

ESIL Monograph Book 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 Book Prize is awarded each year at the ESIL Annual Conference for an outstanding published work 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

- Books eligible for consideration will be monographs on any topic of international law written by one or more authors.
- Edited books cannot be considered for the Prize.
- Books eligible for consideration must be published by a European publisher or written by a European scholar.
- Books eligible for consideration must have been published in the year prior to the ESIL Annual Conference.
- Nominations for the Monograph Book Prize are made directly by academic publishers. Proposals coming from authors will not be considered.
- Each publisher may nominate up to two books for the Prize.
- Books can be submitted in any European language.

Nomination process

The ESIL Board member(s) responsible for the ESIL Collaborative Book Prize Committee invite(s) academic law publishers to nominate books that meet the eligibility criteria. Publishers must dispatch four printed copies to the ESIL administrative office, 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 31 January of the year of the ESIL Annual Conference at which the results will be announced. The physical books must have been received by the ESIL secretariat before this date for them to be included in the nomination.

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, ESIL will obtain an additional external opinion on the merits of that book, which the non-conflicted members will take into account in 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 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 pre-selected candidates.

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 in charge of the ESIL Book Prize. The President of ESIL will contact the publisher of the selected book to inform them that it will be awarded the Prize. After the award, the publisher may include a reference to the ESIL Book Prize in any promotional material.

The award

The winner of the Prize is announced at the opening ceremony of each ESIL Annual Conference. The Prize is awarded during the Gala Dinner at the Conference.