

## Call for „Academy-Award for Best Dissertation 2019“

This year, for the first time, the Academy for Sociology (AS) is awarding its biennial prize for the Best Dissertation in the field of empirical analytical sociology.

### *Who Can Apply?*

Eligible to apply are researchers whose doctoral thesis was or will be successfully defended between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2018. Dissertation advisers of outstanding empirical analytical candidates are invited to encourage their doctoral candidates to submit their work. AS membership is not required for application.

### *Submission Deadline and Guidelines*

Submissions for the prize should be made to [dissertationspreis@akademie-soziologie.de](mailto:dissertationspreis@akademie-soziologie.de) by 31 March 2019. The following documents are required for submission (as separate PDF files attached to the application email): (1) the dissertation thesis; (2) if applicable, any published articles from the dissertation, and, (3) ideally, the thesis reports.

### *Selection Procedure*

Responsible for selecting the best dissertation is a selection committee consisting of one member of the AS-board (currently: Prof. Anette Fasang, HU Berlin) and two AS members. Evaluation criteria are: (1) originality of the research question and the empirical-analytical approach; (2) precision and rigor of the argumentation; (3) for empirical dissertations: the quality, care, and transparency of the empirical research design; and (4) the scientific and, if applicable, practical significance of the results. Applicants will be informed about the results of the selection process around the end of June 2019.

### *Award Ceremony at AS Congress*

The dissertation prize will be awarded at the next AS congress in Konstanz in September 2019. The winner will have 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.