



Fondazione Internazionale Balzan "Premio"

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Sir / Madam,

In regard to the attached letter from the Chairman of the Balzan Foundation's General Prize Committee, Professor Salvatore Veca, we should be grateful if you would kindly forward supporting statements for each candidate you deem worthy of an award. In order to be valid, the nominations must be supported by the following documents:

- a statement of reasons for the nomination, including mention of particularly important publications;
- for candidates in the social sciences and the humanities, a bibliography, including the above-mentioned publications, citing publisher and publication year, and adding translations of original titles should there be works translated into other languages;
- a list of 10 to 20 of their most important publications (with full bibliographical citation) for candidates in the sciences;
- a curriculum vitae specifying present position, main academic activities, date and place of birth, nationality, residence and address;
- a recent photograph with indication of copyright if applicable.

It is to be noted that more than one candidate may be nominated for each prize subject. Furthermore, they do not necessarily have to be part of the institution of the individual making the nomination, nor of the same nationality.

Personal applications will not be considered.

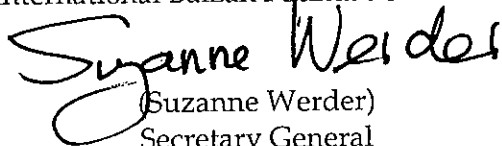
Nominations must reach the General Prize Committee by March 15, 2016.

All of the above documentation should be addressed to the

Chairman of the General Prize Committee
Professor Salvatore Veca
Attention: Secretariat of the
International Balzan Foundation "Prize"
P.tta U. Giordano, 4
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Yours faithfully,

International Balzan Foundation "Prize"


(Suzanne Werder)
Secretary General



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As Chairman of the General Prize Committee of the International Balzan Foundation "Prize" and on behalf of my colleagues on the Committee, I have the honour of inviting you to submit the names of candidates for the

2016 Balzan Prizes

which will be awarded in the following subjects:

Comparative Literature
International Relations: History and Theory
Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience, including neurodegenerative and developmental aspects
Applied Photonics

Each of the four Balzan Prizes is worth 750,000 Swiss francs.

Half the Prize sum will be awarded to the Prizewinner in recognition of his/her work, while the other half will later be earmarked by the Prizewinner for research projects involving young researchers or research groups. The research proposal will be subject to the approval of the General Prize Committee.

Careful consideration will be given to all nominations.
The nominations will be treated confidentially.

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Salvatore Veca

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at the Institute for Advanced Study (IUSS), Pavia*

ÉTIENNE GHYS

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Director of the German Historical Institute in Paris; Chair in Early Modern History at the University of Heidelberg; Member of the Heidelberger Akademie der Wissenschaften

MARJAN SCHWEGMAN

Director of the Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies (NIOD), Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Amsterdam; Professor of Political and Cultural History of the Twentieth Century, Utrecht University

H. CHARLES J. GODFRAY

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ERWIN NEHER

Professor Emeritus at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen; Member of the Academia Europaea; Foreign Associate of the US National Academy of Sciences and of the Royal Society, London; 1991 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine

QUENTIN SKINNER

Barber Beaumont Professor of the Humanities, Queen Mary, University of London; Fellow of the British Academy and of Christ's College Cambridge; Foreign Fellow of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Rome

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Professor Emeritus of Theoretical Astrophysics at the University of Uppsala; Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters, and the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters

ANTONIO PADOA SCHIOPPA

Professor Emeritus of Legal History at the University of Milan; former President of the Istituto Lombardo, Academy of Sciences and the Humanities, Milan; Foreign Fellow of the Académie des inscriptions et belles-lettres, Institut de France, Paris

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Chair of Modern Art History at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland; Visiting Professor at the Istituto di studi italiani, University of Lugano; Foreign Fellow of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Rome

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PETER KUON

Professor of Romance Philology at the University of Salzburg, Austria

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Professor Emeritus of Theoretical Physics at the University of Rome "La Sapienza"; Fellow of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Rome, and of the American Physical Society

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