

X INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST "THINKING AGAINST THE MAINSTREAM"

With the purpose of recognizing and spreading the critical thoughts on the problems and challenges of contemporary world from the perspectives of a wide anticolonial and emancipating focus, the Cuban Ministry of Culture, the Cuban Book Institute and the Social Sciences Publishing House announce the Tenth International Essay Contest "Thinking Against the Mainstream".

As an alternative to the silencing and marginalization that the emancipating thought is undergoing through the main mechanism of the big channels of hegemonic reproduction and social and intellectual control, this award aims to contribute to the development of ideas, analyses and active proposals within the field of Social Sciences and culture. In that framework, it calls for a diversity of approaches and viewpoints to confront the bases of hegemonic systems of thinking.

1. Authors from any country may participate with an unpublished essay in Spanish, Portuguese, English or French (or translated into any of these languages), which has not been contracted for publication or won prizes in other competitions.
2. The essay should be less than 20 nor exceed 40 pages. A patterned sheet is composed of 1 800 characters (30 lines by 60 characters each), for a total allowable of 36 000 to 72 000 characters.
3. No more than one work per author will be accepted.
4. The essay must be submitted before December 27, 2012 in attachment (preferably rtf, but also .doc or open file formats, such as odt) in a single copy and a single message, properly identified with the name and current address of the author, and a brief summary of Curriculum Vitae to the following e-mail address: contracorriente@cubarte.cult.cu. The author should get confirmation of receipt of the essay by the Contest Office as a way of notification of his/her participation.
5. A prestigious international jury will award the prize "Thinking Against the Mainstream" consisting of 1000 Euros and an accreditation diploma. The jury will concede all pertinent mentions. These do not include monetary reward.
6. The Jury will also grant the Special Award "An endangered species" in equal terms to the prize "Thinking Against the Mainstream", for the essay that best addresses the dangers and consequences of ecological crisis.
7. The Social Sciences Publishing House will publish a book containing the prized and mentioned essays. The Cuban Book Institute reserves the right to the first edition of the competing texts. That reservation will be valid for one year counted from the closure date of the call.
8. The jury's decision is final and will be released in Havana in February 2013, during the Cuban International Book Fair.
9. Participation in the Contest implies acceptance of these rules.