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THE BRETT WILLIAM CAMPBELL PHD THESIS PRIZE IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

In memory of Dr. Brett William Campbell

5th edition

The School of International Studies at the University of Trento awards one PhD thesis prize in memory of Dr. Brett William Campbell. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, on 27 July 1979, Brett attended the PhD programme in International Studies at the University of Trento in 2012. He left us prematurely on 29 July 2018 after bravely fighting cancer.

The amount for this prize is EUR 1,200 and is made available by the joint contribution from the SIS and a group of Brett's friends and colleagues. The objective of the prize is to recognize excellence in research by young scholars in fields related to Brett's research interests. The winner will have the opportunity to present their work at the School of International Studies in 2027.

Art. 1 - Thematic areas of research

The call is open to interdisciplinary PhD theses in the field of political science, international relations, sociology, economics, or law pertaining to one or more of the following thematic areas:

- The changing power configuration of the international system and its implications for geopolitical competition and multilateral cooperation;
- The concepts of "multilateralism" and "multilateral cooperation" in International Studies, their application to Peace and Security Studies, and their contestation in the last decade;
- The relationship between multilateralism and contemporary regime trajectories, including the processes of democratization, autocratization, and democratic erosion;
- The importance of multilateralism in specific fields, such as human rights, environmental protection, trade, health cooperation, development cooperation, and security.

Art. 2 - Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the prize, the thesis should be written in English or Italian and cover at least one of the topics listed in Art. 1, and the PhD awarded after 30 June 2024. The prize cannot be awarded to applicants who have already received a similar prize sponsored by private or public entities.

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Art. 3 - Application guidelines

Applications must be submitted **by 31 October 2026, 23:59 CET** via the online tool available at

https://webapps.unitn.it/Apply/it/Web/Home/alumni

The following pdf documents need to be attached:

- Copy of full thesis as it was defended;
- Short summary of the thesis (max 500 words);
- Thesis presentation (research questions, methods, and main findings and relevance for the prize - max 5 pages);
- Curriculum Vitae of the applicant.

Art. 4 - Prize jury and evaluation criteria

The award decision will be taken on the basis of a shortlist drawn up by the Committee that will be composed by one member of the SIS faculty and four graduates from the XXVIII cohort of the PhD program in International Studies at the University of Trento. The Committee will base its decision on the quality and scientific originality of the thesis, the relevance of the topic with respect to the areas of research listed in Art. 1, and the applicant's CV.

Art. 5 - Winner and delivery of the prize

The amount of the prize (EUR 1,200) will be paid through two wire transfers. The prize will be conferred in a public event organised by the School of International Studies in 2027. The shortlist will be published on the website of the University of Trento. The winner will be notified of the final result, after which he/she will have to confirm or decline the award within the time limit indicated in the notification. In the event of the winner declining the award, the prize shall be awarded to the runner-up.

Art. 6 - Processing of personal data

Pursuant to art. 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 "General Regulation on the protection of personal data" (GDPR) the University of Trento will process personal data within the scope of its institutional purposes exclusively for carrying out this selection procedure (art. 6 , paragraph 1, letter e) of the GDPR).

Data controller

The data controller is the University of Trento, via Calepina n. 14, 38122 Trento, e-mail: ateneo@pec.unitn.it; ateneo@unitn.it.

Contact details of the Data Protection Officer

The Data Protection Officer can be contacted at the following email address: rpd@unitn.it.

Treatment methods
The processing of personal data will be carried out using paper and/or computerized methods exclusively by personnel authorized to process data in relation to the tasks and tasks assigned and in compliance with the principles of lawfulness, correctness, transparency, adequacy, relevance, non-excess and confidentiality (art. 5, par.1, GDPR).

Nature of the provision of data
The provision of personal data is essential for carrying out this procedure and failure to provide it precludes participation in the procedure itself.

Categories of recipients
The selection ranking will be published on the University portal. The data may also be communicated to public and private entities in compliance with a legal obligation and/or a provision from the judicial authority. The data collected will not be transferred to non-EU countries.

Data retention period
Personal data will be kept for the period necessary to carry out this procedure and to fulfill all legal obligations. In any case they will be kept for the time established by current legislation and/or University regulations regarding the management and conservation of the documentation produced by the University in carrying out its institutional activity.

Rights of interested parties
At any time, interested parties may exercise the rights referred to in the articles towards the Data Controller at the contacts indicated above. 15 et seq. of the GDPR and, in particular, access to your personal data, rectification, integration, cancellation, limitation as well as the right to object to processing. The right to lodge a complaint with the Guarantor for the protection of personal data pursuant to art. 77 of the GDPR or to take action in the appropriate judicial offices.

Information

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