

The Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics Prize

As *The Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics* headed for its quarter-century of publication, an annual prize was inaugurated, beginning with Volume 23 (2007). The prize is awarded to the author of the best article published in a given volume. The judges are the three Managing Editors (whose decision is final), who will make their selection according to the following criteria.

1. The article must fall within the principal scope of the journal – that is, relate directly to the former communist world and movement, construed to include the broad Left (including non-ruling parties); it may be historical or contemporary in theme; no particular methodology is required.
2. The award of the prize will be restricted to full-length articles; the selection excludes review articles, short introductory pieces in special issues, 'Profile' articles, etc.
3. The article must distinguish itself in one or more of three ways. It must:
 - i. embody a novel, original argument, based on original research, and be powerfully and elegantly presented; or
 - ii. contain an original interpretation, based on original thought, and likewise be convincingly presented; or
 - iii. offer new material – archival, statistical, interview, etc – of particularly distinct quality, and again be presented in a distinguished fashion.
4. In addition, the article must offer some theoretical insight or intellectual breadth that is likely to command continuing interest.



The decision will normally be taken in **November**, at the **annual general meeting of Lorton House**, a non-profit association that exists to promote the study of communism and related concepts. Lorton House is the body that sponsors the journal, among many other activities. The winner of the prize will be notified by the Publisher and an announcement will be printed in the **March issue of the next volume**.

In accordance with the above criteria, the **prize for 2008** has been awarded to **Tomila Lankina, De Montfort University, Leicester, UK**, and **Lullit Getachew, of the Pacific Economics Group in Madison, Wisconsin, USA**, for their article, 'The Virtuous Circles of Western Exposure in Russian Regions: A Case for Micro-Polity Analysis of Democratic Change', which appeared in Vol.24, No.3 (September 2008), pp.338–364.

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