



Oxford University Prize for Eastern European Perspectives on Science, Theology and Philosophy 2024

Submissions are invited from students and early career researchers at institutions in eligible Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries for the second Oxford University Prize for Eastern European Perspectives on Science, Theology and Humane Philosophy 2020. A first prize of \$2000 and three second-place prizes of \$500 will be awarded to the best submissions.

Essays should be 4000-6000 words in length and should address topics at the interface of science, theology, and/or philosophy. Examples of topics include:

- Differences between scientific and non-scientific modes of enquiry;
- The relations of brains, minds and human persons;
- The role of religion in the historical development of science;
- The place of values in the natural world;
- Free will and scientific determinism and/or divine foreknowledge;
- Empirical psychology and the second person perspective;
- Phenomenological approaches to religion;
- Science-engaged theology and theologically-engaged science;
- Understanding notions of God, good and evil in a scientific age.

Submissions should be written in English and should exhibit the highest standards of clarity and rigour, engagement with recent scholarship, and an interest in questions of real human concern. They should not be published at the time of submission. All submissions should be anonymised and should include an abstract of 200-300 words and a full bibliography. The lower limit of 4000 words is advisory, and shorter submissions will still be considered eligible. The upper limit of 6000 is mandatory, and longer submissions will not be considered eligible. The word count includes footnotes but excludes abstract and bibliography. Submissions should be sent via email to cee.irc@theology.ox.ac.uk by **1 May 2024** with the subject line: "Essay Prize: New Horizons in CEE"

Authors should be early career researchers in CEE. This normally means that they will be graduate students enrolled on degree programmes at institutions in eligible Central and Eastern European countries or researchers employed at these institutions who have completed a doctoral degree within the last five years. If you have unsure about your eligibility, please write to cee.irc@theology.ox.ac.uk.

Eligible Countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, former East Germany, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine.

Previous winners: Bartosz Wesół (University of Warsaw) 'Quantum Meta-physics: Nonlocality and Limits of Determinism'; Tatiana Barkovskiy (University of Warsaw) 'Even if you are fathers, you are also mothers: The Logic of God's Gender in Medieval Christian Mysticism'; Jan Defranceski (University of Zagreb) 'On the Second-Person Perspective in Schopenhauer's Moral Philosophy'; Michał Wagner (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University) 'Between Darwin and Religion. Conflict about the future of Poland among Polish philosophers and biologists at the turn of 19th century'; Daniel Kodaj, (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest) 'The Metaphysical Poverty of Naturalism'; Sera Schwarz (Humboldt-Universität, Berlin), 'In Defence of Not Being Able to do Otherwise: Freedom, Deliberation, and the Limits of Self-transformation'; Marek Dobrzeński (Collegium Joanneum, Warsaw), 'The Hidden God and the Second Person Perspective', and Janko Nešić (University of Belgrade, Serbia), 'Pre-Reflective Self-Awareness and the Nature of the Self'.