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ANZSIL Book and Article/Book Chapter Prize

At the 2022 ANZSIL AGM it was agreed that four prizes for publications by ANZSIL members would be awarded on an annual basis. Two prizes will be awarded for a book and two prizes will be awarded for a journal article or book chapter. Both prize categories will be available in an open and an early career researcher (ECR) category. The creation of ANZSIL publication prizes is consistent with the purpose of ANZSIL, which has the aims of:

- developing and promoting the discipline of international law
- supporting the teaching of international law
- providing a forum for academics, government lawyers, NGOs, students and practitioners of international law to discuss research and issues of practice in international law
- increasing public awareness and understanding of international law liaising with other bodies in promoting any of these objects

ANZSIL Publication Prizes

ANZSIL hereby establishes:

- The ANZSIL book prizes
- The ANZSIL journal article/book chapter prizes

Both prizes will be available in an open and an ECR category (that is, ANZSIL may award the ANZSIL book prize; the ANZSIL book prize (early career); the ANZSIL journal article/book chapter prize; and the ANZSIL journal article/book chapter prize (early career). ECR publications may be eligible to be awarded the ECR and/or the open prize.

Prizes are to be awarded annually, with the announcement of the winner of the prizes to be made at the annual ANZSIL conference in June July.

A sum of \$750 will be awarded to each winning ANZSIL book and a sum of \$250 will be awarded to each winning article/book chapter.

The ANZSIL book and article/book chapter prize winners will be invited to present and discuss their book/article/book chapter at an online event in August/September of the year of the award. The winners of the prizes are expected to make themselves available as assessors of the prizes in the subsequent year.

Assessment Criteria

The ANZSIL publication prizes will be open to published work in any field of public and private international law. The prizes will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

- Significance of the work to the field of public/private international law.
- Originality within the field of public/private international law.
- Rigour – of research methods and analysis.
- Quality of writing.

Eligibility and Nomination

Timing

Eligible publications must be published by 31 December of the year preceding the prize (i.e., 31 Dec 2023 for the prize awarded in 2024). The publication date is the *earlier of* the publication date of the electronic/online or print/hardcopy version for books, journal articles and book chapters.

Eligibility

The prizes are open to individuals who:

- Are an ANZSIL member at the time of nomination; and
- Are studying or working or otherwise based in Australia or New Zealand OR are a citizen or permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand.
- If the author wishes to be considered for the ECR prize, they must confirm eligibility as an ECR scholar. ECR status will be determined based on the rules for ECR status under the Australian Research Council for the DECRA award, available [here](#).

Individuals can nominate a maximum of one publication per category per year.

In the case of co-authorship:

- an author can submit a maximum of two publications, but only one publication can be submitted by the same co-authors.
- 50% or greater of authors must be ANZSIL members at the time of nomination.

The book prizes are open to authored books. Authors of chapters in edited collections should submit their chapters for the article/book chapter prizes.

Nominations

The nomination must be made by 1 February of the year of the prize. The nominator must provide access to the nominated publication, whether in hard copy or via electronic access. Page proofs may be provided if necessary (eg because the author is not able to pay for access for the prize committee/assessors) but the nomination must have been published.

A person other than the author may nominate the publication for a prize provided the author has consented to the nomination.

The nomination should contain the following information, and any other information that the selection committee considers appropriate:

- Name of author(s) and title of book, article or book chapter.
- Statement confirming author(s)' eligibility for the prize.
- Statement confirming earliest publication date of the submission (whether that date is of the electronic/online or hardcopy/print version).
- If the author wishes to be considered for the ECR prize, they must confirm eligibility as an ECR scholar. ECR status will be determined based on the rules for ECR status under the Australian Research Council for the DECRA award, available [here](#).
- Statement confirming that the author(s) has/have complied with the rules in relation to the number of submissions per author.

- If the nominee is not the author, a statement confirming that the author has consented to be nominated for the prize.
- Short statement (no more than 250 words) describing the significance of the book, or article or book chapter, including the originality of the author(s)' contribution.

Selection Committee

The ANZSIL book and article/book chapter prizes will be administered by a selection committee comprising:

- Three ANZSIL Council members; and
- Two to three ANZSIL members; and
- Where possible and appropriate, a representative from each of the ANZSIL Interest Groups

The Selection Committee will be co-chaired by the three ANZSIL Council members who have responsibility for co-opting the other members and overseeing the entire process.

Pursuant to co-opting of selection panels, one chair (the 'Committees Chair') will be nominated to oversee the prize process as a whole. The Committees Chair must not have nominated a publication for a prize in any category in the relevant year. Two sub committees will be established, one to oversee the book prizes, and one to oversee the book chapter/article prizes, and each sub-committee should be chaired by an ANZSIL Council member. A selection panel member or chair in the sub-committees may have nominated a publication for the prize, but only in the category not under their consideration.

Processes and Procedures for Selecting the ANZSIL Book and Journal Article/Book Chapter Prize

The processes and procedures for selecting the ANZSIL book prizes are set out in Appendix A.

The processes and procedures for selecting the ANZSIL journal article/book chapter prizes are set out in Appendix B.

