

# INFORMATION and CRITERIA

## BSA Philip Abrams Memorial Prize 2012



The BSA is once again seeking nominations for the BSA Philip Abrams Memorial Prize. The prize is for first, sole-authored monographs within the discipline of Sociology, by a sociologist in the early years of their career who is ordinarily resident in the UK. To be eligible for the 2012 prize, the book must have been published (or be due for publication) between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Full criteria are detailed below.

**Closing Date: Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011.**

### Nominations

Nominations are being sought by general invitation to publishers, by circulation to BSA members, and via online promotion. To nominate a book, simply read the following information, download the nomination form from the BSA website and send five copies of the nominated book to the address below.

### Eligibility criteria

The intention of the BSA Executive Management Team in awarding this prize is to encourage new members of the profession, and this principle is used in guiding decisions about the selection and eligibility of books. The general criteria for eligibility are as follows:

- Nominated authors must be current, fully paid-up, members of the BSA
- Nominated authors must be ordinarily resident within the U.K
- Nominated authors should be within the first seven years (or full-time equivalent) since starting their first academic post within the discipline of sociology
- The nominated book must be the author's first monograph. (If the author has previously co-authored a monograph they are *not* eligible for the prize. If the author has previously edited or co-edited a book, they *are* still eligible.)
- The nominated book must be a sole-authored book
- The nominated book should be concerned with the discipline of Sociology
- There is an expectation that the author has observed the contents of the BSA's Authorship Guidelines for Academic Papers (adopted April 2001)
- Nominations should comprise the official nomination form (duly completed), a brief curriculum vitae of the author, and five copies of the nominated book
- The publication date of the book must be between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011

## **Judging panel**

The nominations will be judged by a Committee of three members:

- President of the British Sociological Association
- BSA Publications Directors

The final composition of the Judging Committee is at the discretion of the officers of the BSA Executive Management Team. Judges may nominate others in their place with the agreement of the BSA Executive Management Team.

## **Judging process**

The selection will take place in two stages. The members of the Judging Committee each recommend a shortlist of potential prize-winners. They then meet and discuss their selections to decide a final shortlist of no more than four books from which the winner is selected. The Committee reserves the right not to award any prize. The judges' decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into.

## **Prize-giving**

The winner will be notified in March 2012 and will be invited to attend the BSA Annual Conference which is to be held at the University of Leeds from 11<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> April 2012. During the conference the winner will be presented with a cash prize of £1,000. They will also receive one year's free subscription to *The Sociological Review* published by Wiley-Blackwell. Conference registration fee, accommodation and travel costs (within the UK) will be paid by the BSA. The winner will be required to give an interview to the BSA members' newsletter, *Network*.

## **Publicity - Terms and conditions**

It is a condition of entry that any publicity for the winning book should refer to the prize as 'British Sociological Association Philip Abrams Memorial Prize'. If the publicity refers to the nature of the prize, it should be stated clearly that the prize is 'awarded annually for the best first and sole-authored book in Sociology'. Shortlisted books are permitted to use the BSA company name and logo on their publicity materials. Publishers are requested to contact Margaret Luke at the BSA to discuss this before use.

## **For further information:**

Please contact Margaret Luke at: [margaret.luke@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:margaret.luke@britsoc.org.uk) or telephone 0191 383 0839.

## **Please send 5 copies of the book and nomination forms to:**

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