The 2018 Airey Neave Memorial Book Prize

Statement of Requirement for Submissions.

The Airey Neave Trust is delighted to announce the 2018 Airey Neave Memorial Book Prize (the “Neave” Prize) which is very generously being sponsored by Pool Reinsurance Ltd, the Government backed terrorism reinsurance scheme. This is the second year that the Neave Prize is being held. Last year’s prize, awarded by Lord Evans of Weardale (former Director of MI5) was won by Ali Soufan for his Anatomy of Terror.

The Neave Prize will be awarded annually to the work of non-fiction which the Judging Panel considers to have made the most significant, original, relevant, and practically valuable contribution to the understanding of terrorism. The Neave Prize will be awarded to a book published between 16 July 2017 and 13 July 2018.

The first Prize will be awarded to the author[s] of a book published in the English language between 16 July 2017 and 13 July 2018, according to the following Terms and Conditions:

- the author[s] or publisher of the book must submit a copy of the book, either hard copy or digital, to the Administrator of the Airey Neave Trust, in formal submission of the book for the Prize competition, and they must do so by 13 July 2018;
- the book must contribute significantly to scholarly and/or other analytical understanding of counter-terrorism, the latter term interpreted as referring to the prevention or curbing of acts of terrorist violence;
- the Panel of Judges will consist of Trustees of the ANT, supported by independent experts in the field of terrorism; a team judges being appointed by the ANT for each year's competition;
- the judges’ decision on the short-listing submissions and the winner(s) is final;
- no serving member of the ANT, or Judging Panel or Pool Re, will be eligible to have one of their own books considered for the Prize;
- an author can submit more than one book in the approved publication timeline;
- the book must have a UK publisher or distributor involved;
- the submission can include books sponsored by the ANT;
- the Prize will amount to £5,000 for the winning book;
- the short-list for the Prize will consist of six books and will be announced in October following the deadline for submissions;
- the winner of the Prize will be announced in November 2018 at a formal ceremony in London thereafter. Those authors’ books which were short-listed will also be announced at this ceremony.

1 ‘terrorists are sub-state actors who violently target non-combatants to communicate a political message to a third party’ (Louise Richardson, What Terrorists Want: Understanding the Terrorist Threat (London: John Murray, 2006), p. 38).
Quote by John Giffard, Chairman of the Airey Neave Trust:

"The trustees were delighted with the interest shown in the inaugural Neave prize and the very high quality of books submitted for the 2017 prize. Ali Soufan’s book was a masterpiece of making a complex subject highly readable and accessible. The wide range of topics covered in last year’s competition demonstrated the very high quality of research and writing in the increasingly complex area of terrorism and all forms of extremism. The ANT is very grateful to Pool Re for its on-going sponsorship of the Neave Prize and we both agree unequivocally that the promotion of in-depth research and analysis on the complexities of the contemporary terrorism threats is vital in furthering our understanding of the subject matter.

Quote by Julian Enoizi CEO of Pool Re:

"Pool Re is proud to once again sponsor the Neave Book Prize. As the principal reinsurer of UK commercial property against terrorist attack we fully support initiatives, such as the Neave Prize, that drive counter-terrorism thought leadership and inform government and business strategies and plans that protect our assets, people and way of life."

Please send submissions, or if you have any questions, to the Airey Neave Trust Administrator at:

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The Airey Neave Trust, PO Box 111, Leominster HR6 6BP

Notes to editor:

1. The Airey Neave Trust (ANT) was established in 1979 by public subscription, to commemorate the life and work of Airey Neave, through further research and understanding in relation to Freedom under the Law, and with an emphasis on issues regarding the analysis of and the practical response to terrorist violence. ANT’s committee for identifying relevant publications and other projects, initially under the chairmanship of the late Professor Paul Wilkinson, e.g. in the last couple of years supported Dr John Horgan’s - Walking away from Terrorism, James Fergusson’s - The World’s Most Dangerous Place: Inside the Outlaw State of Somalia and James Harkin’s - Hunting Season –The execution of James Foley, Islamic State, and the real story of the kidnapping campaign that started a War.

For further information on the ANT: http://www.aireyneavetrust.org.uk/

2. The Pool Re scheme was set up in 1993 by the insurance industry in cooperation with the UK Government in the wake of the IRA bombing campaign on the UK Mainland. Pool Re is a mutual reinsurer whose Members comprise the vast majority of insurers and Lloyd’s Syndicates which offer commercial property insurance in the Great Britain, with membership of the scheme affording them a guarantee which ensures that they can provide cover for losses resulting from acts of terrorism, regardless of the scale of the claims.

The scheme, which is recognised as a leading example of public/private partnership, is owned by its Members but is underpinned by a HM Treasury commitment to support Pool Re if ever it has insufficient funds to pay a legitimate claim. Pool Re pays a fee to Government for this guarantee and would repay the money over time if it ever used this facility.

However, in the event of a loss resulting from an act of terrorism, each Member must first pay losses up to a threshold, which is determined individually for that insurer. When losses exceed that threshold, the insurer can claim upon Pool Re’s reserves, which now stand at approximately £6.2billion. These reserves have been accumulated by the
Members of Pool Re since its inception. It is only in the event that these reserves and the company’s commercial reinsurance are exhausted that Pool Re would require Government support.

Pool Re has dealt with 13 separate certified terrorism claims totalling £635m. Since March 2015, the Pool Re Scheme’s resilience has been augmented by an external reinsurance placement. This re-engages the global market in aggregated UK terrorism for the first time since 1993, and additionally provides protection to both Scheme assets and the UK taxpayer.

Pool Re is also a founding member of the International Forum of Terrorism Risk (Re)Insurance Pools (IFTRIP). Established in 2016, IFTRIP is aimed at fostering closer ties and allowing for greater collaboration between the world’s terrorism (re)insurance entities. IFTRIP is comprised of national terrorism reinsurance pools from twelve countries.

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