Enquire Blog Post Competition

*The **Enquire Blog** is an open platform primarily for postgraduate social sciences researchers to share their research, theoretical or methodological reflections with the world. The blog is run by postgraduate researchers in the School of Sociology and Social Policy at The University of Nottingham.*

To enter the competition you must meet all the criteria listed below:

- You must be a **current PhD student at any University institution** (along with your post, please send us a link to your University profile page, or if you do not have one, a student confirmation letter, stating that you are a current PhD student)

- You must agree with your post being **published by Enquire blog**

- The blog post must be from any **social science discipline**, but can address any topic including but not limited to topics such as gender, class, science and technology, immigration etc.

- The post must be **related to your PhD research**. If you have started this research during your Masters, that is also acceptable as long as the topic of the research is what your PhD is focusing on

- The post can be about **any part of your research**: research topic (here be careful not to be purely descriptive, but write about what YOU want to research with regards to your topic), your research methodology, your research question, your data, your conclusion or all of the above If you wish to write about your PhD process and experiences for instance an upcoming viva we more than welcome your contribution for the blog but please note that posts of that nature will not be considered for the competition

- The **length must be between 750-900 words**. The title, any subheadings you might use and in text references are all part of the word count. Shorter or longer blog posts will not be considered for the competition, but can still be published on the blog website if you wish!

- The blog post must have **an appropriate, blog-friendly format**. As we would like to widen the readership of your submission, we encourage blog posts that are engaging, accessible to an audience across a range of social-science disciplines and eye catching! Please do not follow the usual academic journal article structure with an Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Discussion etc

- You must choose an **image that you want to have published with the article**, this must not be copyrighted and must be free to use. Please note that you may be asked to resubmit if your image does not meet this standard. We do not recommend the use of graphs as this may potentially render the image illegible.

- As this competition encourages blog posts from a range of social science disciplines, please ensure you **reference properly where needed** (Harvard referencing is most preferable). Please note you will be asked to resubmit if you fail to meet this requirement. Links to online versions of the resources you have used may be particularly useful to readers so it would be helpful if you can provide these where possible.

- Finally, this **post must be an original contribution**. We will not accept blog posts that you have already published on a different blog. Please note that if we find you have copied a text word for word that you have already published previously, we will withdraw you from the competition. You can of course write about research topics you have already written and published in academic journals about previously, but please adapt the text to meet the conditions for this particular blog and competition.

Prizes for top three blog posts: £150,£100, £50

Deadline: **09/05/2019**

Please send competition entries to: **enquire@nottingham.ac.uk** with the subject line *Enquire Competition*