

**Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy (PHRGE)
Northeastern University School of Law**

Annual PHRGE Student Writing Competition

The Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy (PHRGE) at Northeastern University School of Law announces the PHRGE Student Writing Competition to be held annually in conjunction with the PHRGE Institute on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy (PHRGE) works closely with scholars, advocates and institutions nationally and internationally to address issues of human rights and economic development. PHRGE is particularly engaged with the national and international movement to promote economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR). As part of these efforts, each year, PHRGE hosts an Institute that brings activists, attorneys and scholars together to address a variety of ESCR issues.

On November 3-4, 2011, PHRGE will host an Institute on “Framing Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for Advocacy and Mobilization: Towards a Strategic Agenda in the U.S.” A successful frame helps organize facts and events to change the terms of the debate on a particular issue. Framing is not just a matter of “marketing” a message to the general public, but instead can and should play an integral role in building and sustaining a grassroots movement. This Institute will examine the strategic roles that distinctive frames can play in advocacy on ESCR before courts, legislatures and the media, as well as in mobilizing people to act on ESCR. The PHRGE Student Writing Competition will be held in conjunction with the PHRGE Institute.

Topic: Papers must address a topic within the broad field of economic, social and cultural rights within the United States.

Eligibility: Current JD students in the United States and 2011 JD graduates in the United States.

Length and Formatting: Submissions must be in English and between 8,000 and 12,000 words including footnotes. The text of the paper must be in double-spaced 12-point font. Papers must conform to the Bluebook citation format. Submissions must be original work and not have been published anywhere else. Please include your law school and graduation date with your submission. Papers must be submitted electronically as word documents.

Judgment Criteria for Award: Papers will be judged on originality, the quality of writing and analysis, exhaustiveness of research and readiness for publication. All eligible submissions will first be reviewed by NU Law Journal staff members. The final papers from that process will then be reviewed by a panel composed of the PHRGE Directors and the editors of the NU Law Journal.

Deadline: Submissions due September 15th 2011. Winner announced October 1st 2011.

Prize: The winner of the writing competition will receive \$500, as well as hotel accommodations and reasonable travel expenses (within the continental United States) to attend the ESCR Institute on “Framing Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for Advocacy and Mobilization: Towards a Strategic Agenda in the U.S.” to be held November 3-4, 2011, at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston. The winner will also receive expedited consideration for publication in the Spring 2012 issue of the NU Law Journal, which will be a special symposium issue on the Institute.

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