



## **Terms and Conditions of the Young Scholars Excellence Award (2024)**

The MESEA Young Scholars Excellence Award is a research award given to outstanding papers presented by graduate students and/or junior faculty members at the MESEA Conferences. The YSEA comprises a Euro 500 prize and a certificate attesting to the award.

### **Requirements and Procedure for the Award**

1. The persons who solicit the award must be registered members of MESEA when they submit their papers for consideration. They must send in proof of their status as graduate students or junior faculty (defined as persons who defended their dissertations less than 2 academic years before the date of the conference).
2. The participants must have previously sent in and received acceptance of their abstract. A full-length publishable completed article (5000-6000 words **with no references to the author's identity**) must be **submitted online** at:  
<https://mesea.org/application-for-young-scholars-award/>  
**Deadline: April 19, 2024 (midnight Central European Time)**
3. The recipient of the award will be informed of the board of judges' decision two weeks before the conference begins. Final awarding is contingent on the winner's attendance of the conference, where s/he is expected to deliver a shorter version of the paper in person.
4. The recipient agrees to submit the full essay for possible publication in the conference volume.

### **Judging**

1. The executive and advisory boards of MESEA will designate a 3-person board of judges for the award, at least one of whom must be part of either MESEA board. The names of the board of judges will be announced at the awarding ceremony.
2. The award will be given based on excellence in scholarship, contribution to knowledge, clear and concise development of the thesis in connection with the conference theme.
3. The award may not be given, if the judges deem the quality of the submissions not worthy of the award. The judges' decision is final.