

ESIL COLLABORATIVE BOOK PRIZE GUIDELINES

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

THE JURY

- The Jury for the ESIL Collaborative Book Prize consists of three senior international law experts.
- 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

- Works eligible for consideration will be books on any topic relating to international law written by more than one author. Eligible books may be co-authored by two or more authors or edited collections.
- The ESIL Collaborative Book Prize intends to reward scholarly work aimed at academic audiences, such as co-authored texts and scholarly edited collections. That said, legal encyclopedias, treaty commentaries and other collaborative work aimed primarily at practitioners will not be ineligible and may be considered by the Jury. In case of doubt, the Jury shall have the discretion to determine the eligibility of a submitted work.
- Sole-authored books cannot be considered for the ESIL Collaborative Book Prize and ought instead to be nominated for the [ESIL Monograph Prize](#).
- Works 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 Collaborative 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 ESIL Collaborative Book Prize.
- Works may 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 and a call will be published on ESIL social media.

Publishers must dispatch four printed copies to the ESIL Secretariat, that 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 **15 February** 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.

Please note that the European University Institute is usually closed for the winter break, so please do not post books to arrive during that period ([Check the exact dates on the ESIL Collaborative Book Prize webpage](#)).

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 two to three months prior to the Annual 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 Collaborative Book Prize.

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

THE AWARD

The winners of the ESIL Collaborative Book Prize are announced and awarded the prize during the Annual Conference.