Call for Nominations: ILASS Prize for Best Book on International Law and Social Science

The International Law and Social Science (ILASS) Interest Group of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) announces the establishment of the ILASS Prize for Best Book on International Law and Social Science, which will be awarded annually to author(s) of the published book that the Selection Committee considers to constitute the most outstanding social science contribution to the study of international law. With this announcement, we also welcome nominations for the first annual prize, to be awarded in 2025 for books published during 2024.

Eligibility: The Selection Committee will consider any book, either monograph or edited volume, published in the English language during the previous calendar year (e.g. 2024 for the 2025 award) which applies the theories and methods of the social sciences to the understanding of international law. Sole and jointly authored books will be eligible. Membership in the American Society of International Law will not be required. Submissions from outside the United States will also be accepted and encouraged.

Selection Criteria: In assessing submissions, the Selection Committee will take into account the following criteria: (1) theoretical and methodological quality and contribution; (2) quality and value added of empirical research and analysis; (3) originality; and (4) impact of the article's findings for the understanding of international law. Nominations of both qualitative and quantitative work are welcome. The panel may award the prize for more than one article *ex aequo*.

Selection Procedure: A call for nominations (including self-nominations) shall be circulated to all ASIL members and in related fora each year by October 1st, with a nomination deadline of December 31st. Any member or non-member of ASIL, including authors, presses, and members of the Selection Committee, may nominate books for consideration.

Selection Committee: Emilia Justyna Powell, Chair (Notre Dame University), Matthew Erie (Oxford University), and Lauge Poulsen (University College London).

Prize: The Prize will consist of a certificate recognizing the author or authors and the title of the winning book. The winner(s) of the Prize will be announced at the ASIL Annual Meeting each year, beginning with the 2025 Annual Meeting, April 16th-18th in Washington, DC.

To Apply, please send hard copies of the book to all three members of the selection committee below. The submission deadline is 31 December 2024.

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