

John Roberts Student Essay Competition 2010

'To abolish war do we first need to abolish NATO?'

NATO Watch is pleased to announce the launch of the first ever John Roberts Student Essay Competition. We are looking for 2,000 words or a 2 minute video which address the question: To abolish war do we first need to abolish NATO?

1st prize: £500

2nd prize: £300

3rd prize: £200

Application deadline: 1 October 2010

This annual memorial essay competition is dedicated to the memory of Professor John Roberts and is being supported by Civilisation 3000 www.civilisation3000.wordpress.com and NATO Watch www.natowatch.org

The competition is designed to give the successful students the opportunity to communicate with NATO Watch associates and supporters on a major topic of international concern. The essay/video should be written from the global citizen standpoint and show some knowledge of history: two of John's great passions.

Dr Ian Davis said: "It will be a pleasure to judge the first John Roberts Students Essay Competition. It may be that some of the entrants will, one day, be in a position to improve our international security system; there is certainly massive room for advancement. War seems to be as old as human history, but it is not inevitable. We have all the potential tools, skills and laws to abolish war. Can NATO abolish it or help to do so? Has NATO in the past diminished the frequency or the severity of war? Is NATO part of the solution to resolving national and international disputes or is it part of the problem?"

The winning three essays/videos will be published in <http://www.howardleague.org/the-howard>, The Observatory, NATO Watch's online newsletter, which is read by over 900 transatlantic decision-makers and opinion-shapers. They will also be published on our Website: www.natowatch.org

The deadline for applications is 1 October 2010. For competition rules and entry form, please go to www.natowatch.org

The awards will be made at the Shadow NATO Summit in Brussels on 15 November 2010.