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For the best essay in

**PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW**

(For the Year III Students of 2020/21 Academic Year)

This competition is open to **third year students of the academic year 2020/21 (2016 batch)** The essay may be written in any one of the three languages (Sinhala, Tamil or English) and should not exceed 6,000 words[[1]](#footnote-1). It must be word-processed (1.5 spacing) and bound with the attached cover page and handed over to the Department of Public and Interantional Law; also send an e-copy to deptpil@gmail.com. The submission should include cover page with the title of the essay, the theme for the essay and student registration number and contact phone number (please see the example cover page).

THE CLOSING DATE IS **APRIL** **30th  2022.**

Please consult the Head, Department of Public and International Law or the three teachers of Public International Law for any further information.

**THEME FOR THE ESSAY:**

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Based on the above statement, critically evaluate a contemporary global or regional issue of your choice using the conceptualizations emanating from the Third World Approaches to International Law.

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