Programme description

International Research Award
of the Max Weber Foundation in cooperation with the Historisches Kolleg

The Max Weber Foundation – German Humanities Institutes Abroad and the Historisches Kolleg announce the International Research Award of the Max Weber Foundation in cooperation with the Historisches Kolleg 2020. Former laureates are Isabel V. Hull, Georges Didi-Huberman and Hélène Miard-Delacroix.

The International Research Award is presented to outstanding scientists and scholars, who have demonstrated exemplary works, focusing on the advancement of research within the field of humanities and social and cultural studies. The award honors innovative and original research approaches, which have encouraged cross-border networking within the field of humanities and social and cultural studies with Germany. The award will contribute to raising the international profile of the nominating research institutions in Germany as well as strengthen the international competitiveness of research in Germany.

Scholars from the host countries or regions of the Max Weber Foundation institutes and branch offices are eligible to be nominated for the award:

- Egypt: Branch Office OI Beirut in Kairo
- China: China Branch Office Beijing
- Czech Republic: Branch Office GHI Warsaw in Prague
- France: DFK und GHI Paris
- Great Britain: GHI London
- India: India Branch Office New Delhi
- Italy: GHI Rome
- Japan: DIJ Tokyo
- Libanon: OI Beirut
- Lithuania: Branch Office GHI Warsaw in Vilnius
- Poland: GHI Warsaw
- Russia: GHI Moscow
- Senegal: TRG Dakar/GHI Paris
- Singapur: Research Group of DIJ Tokyo
- Turkey: OI Istanbul
- USA: GHI Washington

Nominations from female candidates are strongly encouraged.

The International Research Award is endowed with 30 000 €. According to the German Income Tax Law, research awards are tax free by rule in Germany.
A remaining free invitation to conduct research for two months at the Historisches Kolleg in Munich is jointly offered with the research award. The recipient will therefore have the opportunity to exchange ideas with the Fellows of the Historisches Kolleg and with researchers at local institutions. The organization of the stay may be arranged by the Historisches Kolleg. In addition, the recipient is invited to organize an International Colloquium at the Historisches Kolleg. Date and time will be directly discussed with the Historisches Kolleg.

The proven cost of awarding the prize by the President of the Max Weber Foundation and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Historisches Kolleg on the premises of the nominating research institution can be charged to the Max Weber Foundation by agreement.

Nomination Rights

Scholars from German universities and research organizations are eligible to make nominations.

Requirements for Nominations

In order to be eligible for nomination, prospective awardees should have the main focus of their academic activity and their personal and residential status in a country or region which is host to a Max Weber Foundation institute or branch office, in addition to international standing and a relevant research record.

Selection Process

The selection process is conducted by a selection committee with equal representation of the Max Weber Foundation and the Board of Trustees of the Historisches Kolleg, chaired by the President, Prof. Dr. Hans van Ess.

Selection committee members are

Prof. Dr. Hartmut Leppin (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt)
Prof. Dr. Valeska von Rosen (Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf)
Prof. Dr. Frank Rexroth (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)
Prof. Dr. Martin Schulze Wessel (Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Historisches Kolleg, LMU Munich)
Prof. Dr. Karen Shire (Universität Duisburg-Essen)

The selection meeting will take place in February 2020.
The deadline for submitting the nomination is November 15th 2019. Nominations may be submitted by email to forschungspreis@maxweberstiftung.de.

Please use the nomination documents provided on the website of the Max Weber Foundation https://www.maxweberstiftung.de/en/foerderung/international-research-award.html. For more information, please visit the section “Notes for a complete nomination”.

Selection criteria are vested in the persuasive power of the nomination and the scientific excellence of the nominee. Here, the role of the candidates as intermediaries between the academic cultures of their countries with Germany will be given a due role.

To assist with its decision making, the Selection Committee will consult the Max Weber Foundation institute located in the country in which the nominee is based. It reserves the right to request further independent expert opinions.

**General Provisions**

The International Research Award may be presented to outstanding scientists for their previous work. It is assumed that any current and future scientific work produced by nominees respect the "Rules of Good Scientific Practice" of the Max Weber Foundation (or equivalent provisions) as well as relevant laws that also comply.