

AMALFI EUROPEAN PRIZE FOR SOCIOLOGY

Proposal

The *Sociological Theories and Social Transformations* Section of the Italian Sociological Association proposes to offer annually, starting in 1987, an *Amalfi European Prize for Sociology*. This is intended to identify the work (book or article) published in a European country during the year which has aroused the greatest interest and provided contributions to the progress of the discipline. The Amalfi European Prize proposes, as its goal and through its geographical position, not only to promote the scientific and humanistic content of sociological knowledge, but also to encourage economic initiatives which can seek a path of development in harmony with social organisation and structure. Furthermore, it wishes to contribute to a better understanding of social problems and to closer contacts and exchanges between European scholars.

For the financing of the Prize the Section proposes to request contributions from the University of Rome, from Universities of Southern Italy and other sponsoring agencies. The Prize will be awarded by an international scientific committee on the basis of a selection of publications, assisted by a referendum arranged each year by the Secretariat of the Prize among University Professors of Sociology of some European countries. The Prize will be awarded at Amalfi by the President of the Italian Sociological Association, in the spring of the year following the one to which the Prize refers, on the occasion of a seminar arranged annually by the Section, in the course of which the winner will give a lecture on a subject chosen by him or her. The work honoured and the text of the lecture shall be translated and published in Italy under the auspices of the Sociological Theories Section of the Italian Sociological Association.

Precisely because of Amalfi's geographical position, and to discharge the above-mentioned functions, the possibility will be examined of setting up a special prize for a piece of work which, in the European context, investigates the problematic areas of the Italian South.

Draft Regulations of the Prize

1. The Amalfi European Prize of Sociology is hereby set up, promoted by the *Sociological Theories and Social Transformations* Section of the *Italian Sociological Association*, and under the Association's patronage.
2. The Prize is intended to honour both the scientific and humanistic values of sociological knowledge, contribute to the progress of the social sciences and stimulate closer contacts between European scholars of the disciplines.
3. The Prize is annual, and will be awarded to the work (book or article), published in Europe during the preceding academic year, and judged the most interesting and significant for the progress of the social sciences.
4. The work must have been published by a European publishing house or European journal in the preceding academic year (ending 31st October). For journals the qualifying date is that of the actual publication of the number in which the article under consideration appears.
5. The Prize consists of a reproduction in gold of the coin of Amalfi and a cheque for 10 million lire.

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6. The Prize will be awarded each year by the middle of April, by the Scientific Committee on the basis of publications assisted by a referendum, to be arranged each year by the Secretariat of the Prize among Professors of Sociology from some European countries, included in a list compiled by the Committee.
7. The referendum will be administered by November with the sending out of a form for the indication of a maximum of three works to the Professors indicated in the paragraph above.
8. The first Scientific Committee of the Prize is composed of the Professors mentioned in the list included here and vacancies will be filled by cooptation, with consideration for European countries not yet represented. The Committee will be chaired annually by one of the Rectors of the sponsoring universities.
9. The Prize will be awarded at a special ceremony, to be held at Amalfi at the end of May, by the President of the Italian Sociological Association. The awarding of the Prize will be followed by a lecture by the winner on a subject of his or her choice.
10. The financing of the Prize will be the responsibility of the *Sociological Theories and Social Transformations* Section of the Italian Sociological Association, by requesting the patronage of the University of Rome, Universities of Southern Italy and, if necessary, of other public or private agencies.
11. The Scientific Committee shall be able to request the collaboration of an Organising Committee made up of the members designated by the sponsoring agencies.
12. The *Sociological Theories and Social Transformations* Section of the Italian Sociological Association will be responsible for the translation and publication in Italy of the prize-winning works and the texts of the lectures delivered on the occasion of the award.
13. The headquarters and secretariat of the Prize are provisionally established at Amalfi, at the Hotel dei Cappuccini.

Scientific Committee

The following are invited to make up the first Scientific Committee of the Prize:

Professor A. Cavalli	University of Pavia
Professor P. Gerlich	University of Vienne
Professor A. Giddens	University of Cambridge
Professor S. Giner	University of Barcelona
Professor J. Israel	University of Lund
Professor M. Maffesoli	University of Paris-Sorbonne
Professor C. Mongardini	University of Rome-La Sapienza
Professor B. Nedelmann	European University at Florence
Professor P. Sztompka	University of Cracow
Professor F.H. Tenbruck	University of Tübingen

The Scientific Committee will be chaired in turn by one of the Rectors of the sponsoring universities.

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