

Call

„Academy of Sociology Award for Best Dissertation” 2021

For the second time, the Academy for Sociology (AS) is awarding its biennial prize for the Best Dissertation in the field of empirical analytical sociology. The award comes with 1,500€ prize money.

Eligibility criteria

Eligible to apply are researchers whose doctoral thesis (German or English) was successfully defended between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020.

Dissertation advisers of outstanding empirical analytical 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 April 15, 2021. 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 (incl. half-page abstract), (3) published articles from the dissertation (if applicable), (4) reviews of the referees. The summary should outline the topic, research design and method, main findings and arguments, as well as 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. Stefanie Kley 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 August, 2021.

Award ceremony at AS Congress

The winner of the AS dissertation prize will be awarded at the next AS congress in Leipzig (or online), September 29th - October 1st, 2021. He or she 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.