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„Academy of Sociology Award for Best Dissertation" 2023

For the third time, the Academy for Sociology (AS) is awarding its biennial prize for the Best Dissertation in the field of analytical-empirical sociology.

Eligibility criteria

Eligible to apply are researchers whose doctoral thesis (German or English) was successfully defended between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022.

Dissertation advisers of outstanding analytical-empirical candidates are invited to encourage their doctoral candidates for submission. AS membership is not required for application.

Submission deadline and guidelines

Submissions should be made to dissertationspreis@akademie-soziologie.de by March 31, 2023. The following documents are required for submission (as separate PDF files in the attachment of the application email): (1) the Dissertation, (2) a 3-5-page summary of the dissertation (incl. half-page abstract), (3) published articles from the dissertation (if applicable), (4) reviews of the referees. The short summary should outline the topic of the dissertation, its research design and method, its main findings and arguments, as well as its central conclusions. In addition, the abstract should contain the table of contents of the dissertation.

Selection procedure

A committee comprising of AS board member Prof. Pia Schober, Dr. Malte Reichelt and two external referees will select the best dissertation among all entries.Central assessment criteria are (1) the originality of the research question and the analytical-empirical conceptualization; (2) the precision and rigor of the theoretical reasoning; (3) for empirical work: the quality, accuracy, and transparency of the empirical research design; (4) the scientific and, if applicable, practical impact of the results. Applicants will be informed about the results of the selection process around the end of July, 2023.

Award ceremony at AS Congress

The winner of the dissertation prize will be awarded at the next AS congress in Bern, August 28th – 30th, 2023. They will be given the opportunity to present the dissertation research in a plenary session at the congress. Costs for accommodation, travel and conference fees for the award winner will be covered by the Academy.