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A.SK

Social Science Award

A.SK Social Science Awards 2025 – Call for Nominations

The WZB Berlin Social Science Center invites nominations for the
A.SK Social Science Award 2025
and for the
A.SK Social Science Bright Mind Award 2025

I. A.SK Social Science Award 2025

Founded in 2007 by Shu Kai Chan (1919–2020), the main A.SK award honors research on public policy with a focus on economic and governmental reforms with a prize of 75,000 euros. The research should be in accordance with the spirit of the [A.SK mission statement](#) with innovative ideas in a global perspective, such as:

Ideas on governmental reforms, e.g.

- civil society and the contribution of non-governmental organizations to democratic and effective governance
- the potential of multi-level democracies
- preconditions of good governance in state and society

Ideas on economic reforms, e.g.

- the role of entrepreneurs and competitive cooperation for economic well-being and development
- the micro- and macroeconomic features of systems which allow employees to participate more in the ownership of their companies through ownership components of salaries
- the allocative and distributive qualities of systems where individual land ownership rights are limited to long-term leases
- the possibilities for the financial sector to have more direct links to the national production of goods and services in order to prevent monetary instabilities and speculative deformations.

Previous A.SK Social Science Award holders are

- Daron Acemoglu, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2023)
- James C. Scott[†], Yale University (2021)
- Raj Chetty, Harvard University (2019)
- John Ruggie[†], Harvard University (2017)

- Esther Duflo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2015)
- Paul Collier, University of Oxford (2013)
- Transparency International, Berlin (2011)
- Martha Nussbaum, University of Chicago (2009)
- Sir Antony Atkinson[†], University of Oxford (2007)

II. A.SK Social Science Bright Mind Award 2025

An additional award will be presented to a younger social scientist on the Postdoc, Assistant Professor, or Junior Professor level. With a prize sum of 20,000 euros, it honors research on public policy with a focus on economic and governmental reforms which again should be in accordance with the spirit of the of the A.SK [mission statement](#).

The members of the award committee are

- Dorothea Kübler, WZB Berlin Social Science Center (Chairwoman)
- Nicola Fuchs-Schündeln, President of WZB Berlin Social Science Center
- Jutta Allmendinger, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
- Sir Richard Blundell, University College London
- Gøsta Esping-Andersen, University Pompeu Fabra Barcelona
- Jennifer Hochschild, Harvard University

Nominations

Please submit a short letter of nomination by February 28, 2025 to:

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Self-nominations will not be accepted. For further information see wzb.eu/ask2025.