

Call for Nominations

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IMISCOE Maria Ioannis Baganha Dissertation Award - 2021

IMISCOE has opened nominations for its 2021 Maria Ioannis Baganha Dissertation Award. The Network has awarded this prize annually since 2010 to stimulate and recognise excellent PhD research in the field of migration, integration and social cohesion in Europe.

The 2021 competition is open to all PhD recipients whose dissertations were defended within the 24-month period before the deadline for submission of 20 January 2021. Applicants are invited to apply on their own behalf, although dissertation supervisors may also nominate candidates. Theses by published papers in which all or most papers are co-authored will not be accepted.

The late Maria Ioannis Baganha was a leading migration scholar at the Centre for Social Studies (CES) at the University of Coimbra. She was one of IMISCOE's founding members and the chair of its Board of Directors until she passed away in June 2009. To commemorate her work in the field of migration studies and particularly for the network, the IMISCOE Board of Directors has dedicated the IMISCOE dissertation award to her.

This annual prize is awarded to what the IMISCOE Award Committee deems the best dissertation in the field of migration, integration and social cohesion in Europe. The prize was awarded to *Gerhild Perl in 2020*, *Kristina Bakkaer Simonsen in 2019*, *Apostolos Andrikopoulos in 2018*, *Yossi Harpaz in 2017*, *Milena Belloni in 2016*, *Erik Vickstrom in 2015*, *Ruben Andersson in 2014*, *Alistair Hunter in 2013*, *Zana Vathi in 2012*, *Justus Uitermark in 2011* and *Julie Vullnetari in 2010*.

Eligibility and requirements

The 2021 competition is open to all PhD recipients whose dissertations were defended within the 24-month period before the deadline for submission of 20 January 2021. This timeframe is determined by the date of the official defence. All academic disciplines are equally eligible. Theses by published papers in which all or most papers are co-authored will not be accepted.

Applicants are invited to apply on their own behalf, although dissertation supervisors may also nominate candidates. Applicants who have applied in earlier years cannot apply again.

Nominations must demonstrate a significant contribution to migration and integration studies in one or more of these criteria:

- research quality
- originality
- theoretical contribution
- methodological/empirical contribution

Applicants must submit the following:

- a completed application form (available at www.imiscoe.org)
- a 1-page (max. 400 words) abstract.
- a 5-page (max. 2000 words) summary of the dissertation
- a single digital file of the dissertation including all appendices, references, notes etc.
- a CV (max. 2 pages)
- two letters of recommendation from researchers not affiliated to the institutes where the applicant works at the time of his or her application and where he or she defended his or her dissertation (max. 1 page per letter)
- a letter of endorsement from a dissertation advisor/supervisor (max. 1 page).

Applications must be in English, but the manuscript can be written in any language that IMISCOE member institutes deem acceptable for PhD dissertations.

Jury

The multi-disciplinary jury comprises senior members of the IMISCOE Research Network who are recognised experts in their field and have had substantial experience in reviewing the work of PhD-students. All members of the jury declare any potential absence of conflict of interest; jurors cannot play a role in evaluating their own PhD students, candidates from their own institute or candidates with whom they share direct collaborative links (e.g. a joint publication).

Review procedure

The jury will compile a short-list of the best dissertations from the pool of applications. Each shortlisted dissertation will be reviewed by the jury and external evaluators, without conflict of interest in identical terms to those established for jury members. The winner will be notified on or before **30 May 2021**. Under exceptional circumstances (i.e. if no winning candidate is found), the award will be declared void.

Prize

The award's prize is € 2.500. There will also be an opportunity to have the dissertation published in the IMISCOE-Springer series, subject to the manuscript's review by the IMISCOE Editorial Committee. Finally, the winner is invited to present their work at the IMISCOE Annual Conference.

Presentation

The award is scheduled to be presented at the **18th IMISCOE Annual Conference**, to be held in **Luxembourg on 7 - 9 July 2021**.

Deadline

Applications should be submitted by email to Angelique van Dam: a.vandam@essb.eur.nl by 20 January 2021.

Questions concerning the award can be emailed to Angelique van Dam: a.vandam@essb.eur.nl .

Application Form

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IMISCOE Maria Baganha Distinguished Dissertation Award 2020

Name of the candidate:

Institutional affiliation:

Contact email:

Contact address:

If you are a supervisor nominating your former PhD student, please also provide the above information as it pertains to you.

Name:

Institutional affiliation:

Contact email:

Contact address:

Dissertation title:

Manuscript word count (including references and notes):

Discipline/field:

Name(s) of PhD supervisor(s):

Names of PhD evaluators:

Mark obtained (if applicable):

University/department that issued the PhD degree:

Date of defence:

Applications – and all required documents – should be submitted by email to Angelique van Dam: a.vandam@essb.eur.nl, no later than **20 January 2021**.