

Award Committee Guidelines

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Award Committees will submit a report to the section chair at the end of their deliberations that include:

1. The award recipient(s)
2. A brief citation of the committee's rationale, to be read at the award ceremony at the section reception at the annual meeting and distributed to the listserv afterwards
3. A record of nominees. The section chair will make these lists available to future committees to help avoid repeat nominations.

Awards should ordinarily be limited to a *single winner*. In exceptional cases, the committee may designate either two co-winners or one winner and one honorable mention. Multiple honorable mentions should be avoided to maintain the distinctiveness of the award.

Members of the award committee must recuse themselves if they have a close professional relationship (e.g., advisor, co-author, departmental colleague) with a nominee.

Committees retain discretion to interpret guidelines in ambiguous cases but should document their reasoning in the chair's report to ensure consistency over time.

Please note:

- All **dissertations** in the broad field of European politics and society that have been accepted and approved by a university are ordinarily eligible. Three-paper dissertations that include co-authored work with senior colleagues are also eligible. The nomination must include a statement from the candidate—and, if possible, from co-authors—clarifying the candidate's contribution to the research and writing.
- For the Best **Article** Award, the relevant year is defined as the year of the DOI (online first).¹
- Edited volumes are not eligible for nomination for the Best **Book** Award.

¹ Since the 2025 award committee excluded articles that had not yet appeared in print, the 2026 award committee may, on an exceptional basis, also consider articles that first appeared online in 2024.