

The [Centre for Grand Strategy](#) at King's College London are pleased to announce the results of the *Climate Change and International Order Essay Prize 2022*, which sought outstanding essays that explore questions of international, regional, or global order in the context of climate change, ecological collapse, and the impacts of mitigation and adaptation strategies that may define the coming decades.

The judging committee consisted of academics from King's College London, the United States Military Academy, and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

They selected this year's overall winner **Hugh S. Gorman**, Professor Emeritus of Environmental History and Policy, Michigan Technological University, for his essay *International Order and Governance in the Anthropocene*. As the article outlines:

This essay uses climate change to examine four broad trends relevant to governance in the Anthropocene:

- (i) a shift away from neoclassical economics to approaches that recognize the finiteness of earth systems;*
- (ii) the recognition that sociotechnical systems are socially constructed and can be guided to develop in directions that facilitate rather than undermine sustainable interactions with nature;*
- (iii) the emergence of distributive, multi-scale (local to global) networks of institutional actors focused on adaptively guiding complex transitions; and*
- (iv) the development of ways to make visible what has been invisible so that policy choices relevant to the Anthropocene can be grounded in observable data.*

The judges commended the piece for being original, innovative, and insightful, with a clearly articulated message that exposes and reinforces the multidimensional impact and reordering effects of the climate emergency. In addition to a financial award, the winning essay will be published in a forthcoming special issue of *RUSI Journal on Climate Change and International Order*.

The judges are also awarding a runner-up prize to Ms Sigríð Mohr Leivsdóttir from King's College London for her essay *The Omission of Climate Breakdown Limits the Effectiveness of the United Nations Security Council's Women, Peace and Security Agenda: An Intersectional Feminist Analysis of the Climate Crisis* which pushes the study of climate and international order into new areas through the application of critical theory.

The essay '*analyses the positionality of climate breakdown in the United Nations Security Council's (UNSC) Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Agenda, arguing that its effectiveness remains limited due to narrow interpretation of security and peace, and its scarce recognition of climate breakdown's repercussions on peace and human security*'.

The Centre for Grand Strategy wishes to thank all the competition entrants for their interesting contributions and engagement with the theme.