

Present(ing) Futures #1

The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy is proud to present Present(ing) Futures, an exercise in crowdsourcing futures that taps on the wisdom of the crowd to explore different aspects of the Singaporean condition, and to identify the possible, assess the probable, and articulate the preferred futures of the different issues we will have to face as a society.

As part of this effort, all Singaporeans are invited to submit essay responses to a series of policy questions. Essay responses can be submitted for about two months beginning **8th January 2016**. All essay responses must be accompanied by a completed entry form and 300-word summary, which must be received no later than **4th April 2016**.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. LKYSPP will award up to 5 commendations of \$2,000 each for most insightful essays. These essays will be selected by a panel of judges comprised of experts from various sectors.
2. Present(ing) Futures #1 will focus on the future of the Singapore economy. The essay question is as follows:

What are the limitations and challenges facing Singapore's current growth model? What changes and reforms do you think necessary, particularly in terms of raising productivity and the innovation capacity of the Singaporean economy?

3. Essay responses should be well researched and informed, and should provide new analyses and perspectives as far as possible. They should also be written in such a way that they are accessible to a wide audience. They are therefore not meant to be academic 'journal-style' papers.
4. Charts and tables may be used, although equations (or derivations) should be avoided as far as possible.
5. The essay responses must be original in content. Entries found to contain plagiarism will be disqualified. Although essays may draw on existing work, they should be materially different from them in terms of analysis,

style of arguments, perspectives, or conclusions. This could involve the application of previous work in a different context, or new analysis or perspectives significantly different from previous work. A bibliography acknowledging references to existing work is required.

6. A completed entry form signed by the author(s), must accompany all entries. For joint authorship, only one entry form is required. Submission on behalf of an institution or firm is not permitted. A maximum of two joint authors per submission is permitted. Participants must comprise of at least one Singaporean citizen or PR.
7. Members of the judging committee and their immediate family members are not eligible to enter the essay competition.
8. Essays must be in English and typed double-spaced. Essays shall not exceed 2,000 words. This excludes the summary, charts, tables, footnotes, references, and appendices. Submit essays in Microsoft Word document formats only.
9. A summary of no more than 300 words highlighting the main points of the essay must also be provided and should be placed before the beginning of the essay.
10. Entries should be sent via email to hawyee@nus.edu.sg. Send only one email per entry with the form and essay attached with the subject "Present(ing) Futures policy discussion 1 – submission". Submissions are final and no revisions are allowed. Entries received will be acknowledged via email.
11. LKYSPP reserves the right not to award any or all of the prizes.
12. For those essays receiving commendations, LKYSPP shall have exclusive licenses to republish, edit, and modify them for subsequent uses, including for both academic and commercial purposes.
13. Only shortlisted participants shall be notified of the results of the competition via email. The full list of winning entries will be published on the LKYSPP website.
14. Send any inquiries to hawyee@nus.edu.sg.