INSTITUTE FOR LAW AND SOCIETY IN AFGHANISTAN

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KARDAN UNIVERSITY

YOUTH WRITING CONTEST

(ILSAF) & Kardan University Essay Writing Contest is an opportunity for young Afghans to use their voice and writing ability in order to discuss the future of the Afghan nation.

What is the state of Afghanistan and its people? What direction is the nation taking? What direction should it take? What are your hopes for the future of Afghanistan, what do you expect from the older generations? How can Afghans overcome dissent, and conflict, how can they cope with the challenges of the future?

A committee of experienced scholars will read all essays and evaluate them according to the following criteria:

- Insight: Does the essay provide unique or interesting insights, analysis or perspectives?
- Impact: Does the essay sufficiently capture the significance of the issues discussed, ideas being brought up, and points of view?
- Structure: Is the essay easy to understand, with a clear and logical flow?
- Style: Is the essay well-written, with appropriate yet compelling tone and language?

The ILSAF and Kardan University will award the five best essays selected by the committee with a certificate and a prize of 10.000 AFN each (or the equivalent in another currency).

ILSAF will publish the five winning contributions online together with essays written by some of the most important Afghan intellectuals. At least two essays will be selected for translation into English and published in a book.

Who may participate?
Afghan youths until the age of 25 years may submit an essay and compete for the prizes. We do not exclude anyone for who you are, where you are living or what you are doing. We are only interested in your thoughts and your writing.

Submission guidelines:
Essays may be written in Dari, Pashto, or English language. You may choose any form, from a research paper to a personal narrative to allegorical fiction. The word limit is between 800 and 1000 words. All essays should be submitted as a .docx or a PDF document. You may include your name or choose a synonym.

Submission deadline
Please send your essay by July 31st, 2023 to info@ilsaf.org.

We are looking forward to your contribution!