

Foreign Policy Section Book Award Procedures

The book award will be given every year for books copywritten during the preceding two years. The prize will be announced in the APSA annual program and the winner will receive a monetary prize determined by the board prior to the designation of a winner. The value of the prize will generally be \$500, but may vary based on the section's finances. If the prize is shared, the section board may decide, with reference to the section's finances, whether to award two prizes of \$500 or two prizes of \$250.

Eligibility for Book Award:

- Research-based book published by a scholarly press during the preceding two years. Eligibility is determined by copyright date; for an award given at the 2022 APSA meeting, the book must be published in calendar years 2020 or 2021;
- Must be on a topic related to foreign policy, broadly defined and as described in the section statement of purpose;
- Multiple authors are acceptable;
- Edited volumes, Textbooks, non-English translations, and memoirs are not eligible.
- All submissions must be postmarked by March 1, 2022
- PDFS are NOT acceptable.

Instructions for Book Award:

- Self-nomination by author or publisher only.
- Books should be accompanied by a short letter of conveyance. Nomination letters may not be available to judges and will not be factored into judgments of books.
- Hardcopies/paperbacks of each book must be sent to each judge. Books will not be returned.

All books must be mailed to the following judges:

1. Dr. A. Burcu Bayram
Department of Political Science
428 Old Main,
University of Arkansas,
Fayetteville, AR 72701

2. Dr. Dov Levin
Department of Politics and Public Administration
Room 936, Jockey Club Tower,
Centennial Campus,
The University of Hong Kong
Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong

3. Dr. Anthony C. Lopez
Washington State University, Vancouver
School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs: VMMC 202X

14204 NE Salmon Creek Ave
Vancouver, WA 98686

4. Dr. Brent Sasley
4606 Shorewood Drive
Arlington, Texas 76016

5. Dr. Christine Sixta Rinehart
James F. Byrnes Building 306C
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208

Criteria for Book Award:

- Importance of topic
- Novel theory
- Novel research
- Innovative research methods
- Effective execution of research methods
- Overall excellence

Procedure for Book Award:

- A. The composition of the award committee is defined by the bylaws but must have no fewer than three members.
- B. All books will be initially reviewed by at least two members of the committee. Initial reviewers should not have close connections to authors (e.g., past or current co-authorship; shared dissertation advisors; past or current colleagues at the same institution; close personal relationships; etc.). If members of the committee have close connections with the author of a nominated book, which might pose apparent conflicts of interest, they must disclose those connections at the beginning of the process to the other members of the committee and to the Section President.
- C. Each committee member proposes up to three books for the award, in ranked order, with a short statement explaining their proposal.
- D. All members of the committee review the books proposed by the other committee members and independently offers a ranked list. The reviewers then discuss the ranked lists and achieve consensus.
- E. The award will be made on the basis of a majority vote.
- F. At the discretion of the judges, two books may share the award. Alternatively, the committee may identify a winner and an honorable mention. If two books share the award, each author (or group of authors) will receive an equal prize. If an honorable mention is identified, that individual will receive a prize of $\frac{1}{2}$ of the value of the winner's prize.
- G. If the committee is unable to arrive at a majority supporting a book or pair of books, the committee can decide against naming an awardee.
- H. If the designated awardee is currently a member of the board, or if they have been a member of the Section Board in the preceding year; or the product of a majority vote, or if more than one

member of the committee was closely connected to the designated winner; then the Section Board must ratify the decision of the committee before the award is given. If the board refuses to ratify the award, then the book award committee should identify an alternate winner and that winner should be ratified by the board; and so forth until a winner is identified or a decision against giving the award is made.