



IPN Announces 2009 Bastiat Prize Competition

For the eighth year, International Policy Network (IPN) is accepting submissions for its annual Bastiat Prize for Journalism. The Prize is open to writers anywhere in the world whose published articles eloquently and wittily explain, promote and defend the principles and institutions of the free society. Submissions must be received on or before 30 June, 2009.

New Prize for Online Journalism

This year, IPN will award two prizes. In addition to the Bastiat Prize for Journalism (First - \$10,000; Second - \$4,000; Third - \$1,000), we will award a Bastiat Prize for Online Journalism (one winner only, \$3,000).

"Given the increasing cultural and political importance of new media, we felt that online journalism merits its own Bastiat Prize," said Julian Morris, Executive Director of IPN.

Entrants are allowed to compete in just one (not both) of the competitions. http://www.policynetwork.net/main/issue_main.php?issue_id=12

Finalists will be invited to a ceremony in New York in October 2009, where the winners will be announced.

Eight Years of the Bastiat Prize

Started in 2002, the Bastiat Prize was inspired by 19th-century French philosopher Frédéric Bastiat's compelling defence of liberty and eloquent explanations of complex economic issues. Judges have included former UK Chancellor Lord Lawson, Pulitzer prize-winning author Anne Applebaum, former Bastiat Prize winner and best-selling author Amity Shlaes, Lady Thatcher and Nobel laureates James Buchanan and the late Milton Friedman.

Last year's competition attracted over 250 entrants from more than 50 countries. The winner was [Barton Hinkle](#), deputy op-ed editor and columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Second and third prizes went to Swaminathan Aiyar, Consulting Editor of the Economic Times and Times of India, and Fraser Nelson, Political Editor of The Spectator. Previous winners

include [Amit Varma](#) of Mint (India), [Robert Guest](#) of The Economist and [Brian Carney](#) of The Wall Street Journal.

Questions?

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