University of Hertfordshire, School of Law - Student Essay Competition

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Earlier this year entrants were received for the first Law Student Essay Competition at the University of Hertfordshire. The remit was broad and the entries interesting, well-written and varied. The entries were numerous and of a high standard and I believe we have a chosen three very different yet interesting essays all of which are exciting to read.

Sulina Bangaroo’s essay won the top prize of £200 in Ottakar’s book vouchers and publication in the Hertfordshire Law Journal. Sulina’s paper considers the exile of the natives of the British Indian Ocean Territory being in part descriptive and informative and in part a critique of how the Islanders have been treated.

Runners-up Colette Spanyol and Livia Chan shared £100 of Ottakar’s book vouchers and their essays are also published in this issue of the Hertfordshire Law Journal.

Livia’s essay is a passionate yet well-reasoned criticism of domestic policy in America and in what many may conceive a well-explored area does lend fresh analysis. Since Livia has submitted her essay case law in American has developed yet her analysis remains pertinent.

Colette’s essay was one of the most original of those submitted, taking the form of a law and literature review of one of the series of the infamous children’s books based around the young wizard Harry Potter. Colette’s essay appraises the detrimental effect a disregard for the doctrine of the separation of powers has in the wizarding community; the only negative remark from the judging panel was that a restrictive word-limit in the entry requirements didn’t allow for a more detailed exploration of the issues raised!

I hope that the readers of this Journal will enjoy these essays as much as I did.