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Winners of the John Roberts Student Essay Competition 2010

First place: Oliver Elliott (UK), [read essay](#)
Second place: Moritz Eckert (Germany), [read essay](#)
Third place: Soumitra Subinaya (India), [read essay](#)

About the competition:

NATO Watch launched its inaugural John Roberts Student Essay Competition in Spring 2010. We were looking for 2,000 words or a 2 minute video which addressed the question: To abolish war do we first need to abolish NATO?



About John Roberts:

ROBERTS John Charles de Villamar, world citizen, teacher, husband, father and grandfather died at home on 27 February 2010. John joined the Federal Union in 1948 and worked for 60 years in world citizen and federalist movements, including chairing the World Association of World Federalists. He was an active ex-chair of the Institute for Law and Peace and wrote more than a dozen pamphlets on world problems. Fluent in Esperanto, he attended congresses in Brighton (UK), Brazil, China, France, Germany, Hungary, Japan and the USA. He taught in schools, colleges, then at the Universite Laval in Quebec for eight years, and finally an American college in England for 15 years (Professor of International Studies). John

was a critic of the NATO military alliance and of the intervention in Afghanistan, but agreed to become one of the founding NATO Watch Associates in June 2009. He believed that an alliance based on the use of armed force is a denial of where we should be in the 21st century and that only by supporting and developing global legal structures could NATO be made non-aggressive and peaceful. You can read more about John's work at:

<http://jrmundialist.org/>

NATO Watch is an independent, not-for-profit 'virtual' think-tank which examines the role of NATO in public life and advocates for more openness, transparency and accountability within the Alliance. See our detailed [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and our [Vision and Mission](#).

NATO Watch and partners will be holding a Shadow NATO Summit in Brussels on 15-16 November to discuss and share ideas on the future of NATO, including the new strategic concept, Afghanistan, nuclear policy, missile defence and NATO-Russian relations. For further details [contact](#) NATO Watch.

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