



Dear student,

The John Adams Institute has worked tirelessly to bring the best and the brightest of American thinking to the Netherlands since 1987. Since our founding, we have hosted the likes of Madeleine Albright, Spike Lee, Tony Morrison, Joseph Stiglitz, and Donna Tartt.

This year we have decided to reach out to you, tomorrow's best and brightest, to lend support in your academic and intellectual endeavors.

The challenge: We are organizing an **essay contest** for students in the Netherlands in the fields of humanities and social studies. We at the John Adams Institute want to know your thoughts on anything America related: whether it is a current topic, a historical exploration, or regarding the future of the transatlantic relationship. We want to know your insights and reflections to help rethink the position of America in the world.

The rules: Submit an original academic essay (either new or from a past course). What matters to us is the content itself, and we encourage you to submit work that is interesting to a non-academic audience. The narrative should grab the reader, so do not worry if there is not a distinct argument you are making: exploring a topic in-depth or engaging with a particular subject or moment is something to be celebrated and written about.

The prize: We understand that times are hard right now for students with high energy prices, inflation, and an ever-increasing pressure to succeed. Therefore, we have decided to award the winner a **cash prize of €250 - with no strings attached**.

You can reach us for further questions at youngminds@john-adams.nl or check out our website at <https://www.john-adams.nl/>.

The requirements are as follows:

- The essay should be between 2000-2500 words (excluding footnotes and bibliographical references)
- The topic should be broadly American in the fields of the humanities or social sciences
- The essay must be in English
- The essay must comply with the academic rules in your field (any citation form is accepted if it is applied consistently)
- The deadline is on the **23rd of December 2022 at 23:59 pm**
- Please hand in your essay pdf to youngminds@john-adams.nl

The recipient of the prize will be announced on **January 31st**

