

Deadline: 1 March 2009

Call for participation

Fifth Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists <http://www.isa-sociology.org/wcys/index.htm>

The International Sociological Association (ISA) announces the organization of the Fifth Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists engaged in social research. The winners will be invited to participate in the XVII World Congress of Sociology which will take place in Göteborg, Sweden, July 2010. The winners'

papers will be considered for publication in English, subject to editorial decision and revision, in the ISA's journal *International Sociology*, or in another ISA publication.

By Junior Scholars we mean people who obtained his/her first Master's degree (or an equivalent graduate diploma) in sociology or in a related discipline, less than 10 years prior to May 1st, 2009. In case of joint or multiple authorship, this rule applies to all authors of the submitted paper.

Candidates must send an original paper that has not been previously published anywhere. It should be no more than 6,000 words typewritten doublespaced on one side of the paper with margins of 3 cm and the pages numbered. Notes and the bibliography should appear at the end of the text. Papers which do not conform these rules run the risk of being rejected. We prefer papers focusing on socially relevant issues. The phenomena examined may be social, economic, political, cultural or of any other kind, but their interpretation or analysis must show a sociological orientation (for instance, through the identification of social processes underlying the phenomena under scrutiny, critique of commonsense interpretations or of well established theories, etc.).

Empirical research papers must go beyond descriptive reporting of results to broader, analytical interpretations. Papers will be judged according to perceptiveness with which issues are treated, the quality of empirical materials presented, the consistency with which an analytic framework is used, the originality of ideas, and the clarity of style. Extensiveness of referencing or the use of advanced statistical methods will be considered to be of only secondary importance, so as to provide participants throughout the world with as equal an opportunity as possible. We are particularly interested in receiving papers from scholars in Third World Countries.

The winners of the First (1990), the Second (1994), the Third (1998) and the Fourth (2006) Competition are not allowed to compete.

Papers may be written in one of the following languages: English, French, Spanish as well as Arabic, Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Russian. Assessors will be appointed for each of these languages. To give a fair chance for participants whose mother tongue is none of the above, there will be assessors in English, French and Spanish, respectively, for papers submitted by authors, who use any of these as a foreign language. All other scholars may also make use of this option if they prefer.

An electronic version (.doc or .pdf) should be e-mailed as an attachment to [chauvel@sciences-po.fr](mailto:chauvel@sciences-po.fr) (indicate "junior competition" in the subject of your

message) and two paper copies of equal typographical quality should be sent to the following address:

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They should be postmarked April 1st, 2009 at the latest or reach the Science-Po Paris Secretariat before May 1st, 2009

In order to protect anonymity during the selection process, authors should not put their name on the paper itself but include a separate sheet of paper with their family name (capital letters), first name, sex, date of birth, mother tongue, degrees, address where they can be reached and (optionally) their present occupation. For papers sent by e-mail, include this information in a text of the e-mail message.

All this information should be given in one of the official languages of the ISA (English, French, Spanish).

An electronic acknowledgement of the correct reception of paper copies and electronic submissions will be given.

Initially, a Jury will consider which papers reach a sufficiently high standard to be issued with a letter of official commendation and be listed on ISA website. Each language Jury will then preselect (by September 2009) a maximum of three papers. These finalists will receive Merit Award Certificates, a four-year membership in the ISA, and an invitation to participate in the XVII World Congress of Sociology in Göteborg, Sweden, July 2010. The ISA, however, cannot guarantee to cover their travel costs. All authors thus preselected will also be invited to participate in a one-week seminar prior to the Congress.

Out of the preselected finalists, a Grand Jury chaired by the ISA President Michel Wieviorka will select up to five winning papers. Their authors will be immediately invited, all expenses paid, to participate in the World Congress.

In case of multiple authorship, the subvention will have to be shared.

Additional information may be obtained from the Competition Coordinator, Louis Chauvel (see address above).