

# SNIS Award 2010 for the Best Thesis in International Studies



## Aim

The SNIS Award has been established to encourage outstanding **young research scientists** at the beginning of their careers. **The SNIS Award will be given for the best Ph.D. thesis received in a Swiss University on a subject related to International Studies.**

The SNIS considers that International Studies deal not only with the analysis of international relations, but also with political, economic, social, environmental, legal, and health issues that extend beyond national boundaries. Submitted Ph.D. theses can deal with a wide range of academic disciplines, such as political science, economics, sociology, social and cultural anthropology, law, history, geography, environmental sciences, and related areas.

## Award & Jury

The SNIS will award one prize annually. In case of equally remarkable theses, the SNIS can decide to share the prize. It can also decide not to award any prize if no work is of sufficient quality. The prize will be awarded to a thesis that can convince the jury beyond disciplinary boundaries.

The amount that will be allocated by the SNIS is **5'000 SFr.**

If possible, prizes will be presented annually in the framework of a SNIS event and the awardee(s) will be invited to present his/her (their) research.

Applications will be judged by a committee composed of six professors with expertise in one or several areas relevant to International Studies as described above.



## Formal Criteria

1. Entrants must have received their Ph.D. degree in a Swiss University with «summa cum laudae» or a mark equal or superior to 5.5, in the calendar year 2010. The relevant date is the date of the presentation of the thesis or, in case the Faculty's rules require a formal validation of the result, the date of the validation.
2. Entrants must be under 35 years at the time of the submission. They need not to be citizens or residents of Switzerland
3. The research described in the thesis must be in the field of the **International Studies**, as defined above.
4. The thesis must be written in one of the three national languages (German, French and Italian) or in English.

## Application Procedure

The application can be registered electronically [snis.ch/content/snis-award-2010](https://snis.ch/content/snis-award-2010). On this platform applicants are asked to:

- Complete the electronic submission form
- Upload an electronic version of the PhD thesis
- Upload two supporting letters: One coming from the thesis adviser and/or chairperson of the thesis committee, the other from any professor in the field or an additional member of the jury. These letters should comment on the special quality and significance of the thesis.
- If applicable: Upload jury reports. If the university procedure requires written reports from members of the jury or committee, these reports must also be included.

In addition to this electronic procedure all applicants are requested to send two printed versions of their PhD thesis to the SNIS secretariat (postal address below)

## Deadline

Complete applications must be received at the SNIS Secretariat by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2011**. Early submission is strongly encouraged.