



REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR A GEOPOLITICAL ESSAY 6th edition

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Chapter I

General provisions

§ 1

Department of International Relations of the State University College of Applied Sciences in Chełm and the Polish Geopolitical Society, Branch in Chełm in cooperation with the Student Scientific Club of International Relations of the State University of Applied Sciences in Chełm,

organize the "*International Geopolitical Essay Competition*",
hereinafter referred to as the *Competition*.

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The aim of the Competition is:

- 1) popularization of geopolitics among students and secondary school students;
- 2) developing interests in broadly understood knowledge examining the impact of geographical factors on the foreign policy of states and their groupings and on the formation of international order and security;
- 3) developing the ability to use various sources regarding geopolitics.

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The participants of the Competition may be students of all universities from Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Ukraine, as well as students of secondary schools from Poland.

§ 4

1. The competition involves writing an essay in Polish or English on one of the following topics:

- *Geopolitical consequences of AI development*
 - *Global waste export – between environmental responsibility and neocolonialism*
 - *Geopolitical effects of migration crises in Europe*
 - *USA-Israel: a lasting alliance or a geopolitical necessity?*
 - *Global implications of BRICS expansion – a challenge to the West?*
 - *Climate change as a factor of geopolitical destabilization*
 - *The post-western era? The future of the liberal international order in a multipolar world*
 - *The geopolitics of space – who will win the race for dominance beyond Earth?*
 - *Sovereignty versus interdependence – will nation-states survive the 21st century?*
 - *The role of the European Union in global politics – normative power or geopolitical player?*
 - *Geopolitical rivalry over Greenland – between autonomy and great power influence*
2. Participation in the Competition is free of charge.
 3. Only works that have not been published in print anywhere before will take part in the Competition and not submitted in other competitions.
 4. The number of participants in the Competition is a maximum 100 (in total in the pupils/students category). The competition is a one-stage competition.
 5. The essay should be sent electronically to isurowiec@panschelm.edu.pl as a PDF file, with the annotation "Essay competition" in the title of the message. The deadline for submitting works is **March 31, 2025 at 23.59**. It is the responsibility of the submitter to ensure that the essay has been successfully delivered to the recipient.
 6. A participant may submit only one competition entry. Applications are accepted until the limit of places is filled. Each work will be assessed by two reviewers.
 7. The competition commission is responsible for organizing the competition, it consist of:
 - Arkadiusz Tofil – Vice-Rector for Student Affairs of PANS in Chełm;
 - Jurij Hajduk – Director of the Institute of Foreign Languages and International Relations of PANS in Chełm;
 - Magdalena Kawa – Head of the Department of International Relations of PANS in Chełm;
 - Halyna Lutsyshyn – Head of the Department of Political Science and International Relations of the Lviv Polytechnic National University;
 - Natalia Stetsiuk – Head of the Department of International Relations of the Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University in Ivano-Frankivsk;
 - Yuliia Kobets – Head of the Department of Institutions and Political Processes of the Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University in Ivano-Frankivsk;
 - Ignacy Kitowski – member of the PTG Scientific Council;
 - Tetyana Strutynska – Department of International Relations of the Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University in Ivano-Frankivsk;
 - Iwona Lasek-Surowiec – Department of International Relations of PANS in Chełm, a chairwoman of the Chełm Branch of the PTG **/secretary/**;
 - Katarzyna Dziubińska-Wójcik – supervisor of the Student Scientific Club of International Relations PANS in Chełm;

- Marcin Oskierko – Department of Internal Security of PANS in Chełm, Chełm Branch of PTG;
 - Emilia Ordyniec – Department of Internal Security of PANS in Chełm, Chełm Branch of PTG;
 - Małgorzata Wilczyńska – Faculty of Economics and Management of PANS in Jarosław;
 - Sławomir Żurawski – Department of Internal Security of PANS in Chełm.
8. The competition results will be announced **no later than April 7, 2025**.
 9. Information about the results of the Competition will be available at **https://panschelm.edu.pl/konkursptg_sm_edycjaVI/**
 10. Competition participants will be notified of the results via e-mail and the Competition website: https://panschelm.edu.pl/konkursptg_sm_edycjaVI/
 11. Winners have the right to collect prizes and diplomas in person.

