

## Short Essay Competition – Alternative Perspectives

The [Mixed Migration Review \(MMR\)](#), the annual flagship report of the [Mixed Migration Centre \(MMC\)](#), aims to offer a platform for different voices in the migration debate. We are therefore inviting young researchers and writers on migration, from and based in Asia, Africa or Latin America to enter a short essay competition. The 5 winners will have their essays published in a section of the MMR2022 dedicated to “Alternative Perspectives” and receive a prize of USD 1,000 each.

The competition is open to writers **from and based in Asia, Africa and Latin American** countries who are **30 years of age or younger**. The winning essays will need to offer **your perspectives** on any of the following mixed migration issues:

- Human smuggling or human trafficking
- Climate change and mixed migration
- Migration policy and externalisation
- Technology and mixed migration
- Drivers: why people migrate

The essay should take the form of an **opinion piece** or **personal story** and we invite you to come up with concrete **ideas for better migration policies**. We do not invite for analytical, academic or conceptual pieces. We want to hear your own ideas. Criteria to assess both the abstracts and final essays are the quality of writing/writing style and the originality/creativity.

### Instructions

- To enter the competition applicants should send a short abstract of **no more than 250 words in English** in the e-mail body text or in a Microsoft Word file, outlining the content of their intended essay to the following email address: [alternative.perspectives@mixedmigration.org](mailto:alternative.perspectives@mixedmigration.org)
- Only **1 abstract per applicant** is accepted, but co-authorship (multiple authors on one essay) is accepted. However, the prize money is per essay and can only be transferred to 1 person.
- In the e-mail **subject line** enter: ‘Alternative Perspectives’, followed by the proposed title of your essay and your name
- Submit the abstract of your intended essay **before the 15<sup>th</sup> of February**.
- **In your message, clearly indicate:** your age, where you are based, your nationality
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** if any of the instructions above are not followed, you are automatically disqualified from the competition.

### Next steps after submission of the abstracts

The most interesting abstracts will be selected by the MMC review team and their authors will then be asked to compete for the essay prizes. Those invited to compete on the basis of accepted abstracts will be informed by the **8<sup>th</sup> of March** and have one month to complete their 1,500 words essay (note: this will be a strict word limit; essays exceeding 1,500 words will disqualify). All final essays need to be submitted by **8<sup>th</sup> of April**. The outcome of the competition will be announced by **30<sup>th</sup> of April**. No prizes are given for having an abstract accepted and being invited to join the competition. A maximum of 5 essays will be selected for publication in the MMR2022 and their five authors be given the prize money.