

Adams Essay Prize 2021



FaRiG, a registered British charity founded in 2000 by John Wilkinson, gives grants to Georgian scholars for their research in the humanities and assists in the publication of the results outside Georgia. It normally provides an annual research grant and an annual essay prize.

This essay prize of £500, endowed by Caroline & Terry Adams, is open to Georgian scholars for an essay in English (maximum length – 5000 words) on any topic in the humanities with relevance to Georgia and showing a strong interaction with non-Georgian academic research. The judges encourage entries from current students and recent graduates. An essay based on early-stage research will be preferred to a fully-fledged academic article ready for publication. Applicants may be based in any country. The winning essays will be published on the FaRiG website and, it is hoped, in academic publications. The material must not have previously been published in English.

Please fill in this form in English.

Please download the application form from www.farig.org. The essay should be sent with the form by email to FaRiG Secretary at enquiries@farig.org by 15/10/21. A panel will award the prize by 30/11/21.

Please take note of the following points of guidance:-

- 1) Either the subject of your essay, or its approach to the subject, should be substantially new, even to a Georgian reader.
- 2) You should pitch the level of discussion both to engage a reader with special knowledge of your subject and at the same time to be of interest to any intelligent and generally educated reader.
- 3) Your approach may have a theoretical framework, but you should not devote more space than necessary to expounding the theories guiding your research. Reference should be made to existing literature on your subject. Where you are referring to a particular piece of literature, then you should cite it specifically.
- 4) There is no need to strive for a complex academic style in English: applicants would do well first to read and consider such essays as George Orwell's 'Politics and The English Language'.
- 5) An essay can (but need not be) constructed like a lawyer's argument, proving to a court that something or somebody is right or wrong, but it should not devote unnecessary space to denouncing earlier treatments of the subject.
- 6) If you have any queries or uncertainties, please send an email to Ian Colvin of Cambridge University and a FaRiG trustee – idc30@cam.ac.uk

Title of the Essay

Synopsis (250-500 words) _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Date of birth _____

E-mail address _____

Academic body or organisation to which you now belong _____

Education after school _____

Describe your area of research _____

Signed _____ Date _____

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