

R.A. Butler Prize, 2016

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Questions

Answer **one** of the following. You are encouraged to use a diverse selection of contemporary, historical or literary examples in making your arguments. It is also suggested that you not restrict yourself to material taken from school courses. Essays should be in the range of 2,000 to 4,000 words.

- Is there a meaningful distinction between economic and political power?
- What, if anything, is wrong with the British constitution?
- What is the greatest threat to free speech in Britain today?
- Should elected leaders be limited in the amount of time they can serve in office?
- Is economic inequality necessarily a political problem?
- Is there a trade-off between privacy and security?
- Why should we worry about populism?
- Does the rise of social media make politics more polarised?
- Has Barack Obama's presidency been a failure?
- Does the rise of China threaten international security?

Essays must be submitted by email to butlerprize@trin.cam.ac.uk by **1 September 2016**, and should be accompanied by a signed statement of originality as per the website of the Butler prize: <http://www.polis.cam.ac.uk/about-us/prizes/r-a-butler-prize>