

**3rd International ESS Conference:
“Understanding key challenges for European societies in the 21st century”
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Jowell-Kaase Early Career Researcher Prize

Researchers at an early stage in their career are invited to submit their paper to be considered for the Jowell-Kaase Early Career Researcher Prize. The prize - named after Prof. Sir Roger Jowell and Prof. Max Kaase, founders of the European Social Survey - is intended to recognize excellence in the field of comparative social research by a promising new researcher.

Criteria

Papers will be accepted from any social research discipline. To be considered, papers must address one of the substantive topics covered by the ESS from a comparative perspective, either cross-nationally and/or across ESS rounds. Papers must make use of the ESS as the main source of data though contextual or survey data from other sources may additionally be used. Papers should be between 6,000 and 9,000 words in length, including references and footnotes. Papers will be expected to contribute to our understanding of European societies and to provide a clear presentation of an interesting research question informed by relevant and high quality empirical analysis.

Eligibility

The competition is open to researchers that have completed their PhD not earlier than July 15, 2013 and PhD students registered at a university. Faculty co-authors are acceptable, with the stipulation that an eligible researcher must be the first author of the paper. Eligibility is limited to those who have had their paper accepted to a session at the 3rd International ESS Conference taking place in Lausanne in July 2016 and who plan to be in attendance at the conference. Submitted papers may not have been accepted for publication at the point of submission for the prize.

Award

Submitted papers will be reviewed by a relevant conference session chair or discussant and by members of the Conference Programme Committee. The winning paper will be selected by the Conference Programme Committee in consultation with Prof. Max Kaase.

The winner of the prize will receive a cash award of €1000 funded by the ESS ERIC. The award will be presented by Prof. Max Kaase on the final day of the conference.

Submission

To be considered for the prize, papers should be submitted by 5th June 2016. Papers should be emailed to ESSconf2016@fors.unil.ch along with confirmation of the date on which a PhD was awarded /current student status, their institutional affiliation and the name of their PhD supervisor(s).

For more information about the 3rd ESS International Conference please see the ESS website (www.europeansocialsurvey.org) or email ESSconf2016@fors.unil.ch