

## Call

### „Academy of Sociology Award for Best Dissertation” 2025

For the fourth time, the Academy of Sociology (AS) is awarding its biennial prize for the best dissertation in the field of analytical-empirical sociology. The prize money is 1500 Euro.

#### *Eligibility criteria*

Researchers whose doctoral thesis (in German or English) was successfully defended between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2024 are eligible to apply.

Dissertation advisers of outstanding analytical-empirical candidates are invited to encourage their doctoral candidates to apply. Membership with the AS is not required for application.

#### *Submission deadline and guidelines*

Submissions should be sent to [dissertationspreis@akademie-soziologie.de](mailto:dissertationspreis@akademie-soziologie.de) by 30 April 2025. 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 from the referees. The summary should outline the topic of the dissertation, its research design and methodology, its main findings and arguments, as well as its central conclusions. In addition, it should also include the table of contents of the dissertation.

#### *Selection procedure*

A committee consisting of AS board members Gunnar Otte and Anina Schwarzenbach and two external referees will select the best dissertation from 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 by the end of August 2025.

#### *Award ceremony at AS Conference*

The winner of the Dissertation Award will be awarded at the AS conference in Mainz, Germany, October 8–10 2025. He or she will be given the opportunity to present the dissertation in a plenary session at the conference. Costs for accommodation and travel as well as the conference fees will be covered by the Academy of Sociology.