



## Cordial Debate Prize

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The Franco British Comparative Project has created the Cordial Debate prize for essays presented on its online platform, to promote the exchange of ideas among French & British scholars, alumni and students. The prize is a homage to the "Entente cordiale" which has settled & secured peace between France & the UK.

Last year, the Cordial Debate was held on with the theme "This house believes that one of Britain or France has a better system for promoting Innovation", and the Jury was composed of:

- ✧ Declan McCavana - Head of the French Debating Association
- ✧ Prof Cedric Villani - Head of the Institut Henri Poincare, and Fields Medallist in 2010
- ✧ Lord Oxburgh - Ex non-executive Chairman of Shell, Ex Rector of Imperial College
- ✧ Michel de Fabiani - President of the Franco-British Chamber of Commerce

The Jury has awarded the Prize to Simon Blanc Garcia (Sciences Po alumnus & ENA Student) for the quality of his essay defending « l'innovation à la française ».

The best essays were also presented at the Franco British Student Conference on Innovation held at Imperial College in London (March 2011).

In 2012, this award recognizes outstanding arguments of a short essay—presented individually or as a team—dealing with the following question:

**“Is the French educational system better at promoting upward social mobility than the British one?”**

The Jury will be composed of:

- ✧ Baroness Shephard—Former Secretary of State for Education
- ✧ Xavier Darcos —Former Minister of Education
- ✧ Mary Dejevsky—Journalist at The Independent
- ✧ Simon Garcia —Trainee/student at Ecole Nationale d’Administration (Laureate 2011 )

The acceptance criteria for all papers are the quality and originality of the arguments and its significance to our members. Essays will be blind reviewed and the Final call rests with the Jury that will review the 4 highest marked and elect the best. If at any stage, no essay is considered to fulfill the acceptance criteria, the prize will not be awarded.

The Prize for 2011-2012 Cordial Debate is € 400. In case of ex-aequo, the amount will be divided consequently.

Essays must be written in English and/or French. They must not exceed 1500 words (excluding appendix & bibliography) and presented in the following format:

- Calibri 12
- Interline 1.5
- Word 2003-2007 (or compatible)

The closing date for submissions: **16 07 2012**. Electronic submissions only via email [fbcp@studyfrancobritish](mailto:fbcp@studyfrancobritish).

## Resources

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