**Book and Article Prize Rules**

The aim of the prizes is to celebrate and promote the work of socio-legal academics. Prior to the SLSA annual conference following submission, the SLSA Board will announce a shortlist of nominations. The winners of the prizes will be announced at the annual conference. All shortlisted nominees are required to attend the conference. The value of the prizes will be: for the Hart Socio-Legal Book Prize, £250; for the SLSA Article Prize, £100; for the Hart Socio-Legal Early Career Prize, £250; and for the Socio-Legal Theory and History Prize, £250. On previous occasions, the judges have sometimes exercised the power to divide the whole sum equally between the winners. The rules governing the prizes are as follows.

1. Nominations for each of the prizes can be accepted from any one member of the SLSA, including the author(s) of the nominated publications. Nominations are also welcome from publishers provided a statement is included indicating that the author has consented to the nomination (see Rule 11, below). Nominations must be accompanied by the appropriate nomination form.

2. The Hart Socio-Legal Book Prize and the Socio-Legal Article Prize are open to all academics. For the ‘Hart Socio-Legal Prize for Early Career Academics’ (a prize for the best book emerging from a PhD, MPhil, LLB or MA and published in the 12 months up to 30 September preceding the closing date for nominations) authors nominated must be early career academics. By this we mean lecturers in the ‘old’ university sector; lecturers and senior lecturers in the ‘new’ university sector; research fellows, research associates, and research assistants in both sectors; and postgraduate students. All books submitted by early career academics under this scheme will automatically also be considered for the ‘Hart Socio-Legal Book Prize’.

3. The Socio-Legal Theory and History Prize is a prize, open to all, for the most outstanding book published in the 12 months up to 30 September preceding the closing date for nominations, which makes either:

* a contribution to socio-legal theory (rather than legal philosophy as such) of any kind. While such a contribution should certainly be empirically informed (though not necessarily based on original empirical socio-legal research), one of its major objectives should be to contribute in some way to general theory in the field of ‘law and society’, or to social theory of law; or
* a contribution to socio-legal history (i.e. a historically oriented study of any aspect of law in society) either in one country, or comparatively, or more generally; or otherwise a contribution to the study of any aspect of the history of socio-legal scholarship, or of sociology of law, or of the relations of law and the social sciences in one country, or comparatively, or more generally.

Books may be entered for the Theory and History Prize alone, or may also be considered for either the Hart Socio-Legal Book Prize or Prize for Early Career Academics. However, no entry or author shall be eligible to win both the Theory and History Prize AND another book prize in the same year.

4. Nominated publications for all four prizes must be submitted using the relevant forms via email to [admin@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:admin@slsa.ac.uk). The forms can be found at: <https://slsa.ac.uk/index.php/prizes#noms>.

5. All book nominations MUST include a clear statement indicating which of the book prizes (the Hart Book Prize/the Prize for Early Career Academics/the Theory and History Prize) the work should be considered for. Any nomination which does not include this information will ONLY be considered for the Hart Book Prize.

6. Both the shortlist and the winners of the four competitions will be determined by the SLSA Executive Committee. The SLSA seeks to encourage both single-authored and collaborative work. Jointly authored work may be submitted for any of the prizes. However, in the case of collaboration between an early career academic, as defined in Rule 2, and a co-author who is not an early career academic, a book will only be considered for the Hart Socio-Legal Book Prize. There is to be no restriction on the number of co-authors permitted.

7. Individual book chapters are eligible for the article prize. Edited collections are not eligible for the other prizes.

8. In relation to the Socio-Legal Article Prize only one submission may be made by any one individual and entrants will be asked to provide a **200-word statement** explaining why their submission is socio-legal.

9. Eligibility for nomination will be determined, if appropriate, by academic status at the time of publication, not at time of nomination. Decisions on eligibility will be made by the SLSA Executive Committee and are final.

10. Books and articles by eligible authors will be considered provided that: (i) they have been published in the 12 months up to 30 September preceding the closing date for nominations; and (ii) they have not been nominated in an earlier SLSA prize competition.

11. The nomination must include (i) a statement of the month and year in which the book/article was published; (ii) a statement showing that the author has consented to the nomination; (iii) a statement indicating that, if his/her entry is shortlisted, the author consents to attend the SLSA annual conference held in March/April of the year following submission, at which the prize will be announced.

12. The prizes will be awarded to the successful candidates at the SLSA’s annual conference, and details of the shortlisted nominees as well as the winners will be published in the *Socio-Legal Newsletter* and on the SLSA website.

13. Works by members of the SLSA Executive Committee are not eligible for nomination for any of the above prizes.

The closing date for all prizes is the first Monday in October each year.

There is a downloadable book prize nomination form in Word format that should be used for all three of our book prizes; there is a separate nomination form that should be used for the article prize. See <https://slsa.ac.uk/index.php/prizes#noms>.

**Nomination forms should be sent to** [**admin@slsa.ac.uk**](mailto:admin@slsa.ac.uk)**.**