

International Science Prize 2023 for Peace and Ecology in the Anthropocene

The Hans Günter Brauch Foundation on Peace and Ecology in the Anthropocene (HGBS) was established on 8 May 2020 on the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Europe from National Socialism starting the longest period of peace in modern time in Central Europe. Based on the motto "thinking globally acting locally" the HGBS will start in 2022 awarding four prizes for high school students in the county of the founder and in 2023 a science prize on "peace and ecology in the Anthropocene", the new epoch of earth and human history will follow starting in 1945 with the first nuclear weapon and 1950 with "the great acceleration".

Both prizes for high school students and scientists will address linkage themes between peace research and ecology that may vary with each call focusing on:

- the early conceptual debate on the linkages between peace and the environment;
- the study of the impacts of weapons and wars on the environment;
- the conceptual debate on environmental and ecological security;
- the impact of environmental degradation and stress on environmental conflict;
- environmental peace-making and on the environment in post-conflict peacebuilding;
- the emerging discourse and policy debate on climate change and conflicts;
- the early approaches to peace ecology and their shortcomings;
- on a peaceful ecological transformation of the economy and society towards climate neutrality in a decarbonized world avoiding resource conflicts by relying on renewables.

The first HGBS Science prize will be awarded on June 2023 in Mosbach Germany to a young scientific scholar (a postdoctoral fellow or a young professor) below 45 from all parts of the world with an emphasis on promising and innovative scholars from the global South. The work by the applicant must be innovative, single authored and in English. This work may be an unpublished scientific manuscript or may have been published after 2021 in a peer reviewed journal article, book chapter or monograph. The HGBS Science Prize includes a certificate, a financial award of 3.000 € for the grant recipient, a visit to the award ceremony in Mosbach including a local hotel stay. The prize recipient is expected to give a talk of up to 30 minutes presenting the approach and the key innovative ideas and results of this work.

The jury of the HGBS will represent besides the two co-chairs a total of eight additional scientists from different scientific disciplines, from all five continents consisting of five women and five men. The task of the Jury of the HGBS is

- to help spreading the call of the HGBS in the respective world region and networks;
- to encourage potential applicants to apply for the science prize;
- to evaluate up to five applicants and to write assessments of their work;
- to participate in the selection of the final candidates based on a recommendation of the Jury Co-Chairs.

For the first award of HGBS science prize the following schedule is suggested:

- Discussion of the theme, the criteria and the decision making process of the science prize (1 January 2022 to 31 March 2022);
- Call for entries for the competition to start by 1 May 2022;
- Deadline for submission of applications until 31 December 2022;
- Evaluation of the submissions until 31 March 2023;
- Announcement of the award winner before 30 April 2023;
- Award of the science prize and of the high school prizes in Germany by 1 June 2023.

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