International Call for Submissions

Egon-Matzner-Award for Socio-Economics 2021

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Department of Public Finance and Infrastructure Policy (Institute of Spatial Planning) at the Vienna University of Technology (TU Wien), the Egon-Matzner-Award for Socio-Economics was established in 2012. It will be conferred for the tenth time in 2021.

Egon Matzner (1938-2003) was Professor of Socio-Economics, Public Finance and Infrastructure Policy at the Vienna University of Technology’s Department of Public Finance and Infrastructure Policy from 1972 until his retirement in 1998. He is remembered by many as an innovative thinker, always with an open mind with regard to new topics in economics, especially in the fields of socio-economics, public finance and infrastructure policy, with a clear political vision, and he always retained a critical distance. Professor Matzner had a great influence on several generations of planners and scientists, and was always very supportive towards talented students.

The Egon-Matzner-Award will be presented to young scientists (up to 35 years of age) for their scientific publications (namely contributions to international peer-reviewed journals). In particular, studies in the following thematic fields can be submitted:

- Socio-economics, heterodox/pluralistic economics.
- Evolutionary economics.
- Institutional economics.
- Public finance and fiscal federalism.
- Infrastructure economics and policy.

Papers will be preferred that especially

- include practical and empirical problems based on strong theoretical foundations,
- go beyond schools of thought and paradigms, and/or
- present interdisciplinary perspectives.

Papers are reviewed by an international jury of renowned scholars and should have been published recently (2019-2021). The award is endowed with a premium of EUR 1,000 and can be shared, in the event of parity, by the authors of excellent publications. The award is funded out of funds of the Department of Public Finance and Infrastructure Policy. The submitted works can be written in German or English. The prize will be awarded based on the decisions made by an international jury, and will be handed over at an occasion still to be determined (owing to the pandemic). Award winners are asked to present their work as a summary paper in the department’s open-access journal “Der Öffentliche Sektor – The Public Sector” (oes.tuwien.ac.at).

Submissions including the author’s CV have to be sent electronically to EMP@ifip.tuwien.ac.at; for further information, please contact Prof. Dr. Michael Getzner, Vienna University of Technology, Karlsplatz 13, 1040 Vienna, Austria (Michael.Getzner@tuwien.ac.at).

The deadline for submissions is 30th April 2021. The jury’s decision will be made known presumably by mid-May 2021.