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For the best essay in

**PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW**

(For the Year III Students of 2023 Academic Year)

This competition is open to **third year students of the academic year 2023 (2020 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 International Law; also send an e-copy to [pil@law.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:pil@law.cmb.ac.lk) 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 **MARCH** **31st 2024.**

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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Choose a subject area or an issue where public international law is applicable. In light of the above statement, critically assess the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on the specific area or issue that you have chosen. Your discussion should include reasons for your analysis and your arguments should be substantiated with authorities and practical examples.

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