

## ***Global Public Policy Network (GPPN) Essay Contest***

The *Journal of International Affairs* is seeking student submissions for its semiannual GPPN Essay Contest. The author of the winning article will receive **USD500 along with publication alongside noted scholars in the *Journal's* forthcoming issue on transnational organized crime.** Published by Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, *the Journal of International Affairs* is one of the oldest and most respected foreign affairs periodicals.

**Submission Deadline:** September 14, 2012

**GPPN Essay Question:** *How has your country or region been affected by transnational organized crime?* The submission may be about the present state of organized crime or examine its history and may delve into topics such as business, economic development, trafficking, human rights and the environment.

### **Submission Guidelines:**

- The GPPN Essay Contest is open to all students currently enrolled at GPPN partner schools:  
Columbia University,  
Sciences Po Paris: Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris,  
London School of Economics and Political Science,  
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy,  
University of Tokyo Graduate School of Public Policy,  
Hertie School of Governance and  
Fundação Getúlio Vargas Escola de Administração de Empresas de São Paulo (FGV-EAESP).
- Essays cannot have been previously published, but need not be written specifically for the contest. Papers submitted for academic credit are welcome, provided they are relevant to the upcoming issue's theme.
- Papers should not exceed 4,000 words.
- Citations should be formatted according to the Chicago Manual of Style 16<sup>th</sup> ed.

Interested authors can send submissions or questions to: David Abrahamson (Cordier and GPPN Editor) at [dha2111@columbia.edu](mailto:dha2111@columbia.edu)

### **Fall/Winter 2012: Transnational Organized Crime**

The Fall/Winter 2012 issue will comprehensively examine the issue of transnational organized crime (TOC). Given the paucity of scholarly work on this critical issue, we are excited to explore this phenomenon from different perspectives. This issue of the *Journal* will look at the evolution of TOC, as it has morphed from a contained, if serious, criminal problem to one that is now widely considered a threat to nation states. Contrary to popular opinion, TOC can no longer be confined to specific instances of criminal enterprise; rather, its manifestations are diverse and diffuse, encompassing abuses in the areas of finance, technology, human rights and the environment, among others. It has also become an important tool for aiding and financing terrorist organizations. TOC impacts both developed and developing countries; however, they are a particularly pressing problem for fragile states, where they have hampered efforts to promote development and institution building.

The issue will broadly address four areas:

- Evolution and history of TOC
- TOC within specific contexts (finance, development, human rights, and the environment)
- Arguments (example: decriminalization of drugs, terrorism and TOC, etc.)
- Reflection: Where do we go from here?