

Official Notice:

Extended Deadline for Essay Submission

Dear Participants,

First and foremost, we would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who submitted their essay on time. Your dedication and enthusiasm for this initiative are truly appreciated.

We will send acknowledgment letters confirming receipt of submitted essays shortly.

Due to widespread interest and logistical considerations, we carefully decided to revise the submission deadline to provide participants with additional time.

The **new deadline** for essay submissions is:

**November 27, 2026
11:59 PM Eastern Time (ET)**

We understand that extending the deadline after receiving submissions may come as an unexpected change for those who submitted their essays on time. Your essays remain under consideration, and if preferred, any revised submissions will be accepted during the extended deadline.

We also apologize for the delayed communication regarding this decision. We hope this extension will allow participants adequate time to finalize and submit their essays.

Best regards,
Tamil Rights Group

CALL FOR ESSAYS

Selected Submissions Eligible for Prize Awards

Mass Atrocities against Tamils in Sri Lanka

Tamil Rights Group (TRG) invites original, unpublished scholarly essays examining historical and ongoing mass atrocities against Tamils in Sri Lanka. This call forms part of TRG's broader research, documentation, and publication initiatives focused on international law, accountability, memory, and justice. Selected submissions will contribute to forthcoming TRG scholarly and policy-oriented publications.

Scope and Themes

- 1 Genocide and its framing in international law and political discourse**
- 2 Transitional justice and accountability mechanisms**
- 3 Remedial sovereignty and self-determination**
- 4 Land grabs**
- 5 Memory, testimony, and documentation of war crimes**
- 6 The role of international institutions, global silence, or complicity**

Awards

Selected submissions will be eligible for academic distinction, with awards of **USD \$2,000** for **First Prize** and **USD \$1,000** for **Runner-Up**.

Publication and Use of Submissions

By submitting an essay, authors acknowledge that the Tamil Rights Group retains the right to reproduce, publish, and disseminate submitted works, in whole or in part, with full author attribution, in current or future TRG publications, reports, or related scholarly outputs.

Eligibility

Bachelor's, Master's, MRes, MPhil, PhD students & recent graduates

Students from any country

Encouraged fields: Political Science, War Studies, International Relations, International Law, Human Rights, History, Anthropology, and allied fields

Co-authored submissions welcome (maximum two authors)

Essays must be submitted in **English**

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Submission Rules

- Word count:** 5,000–7,000 words (excluding references)
- Formatting:** Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing
- Referencing:** Chicago Manual of Style (Ninth Edition)
(Notes & Bibliography or Author-Date)
- Submission format:** PDF or DOCX
- Language:** English
- Essays must be original and unpublished
- Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification
- Generative AI** tools may be used for brainstorming, structuring, grammar checks, and paraphrasing; however, any such use must be clearly declared.

How to submit

Email your essay and a short author bio (150 words) to:
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Subject line: Essay Competition – Your Name



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