
BSA Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness

Book of the Year Prize

The Rules

- The prize shall be awarded annually each September to the author(s) or editor(s) of the book making the most significant contribution to medical sociology / sociology of health and illness and having been published over the three years proceeding 1st January of the year in which the award is made, e.g. January 2013 to December 2015 for the 2016 prize.
- The award will be announced at the Annual BSA Medical Sociology Group Conference.
- The prize shall be called the 'Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness Book Prize'. The author(s) / editor(s) shall receive the sum of £1,000 (to be shared amongst the co-authors, etc, on an equal basis). The publishers of the book will be encouraged to publicise the book as a winner of this prize.
- Nominators must not be involved with authorship, editorship or publication of the nominated book.
- Each individual can nominate one book only.
- The completed nomination form plus three copies of the book must be forwarded to the BSA office in Durham before the deadline as stated on the nomination form.
- There are no restrictions as to the nationality of authors, editors or publishers, or of the topic covered, but the book must be written in English.
- Nominations should be accompanied by a short piece (100-500 words maximum) giving the reasons why the book has been nominated.
- A committee to judge the nominated books should consist of two members of the Medical Sociology Study Group Committee; and at least one other member appointed each year from the UK medical sociology community by the two other members of the committee. The chair of the committee will be appointed by the members of the Medical Sociology Group Committee.
- The committee shall be responsible for drawing up a shortlist of a maximum of five books and details of this, and the eventual winning book, will be published in Medical Sociology online (Mso).



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