



## NEPC Young Scholars Essay Competition

Network of Education Policy Centers wishes to invite all interested young scholars to respond to the essay competition on the topic:

**„How can pre-service Teacher Education (TED) better prepare teachers for the 21st Century“**

### Background

Teachers and teacher policies have been identified as one of three NEPC [www.edupolicy.net](http://www.edupolicy.net) programmatic priorities in its strategy. Thus, this is a policy area that our members consider important to influence and act upon in the coming years. The summer school of 2013 further underlined the urgency of this particular topic in the region.

Therefore, stemming from the fact that:

- a) teachers are one of the priorities of NEPC;
  - b) pre-service TED is crucial for implementing teacher policies;
  - c) pre-service TED is under researched in the region;
  - e) and that motivating young scholars for the topic may improve the situation;
- NEPC is announcing this essay competition.

### Terms of Reference:

All young scholars under the age of 35 whose academic interest is related to teacher policies can apply for the competition.

We are looking for the analytical evidence based essays or those highlighting the need for evidence (research proposals) between 1000 and 1500 words. It is required for authors to use *The Chicago Manual Style* for referencing

([http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools\\_citationguide.html](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html)).

All essays should refer to NEPC member countries<sup>1</sup> or regions.

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<sup>1</sup> Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Macedonia, Mongolia, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey.

**Award**

NEPC will print and publish (online) the best essay and award 500 USD fee to its author. In addition, top five essays will be published (online).

**Deadline for submission of essays:** October 15th 2013

**Send to:** [nepc@edupolicy.net](mailto:nepc@edupolicy.net)

The applications will be reviewed and the essays will be selected by the NEPC selection committee by October 31st 2013.

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