

ANNOUNCEMENT #1

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INTERNATIONAL MASTER THESIS COMPETITION IN ECONOMICS AND FINANCE - KICK-OFF FOR THE 33RD EDITION -

The Centre des Professions Financières, partnering with the Association Française de la Gestion financière (AFG), the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations, Covéa and the Institut des actuaires is launching the 33rd edition of the International Master Thesis Competition in Economics and Finance.

The 32nd edition of the competition culminated last March with the awards ceremony, distinguishing memoirs from students, notably from **ENSAE Paris**, **Euria**, the **Solvay Brussels School for Economics & Management** and the **University of Copenhagen**.

[Watch the awards ceremony again and see the prize-winners of the 32nd competition by clicking here.](#)

The 33rd edition of the International Competition has been launched on May 1st and is open to theses at Master 1 or 2 levels, defended since January 2020 and written in French or in English.



With the ambition to host works exploring a wide variety of subjects,
the theme for the 33rd Competition is :

« **TOWARDS A NEW WORLD ?** »



The crises of the 20th Century – Spanish flu, Great Depression, World Wars – have greatly contributed in the shaping of our social, economic, and geopolitical landscapes. With regards to those of the 21st Century, already marked by the financial shock of 2007-2010 and from now on, by the Covid-19 pandemic, **one of our collective challenges is to find solutions enabling the control of diversified, transversal, and interconnected risks and whose impacts are measured at a global scale of almost 8 billion human beings.**

Beyond this observation, the 33rd Competition will therefore focus on distinguishing works that meet this ambition, in all the fields covered by these future challenges.

- **Demographic** : what will be the social and economic effects of global population growth with the current projection from 7 to 17 billion inhabitants in 2100?
- **Environmental** : what are going to be the ecological, human, and financial impacts of climate Change?
- **Technological** : what are the real advances of new technologies (IT, Big Data, Cybersecurity, AI, IOT, ...) and R&D and expectations for the economy and risk control.
- **Strategy** : what lessons and what perspectives for financial and industrial management, and structural long-term investment for the future of our societies?
- **Governance** : what orientations for States, international organizations, and companies in a world where risk aversion, social control and the necessary security of data and people modify the “social contract”?

The Competition's jury, composed of eminent professionals and academics, will examine the proposed briefs in the strictest ethical framework. The jury will be attentive to the originality of the viewpoints presented and the practicality of the proposed methods.

Applications may be presented up to the 31st of December 2021 and a 30,000 € prize package will be shared between laureates and their academies.

[The Competition rules and the application form are available on the Centre des Professions Financières website by clicking here.](#)



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