



MASTER THESIS PRIZE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR CONSTRUCTION LAW

January 2021

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

1. Any entry must have been written during a master level's study, or national equivalent.
2. The jury will consider only theses that concern construction law. Examples of possible topics are:
 - Architecture/civil engineering
 - Construction and engineering contracts
 - Professional liability of architects or engineers
 - Contract administration
 - Procurement law
 - Law on transfer of property
 - PFI
 - Arbitration/mediation/dispute resolution/avoidance/litigation
 - Tort law
3. The jury will decide whether the topic of a thesis concerns construction law or not.
4. The jury will consider only theses upheld in the period from the 1st of June in the two preceding years to the 30th of May of the year in which the award ceremony of the ESCL Master Thesis Prize takes place. Therefore, the theses for this year's competition must be upheld between the 1st of June 2019 and the 30th of May 2021.
5. Participants are expected to have read and agreed to these rules and regulations.
6. Entries will be sent by email to: info@ibr.nl and embruggeman@ibr.nl before 17.00h on May 30 and an acknowledgement of the entry will be sent before 17.00h May 30. The thesis must be submitted in a Microsoft Word document. Hard copy entries will not be accepted.
7. The maximum length of the text of the thesis (or a summary of the thesis) will contain at most 15.000 words excluding notes, references and the bibliography.
8. Theses are to be submitted in English. Theses written in another language have to be accompanied by a translation in English.
9. Where a thesis exceeds 15,000 words, contestant may instead submit a summary of it or an extract from it, provided it does not exceed the permitted length and meets all other conditions. In such a case references to 'thesis' or 'theses' shall be read accordingly.

SUBMISSION

10. The thesis should be sent to the secretary of the jury:
E.M. Bruggeman
Email: embruggeman@ibr.nl and info@ibr.nl
Tel.: +31703141503.



11. The following information and documents should be provided together with the thesis:
 - the name, address, telephone number(s), email address and date of birth of the contestant;
 - the name of the relevant study program, title of the thesis and date of graduation;
 - the names, academic titles and email addresses of the thesis supervisors;
 - proof of the mark awarded to the thesis, signed by an authorized staff member of the university where the thesis was written
 - a form signed by the contestant accepting these conditions for participation.
12. The secretary of the jury will send an anonymous version of the thesis to the members of the jury.
13. Participants will receive confirmation of receipt of their entry.
14. Documents submitted will not be returned.
15. Theses submitted without the required information (clause 11) will not be considered.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

16. In assessing the scientific quality of the thesis the jury will evaluate the following aspects of the thesis:
 - originality of the topic
 - approach/quality of analysis
 - approach/quality of presentation
 - interest to construction law and construction professions
 - connection with either European law or with the law of more than one European country
17. If only one part of the thesis concerns construction law, the jury will evaluate only that specific part.
18. The report of the jury will be published on the occasion of the awarding ceremony.
19. There will be no correspondence concerning the jury's decision.

JURY

20. The jury is chaired by the President of the ESCL who will appoint two other members of the jury.
21. The secretary of the jury is E.M. Bruggeman.
22. If the jury considers a jury consisting of more than three persons appropriate, the jury can decide to enlarge the jury in that year.
23. Previous to the evaluation the jury will not be informed about the mark the thesis received.
24. A member of the jury whose relative wants to submit a thesis will withdraw from the jury.



PRIZE

25. The first prize will be awarded with € 2.500,-.
26. The second prize will be awarded with € 1.000,-.
27. If the second prize is given to two participants, they will receive € 500,- each.
28. The winner may be invited to submit a (modified) version of the thesis for publication to the editorial board of the International Construction Law Review.
29. The jury reserves the right not to award all or any of the prizes.

FINAL PROVISION

30. In cases not covered by these rules, the chair of the jury decides.