

ESIL Monograph Prize Guidelines

In line with ESIL's goals of encouraging high-level scholarship and promoting a greater awareness and understanding of international law, the ESIL Monograph Prize is awarded each year at the ESIL Annual Conference for an outstanding sole-authored work published in the field of international law.

The Jury

The jury for the ESIL Prize consists of three senior international lawyers. The jury is appointed by the ESIL Board the year preceding the ESIL Annual Conference. All best efforts should be made to compose a diverse jury, to ensure representation in respect of various factors not limited to nationality, language and gender. For all practical matters, the jury is assisted by at least one Board member, who acts as Coordinator.

Eligibility criteria

- Monographs eligible for consideration will be books on any topic relating to international law written by one author.
- Books consisting of the work of more than one author cannot be considered for the Prize and ought instead to be nominated for the ESIL Collaborative Book Prize.
- Books eligible for consideration must have been published in the calendar year prior to the ESIL Annual Conference, and may only be nominated once.
- Nominations for the ESIL Monograph Prize are made directly by academic publishers. Proposals coming from authors will not be considered by the jury.
- Each publisher may nominate up to two books for the Prize.
- Monographs may be submitted in any language.

Nomination process

The ESIL Board member(s) responsible for the ESIL Monograph Prize Committee invite(s) academic law publishers to nominate books that meet the eligibility criteria. Publishers must despatch four printed copies to the ESIL Board member who will then forward the books to the Jury. The Jury may waive the printed requirement and accept an electronic version in exceptional circumstances.

The deadline for nominations is 20 January of the year of the ESIL Annual Conference at which the results will be announced.

Review process

The review process is confidential.

If a jury member considers that s/he has a conflict of interest in assessing a particular book, the ESIL Board member(s) coordinating the process will obtain an additional external opinion on the merits of that book, which the non-conflicted members will take into account when making their decision.

If a jury member is unable to assess a particular book because it is written in a language which s/he does not read, ESIL will make its best efforts to obtain an additional external opinion on the merits of that book, which the members who read that language will take into account in making their decision.

No notice will be given to nominated authors.

The jury selects a laureate three months prior to the conference. It may select more than one laureate. The jury must then transmit a short justification for the award to the Board member(s) in charge of the ESIL Monograph Prize. The President of ESIL will contact the publisher of the selected book to inform them that the book will be awarded the Prize. After the award, the publisher may include a reference to the ESIL Monograph Prize in any promotional material.

The award

The winner of the Prize is announced during the ESIL Annual Conference and the prize awarded at the Conference dinner.