

R.A. Butler Prize, 2019

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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, and not to restrict yourself to material taken from school courses. Essays should be in the range of 2,000 to 4,000 words.

- Is left versus right still a useful way to think about political division?
- How should governments respond to the role of social media in shaping elections?
- Has the decline of conventional political parties been exaggerated?
- Are strong ethnic or religious ties an obstacle to democracy?
- Does everyone have an equal right to be heard?
- Can nationalism be morally neutral?
- Must global feminism be a form of cultural imperialism?
- To what extent is the worldwide rise of anti-establishment political parties and leaders a consequence of the 2008 economic crash?
- Are we living through a period of 'long peace' worldwide, and if so what explains it?
- Who or what can save us from climate catastrophe?

Essays must be submitted by email to butlerprize@trin.cam.ac.uk by 12 noon (BST) of 20 August 2019, and should be accompanied by a statement of originality as explained in the section of the website of the Butler prize entitled 'Submission': <http://www.polis.cam.ac.uk/about-us/prizes/r-a-butler-prize>