

Dr. Karl A. Lamers Peace-Prize

Mykolas Romeris University

Call for Papers 2026



The **Dr. Karl A. Lamers Peace-Foundation**, founded in December 2018, seeks to encourage young people to think about the great importance of peace and freedom. The future of peace and freedom requires strong dedication and engagement from the younger generation. Both values have decisively shaped the life and work of Dr. Karl A. Lamers as a long-time politician. For decades, it has been important to him to strengthen the relations between Lithuania and Germany and to foster Lithuania's integration into the Euro-Atlantic community.

The Dr. Karl A. Lamers Peace-Foundation invites students to submit their essays. The topic of the 2026 competition is as follows:

"With the Alliance's US pillar in doubt, is strengthening of the European pillar possible and what Europeans must and can do about that?"

Eligibility:

We encourage all **students of bachelor and master as well as Erasmus and exchange students of the Mykolas Romeris University (MRU)** to submit essays on the topic.

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How to submit:

Please submit your essay (max. 3,000 words) as Word document (Calibri, 12 pt font size) and as PDF document by email to Peace.prize@mruni.eu no later than **31 July 2026**. Essays must be in English. We ask students to list footnotes and a list of bibliographical references at the end of the essay. Only one essay per participant. Please provide your full name, contact details (email, phone number) and a copy of your Student ID.

Selection:

An Academic Selection Panel under the lead of Assoc. Prof. Virginijus Valentinavičius will select together with Prof. h. c. Dr. Karl A. Lamers the three winning essays.

Winner essays:

The three winner essays will be awarded with the Dr. Karl A. Lamers Peace-Prize (1,000€ for first prize, 600€ for second prize and 400€ for third prize) by Prof. h. c. Dr. Lamers, Rector Prof. Žalėnienė and Assoc. Prof. Valentinavičius at the Official Ceremony at the beginning of the New Academic Year in September 2026 in Vilnius.

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Program Chair: Assoc. Prof. Virginijus Valentinavičius

General Chair: Prof. h. c. Dr. Karl A. Lamers, Chairman of the Peace-Foundation

We process personal data, you have provided to us, for the purpose of participating in the essay competition and refer in this regard to Article 6 (1b) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We would be pleased to send you upon request our information letter which refers to Article 13, 14 GDPR.