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Justice for Children Award: deadline extended – new closing date: 15 October 2017

Geneva – 30 May 2017

The five members of the Jury¹ unanimously agreed to extend the deadline due to a limited number of applications received. **The new deadline for applications to the 2nd edition of the Justice for Children Award is Sunday 15 October 2017 (23h59 Geneva time).**

The Jury remains strongly convinced that young scholars play a crucial role in advancing the understanding on the complications, limitations, and challenges that pose an obstacle to the realisation of children's rights within justice systems worldwide, and therefore encourages all Master's students currently or formerly enrolled in European Universities (European Union, plus Switzerland and Norway) to take part in the competition.

This year's edition focuses on the theme "**violence against girls in the justice system**".

In this regard, the Jury would like to recall that papers should directly address the involvement of girls in the justice system, whether they are victims seeking redress, victims treated as criminals, or alleged and/or convicted offenders, and focus on one or more forms of direct and/or indirect violence. **Clear linkages between the justice system and the challenges to the full and effective realisation of girls' rights must therefore be central to the papers submitted.** Moreover, papers should not be merely descriptive and the reference to international legal framework should be used to propose solutions and good practices to prevent violence against girls in the justice system.

Papers will be evaluated based on their academic quality, social and/or legal relevance, and originality.

About the Justice for Children Award

¹ Justice Renate Winter, international judge and Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child; Eric Sottas, legal expert and former OMCT Secretary-General, Benoit van Keirsbilck, Director of DCI-Belgium, Prof. Philip Jaffé, psychologist and Director of the Interfaculty Centre for Children's Rights of the University of Geneva, and Dr h.c. Jean Zermatten, former judge at the Valais juvenile court and former Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.



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The Justice for Children Award, which is co-organised by [Defence for Children International](https://defenceforchildren.org) (DCI) and the [World Organization against Torture](https://www.omct.ch) (OMCT), aims to advance research on the complications and challenges to the realisation of children's rights within the justice system.

Applications are open to Master's students currently or formerly enrolled in European Universities (EU + Switzerland and Norway). Students can submit their applications individually or jointly as a group of two students.

The new deadline for submissions is **15 October 2017**.

The winner of the competition will be awarded a monetary prize of 1,000 Swiss francs, will have his/her article published and will be invited to Geneva to attend a session of one of the UN Human Rights mechanisms and the Award Ceremony.

All the details, including the concept note, rules and regulation, application form as well as information on last year's edition is available at: <https://defenceforchildren.org/justice-for-children-award/>

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