

In & Out (Naval & Military Club) Essay Competition

The purpose of the In & Out Club Essay Competition is to encourage **original thought and analysis of current geopolitics and conflict of various kinds**.

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The Competition is open to all members of the In & Out Club and their families, and to any person who is a member or former member in good standing of the armed and other government services of the UK or its treaty allies around the World. (E.g. NATO).

The essay length shall be between 5-7000 words in length, including any footnotes. Essayists may wish to add a single page of significant citations/reference sources. Use 11 point Calibri for the body text. Submit double-spaced on numbered A4 pages, with wide margins. Previously published essays are excluded; any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification.

Submissions must reach the Club Librarian by midday on Tuesday 30 November 2021. Send submissions electronically to Librarian@inandout.co.uk with a hard-copy back-up if desired. The librarian will anonymise entries before distributing them for adjudication.

Adjudication. Essays will be shortlisted under the aegis of the Club Library Committee, with final decisions made by an external reviewer the Club Chair. The following criteria may be used in assessing the documents:

- Content – Originality and contribution: 60 %
- Clarity and structure: 20 %
- Overall impression/impact: 20 %

Two prizes of £250 In & Out vouchers will be awarded: Senior Essayist Prize (31 years of age and above), Younger Essayist Prize (up to and including 30 years of age). Runners up will receive an encomium/commendation. Results will be announced in January 2022

We are also considering holding a **presentation dinner** open to the prize-winners, Club members, and other guests. It is hoped that a distinguished historian or political commentator would present the prizes.

Further Information and Guidance. Please email mfbartholomew@gmail.com