

ELIAV-SARTAWI AWARDS SEARCH FOR COMMON GROUND

Search for Common Ground (SFCG) invites submissions for its annual Eliav-Sartawi Awards for Middle East Journalism, which recognizes articles that contribute to dialogue and better understanding amongst peoples in conflict in the Middle East.

This year, SFCG has decided to focus on encouraging and recognising local Palestinian and Israeli voices. The competition is therefore only open to submissions from Israelis and Palestinians who reside in the region. Opinion articles **under 1,000 words** submitted in Arabic, English or Hebrew will be reviewed by a panel of international judges.

Winners of the competition will be invited to attend an award ceremony in Jerusalem towards the end of the year.

Opinion articles must have been originals when published between 1st July 2009 and 30th June 2010 in a recognised media outlet. Each individual applicant is invited to submit one article for consideration. Media outlets and press clubs may nominate up to three articles for consideration.

The following criteria will be considered by the judges when selecting submitted articles:

- Does the article suggest, explicitly or implicitly, ways of better managing conflict or working towards a constructive solution of the issue addressed?
- Does the language in the article reflect on, or give voice to, multiple points of view?
- Does the article acknowledge the needs, experiences, histories, values, emotions and/or beliefs of those involved, even those with whom the author disagrees?
- Are issues handled in a self-reflective way that helps broaden self-understanding and points to ways forward?
- Is the topic of the article distinctive? Does it raise questions that are not commonly discussed in the media? Does the article address issues in a timely manner and invite further discussion around them?
- Does the article display skillful writing and reporting? Is there clarity and strength of message? Is the style thought provoking? Moving?

SFCG reserves the right to submit articles for the judges' consideration that meet the competition's criteria. SFCG also assumes the right to reproduce the winning articles or portions thereof. Application materials will not be returned.

Submissions (original or quality copy of published article) must be received by July 15th 2010

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