

## [Forum for Modern Languages: Forum Prize Extended Deadline \(1 June\)](#)

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Call for Papers

Date:

June 1, 2022

Location:

United Kingdom

Subject Fields:

German History / Studies, European History / Studies, Literature, Arabic History / Studies, Latin American and Caribbean History / Studies

In recognition of the substantial time pressure experienced by many academics this year, the General Editors of *Forum for Modern Languages Studies* have agreed to extend the deadline for entries to this year's Forum Essay Prize until 1 June 2022.

Entries are invited for the 2022 Forum Essay Prize, on the subject of:

“Challenging Literature”

We are looking for bold, visionary and persuasive essays that use academic research to pursue innovative questions. The winning essay will be that judged by the panel to have best addressed the topic with flair, ambition and resonance.

The topic may be addressed from the perspective of any of the literatures (including literary linguistics, translation and comparative literature approaches) normally covered by the journal: Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Please note that material of a predominantly social science or sociological nature falls outside our scope.

We are seeking submissions that focus on literature that challenges us and/or challenges how we read, write, research and teach literature in our discipline(s). Possible approaches to the subject include, but are not limited to:

- Literature that challenges our way of seeing the world, social (and generic) norms and the status quo
- “Difficult” texts, including challenges in their linguistic diversity and in

translation • Challenges to literature from other media • Decolonizing the curriculum and its challenges for literary studies

The competition is open to all researchers, whether established or early career. Previous competitions have been won by scholars in both categories.

The winner will receive:

1. Publication of the winning essay in the next appropriate issue of Forum for Modern Language Studies
2. A prize of £500.

A panel of judges will read all entries, which will be assessed anonymously. At the judges' discretion, a runner-up prize of £200 may be awarded. The Editors may commission for publication in Forum for Modern Language Studies any entries that are highly commended by the judges.

Entry requirements and Submission details for the Forum Prize 2022 The closing date for entries is 1 June 2022.

Entries must be written in English, be between 6,000 and 8,000 words in length (including notes), should conform to MHRA style, and must be accompanied by an abstract (approx. 150 words) summarizing the principal arguments and making clear the relevance of the essay to the competition subject.

Essays should be submitted online at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/fmls>, be flagged as Forum Prize entries, and follow the journal's instructions to authors.

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