§ 5

1. The organizers of the Competition provide for the winners (I, II, III place, separately in the category of students/students):
 - a) material and book prizes,
 - b) the opportunity for free publication of their essay in one of the scientific journals or monographs published by PANS in Chełm, with the publication to be released no later than 2026,
 - c) free participation in one of the conferences in the field of international relations/security/geopolitics, organized by PANS in Chełm in 2025 or 2026.
2. All Competition Participants will receive diplomas.
3. The winners of the Competition may be those who obtain the highest number of points determined by the Competition Committee.
4. 10 best Competition Participants (total in the pupils/students category) will be qualified to the second stage of the 8th edition of the International Geopolitical Olympiad organized by the Polish Geopolitical Society, without having to participate in the first stage of the Olympiad, but provided they express written consent to participate in the Olympiad.
5. The Organizers are not responsible for copyright infringement by the Competition Participants. This responsibility rests with the Competition Participants.
6. Competition works will be encoded after being sent to the organizers and will be verified in the anti-plagiarism system. If a copyright infringement is found, the work will be disqualified and will not be assessed (Appendix No. 2).

§ 6

1. The work must be prepared in a text editor, Times New Roman (font size 12, margins 2.5 cm, line spacing 1.5).
2. The length of the text cannot exceed 10 typewritten pages. It is possible to send the work by post or in an electronic version as a PDF file to the address isurowiec@panschelm.edu.pl, e-mail title: Essay competition.
3. The title page template is included in Annex 1 to these Regulations.

4. Together with the essay, please send an application form and a statement on the processing of personal data (Appendix No. 3).
5. The bibliography should be arranged alphabetically.

§ 7

1. The administrator of participants' personal data is: Polish Geopolitical Society, Majora Łupaszki 7 Street Apt. 26, 30-198 Cracow and the State University College of Applied Sciences in Chełm based at Pocztowa 54 Street, 22-100 Chełm, as the organizers of the Competition. Contact details of the Polish Geopolitical Society: email: ptg@ptg.edu.pl and the State University College of Applied Sciences in Chełm: rektorat@panschelm.edu.pl, tel. (082) 565 88 95.
2. There is a Data Protection Inspector the State University College of Applied Sciences in Chełm, supervising the correctness of personal data processing, who can be contacted via the e-mail address: iod@panschelm.edu.pl, tel. 665 170 003 or at the following address: Data Protection Inspector Data Pocztowa 54 Street, 22-100 Chełm.
3. Personal data will be processed based on the consent of the Competition participant.
4. The Polish Geopolitical Society and the State University College of Applied Sciences in Chełm process personal data for the purposes of organizing and conducting the Competition, providing information on the results of the Competition, awarding prizes and diplomas, in order to fulfill tax and accounting obligations, as well as for marketing and archival purposes.
5. Providing personal data by the competition participant is voluntary, but necessary to participate in the competition.
6. Personal data will be stored for the period necessary to achieve the above-mentioned purposes.
7. The data will not be made available to third parties, except for cases provided for by law or when the Polish Geopolitical Society and the State University College of Applied Sciences in Chełm entrust third parties with the processing of this data.
8. Competition Participants have the right to access personal data, the right to request rectification of their data, the right to request the deletion of their data, the right to limit the processing of their personal data, the right to transfer their personal data and the right to withdraw consent to their processing at any time.
9. Withdrawal of consent will not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.
10. The Competition Participant has the right to file a complaint with the President of the Personal Data Protection Office regarding unlawful processing of personal data.
11. Personal data will not be subject to decisions based solely on automated processing, including profiling.
12. All participating in the Competition consent to the processing of personal data by PANS in Chełm in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) in the scope related to the conduct of the Competition.

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1. Minors are obliged to obtain the consent of their parents or legal guardians to participate in the competition.
2. The Polish Geopolitical Society and the State Academy of Applied Sciences in Chełm reserve the right to publish the names, surnames and information about the Competition participants.
3. Information related to the organization and course of the competition is provided by the Chełm PTG Branch, Iwona Lasek-Surowiec PhD,
e-mail: isurowiec@panschelm.edu.pl, tel. 82 564 03 59.
4. The organizers have the right to cancel the Competition without giving a reason and not to select the winners.
5. We reserve the right to change these Regulations during the Competition.
6. The Competition Organizers have the exclusive right to resolve disputes arising during the Competition and to interpret these Regulations.

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