



## Essay Competition

**The relationship between culture, personality and personality disorder in world societies: clues to understanding the origins and treatment of personality disorder and behavioural disturbance.**

You are invited to submit, in open competition, an essay on personality development and the influence of the cultural context and cultural practices on the evolving self. The essay will give an incisive and synoptic synthesis of the world literature, focussing on improving knowledge about the aetiology of personality disorders and its implications for Practice. The review will also take account of the evidence for treatment of personality disorder in diverse cultural contexts, among people from diverse ethnic and cultural groups, and in diverse health and social care settings. An exploration of contrasts between low income and high income countries are of particular interest and are particularly welcome.

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The prize is for all people from any organisation and professional discipline that has engaged with issues of personality and culture.

A prize of £2000 will be award by a panel of experts.

You will be able to present your essay at international meetings and we will support you to publish it in an international scientific journal.

The essay should aim to integrate diverse forms of knowledge and expertise. Essays that integrate diverse disciplinary perspectives are encouraged whilst not diminishing the critical depth given to the essay from each of the chosen disciplines; for example, epidemiological research, arts and theatre and literature, criminology, cultural studies, sociology, theology and anthropology, to mention some. The management of personality disorder issues in the health and judicial system and in world societies is important. A systematic and scientific approach to the literature review will be expected. Evidence and /or Practice based assertions will be valued, allowing for diverse forms of evidence and their appropriate approach to excellence in research methods.

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Entries must be no more than 5000 words, and must be referenced using the Harvard reference style, and submitted by email to [pdessay@careif.org](mailto:pdessay@careif.org) by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010. Authors should include their full name, address, country, email, and occupation on the title page.

Careif is an international mental health charity ([www.careif.org](http://www.careif.org)) and is working with the National Personality Disorder Team.

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