

SNIS Award 2019

for the best thesis
in international studies



Aim

The SNIS Award was established to encourage outstanding young research scientists at the beginning of their careers. The SNIS Award will be given for the best PhD thesis received in a Swiss University in 2018 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 PhD theses can deal with a wide range of academic disciplines, such as political science, economics, sociology, social and cultural anthropology, law, history, geography and environmental sciences.

Award & Jury

The SNIS will award one prize annually. In case of equally remarkable theses, the SNIS jury can decide to split the prize. It can also decide not to award any prize if no work is deemed of sufficient quality. A thesis that can convince the jury of its reach beyond disciplinary boundaries is a clear asset.

The amount that will be awarded by the SNIS is CHF 10'000.

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



Formal Criteria

1. Entrants must have received their PhD degree in a Swiss University in the calendar year 2018. The relevant date is that 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 have received either «summa cum laude» or a mark equal or superior to 5.5. If the thesis was defended in a University that does not use grades, the jury reports must be included with the application.
3. Entrants under 35 years at the time of the submission are preferred. Entrants do not need to be citizens or residents of Switzerland.
4. The thesis question(s) must be in the field of the International Studies, as defined above.
5. The thesis must be written in either German, French or English.
6. Theses based on multiple and co-authored papers are accepted. Papers written with members of the SNIS Governing Committee or SNIS Award jury are not eligible.
7. Theses written as part of a SNIS funded research project are not eligible.

Application Procedure

The application should be registered at <https://snis.ch/2019-snis-award-submission/>. Applicants are asked to:

- Complete the electronic submission form.
- Upload an electronic version of their PhD thesis.
- Upload two supporting letters: One coming from the thesis supervisor or chairperson of the thesis committee, the other from a 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.

Deadline

The submission period will close on the 25th of April 2019 at 13h00 GMT+1