this contest.

Article 11. Final clause

The jury's verdict is binding. Members of the editorial board and collaborators of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* are excluded from participation. The jury will not enter into any form of communication about the course or the result of the contest. Submitted essays will not be returned to participants.

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