APPENDIX A

ANZSIL Book Prizes Procedure

The ANZSIL book prizes selection process will involve the following stages:

Soliciting submissions

- October:
 - Three ANZSIL Council members on the book selection sub-committee appoint the other members of the sub-committee and nominate the overall chair of the book and book chapter/article prizes process (Committees Chair).
 - The Committees Chair arranges for details of how to apply for the prizes to be circulated to the ANZSIL membership.
- Early December: a reminder about the ANZSIL prizes will be sent to the ANZSIL membership.
- 1 February: closing date for all prize submissions.

Sending submissions for review

- The books submitted will be evenly distributed among sub-committee members.
- Sub-committee members are responsible for discarding any books they receive that clearly fall outside of the submission requirements (e.g., they are not connected to international law or were not published in the relevant time period).
- Sub-committee members are responsible for finding reviewers for the books they have been allocated.
 - The reviewers must have appropriate expertise in the subject matter of the book they are reviewing. The reviewers do not need to be ANZSIL members.
 - Before sub-committee members contact reviewers, the sub-committee must ensure that multiple sub-committee members are not approaching the same person to act as a reviewer for different books or articles.
 - The sub-committee members must send out the books that they have been allocated by 15 February at the latest. The books must be accompanied by the review form with the criteria for assessing the books.
- Reviewers must read and review the book they have been sent by 31 March at the latest.
 - The review involves grading the book against the assessment criteria. Each criterion can be given up to five marks.

- The reviewer must record the total number of marks the book receives (by totalling the marks given for each criterion). The maximum number of marks that can be awarded is 20.
- The reviewer must provide a short statement of no more than 250 words explaining why the book should or should not be considered for the book prize.

Creating a short list

- The sub-committee will create a short list of the books that have received the highest scores from reviewers by no later than 30 April.
 - There is no limit to how many books can be shortlisted for the prizes but the Council envisages the shortlist being between three and five books.
 - Sub-committee members must moderate the book review reports they receive. If they feel that a submission has been unfairly treated, they can make a case for it being considered by the full sub-committee for the shortlist despite it not having one of the top scores
- Each sub-committee member, and the Committees Chair, will read and review all of the books on the shortlist by 15 May.
 - The review involves grading the books against the assessment criteria. Each criterion can be given up to five marks.
 - Each sub-committee member must record the total number of marks they give to each book (by totalling the marks given for each criterion). The maximum number of marks that can be awarded is 20.
- The three ANZSIL Council members will be responsible for totalling the number of points awarded to each book on the shortlist from the 10 sub-committee members and the Committees Chair by 1 June.
- The ANZSIL book prize will be awarded to the book that receives the most points, regardless of the status of the author. That is, if the book that receives the most points is authored by an ECR, that book should be awarded the ANZSIL book prize.
- The ANZSIL ECR book prize will be awarded to the shortlisted book authored by an ECR that receives more points than any other shortlisted book nominated by an ECR. If the ANZSIL book prize is awarded to an ECR, the sub-committee may decide to give the ECR book prize to the second ranked ECR-authored book or may decide not to award an ECR book prize in that year.
 - If two books receive the same number of points, they can be jointly awarded the prize.

- If more than two books receive the same number of points in either the main category or the ECR category, the sub-committee may seek an assessment of those books from another person so that the prize can be awarded to no more than two books.
- It is possible for the sub-committee to decide to award honourable mentions to books that scored very highly but did not get the top score.
- It is possible for both book prizes to be awarded to ECR authors if the books that receive the most points in a given year are authored by ECRs.
- The sub-committee retains discretion not to award any prize in a given year if they determine that no book meets the threshold for a prize.

APPENDIX B

ANZSIL Journal Article/Book Chapter Prize Procedure

The ANZSIL journal article/book chapter prize selection process will involve the following stages:

Soliciting submissions

- October:
 - Three ANZSIL Council members on the selection committee appoint the other members of the sub-Committee.
 - The Committees Chair (selected under the Book Prizes Procedure) arranges for details of how to apply for the prizes to be circulated to the ANZSIL membership.
- Early December: a reminder about the ANZSIL prizes will be sent to the ANZSIL membership.
- 1 February: closing date for all prize submissions

Sending submissions for review

- The journal articles/book chapters submitted will be evenly distributed among sub-committee members (e.g., if there are 100 article/book chapter submissions then each sub-committee member will be allocated 10 articles to review).
- Sub-committee members are responsible for discarding any articles/book chapters they have received that clearly fall outside of the submission requirements (e.g., they are not connected to international law or they were not published in the relevant time period).
- Sub-committee members are responsible for finding reviewers for the article/book chapter submissions they have been given.
 - The reviewers must have appropriate expertise in the subject matter of the article/book chapter they are reviewing. The reviewers do not need to be ANZSIL members.
 - Before sub-committee members contact reviewers, the sub-committee must ensure that multiple sub-Committee members are not approaching the same person to act as a reviewer for different articles/book chapters or books.
 - The sub-committee members must send out the articles/book chapters that they are allocated by 15 February at the latest. The articles/book chapters

must be accompanied by the review form with the criteria for assessing the articles/book chapters.

- Reviewers must read and review the article/book chapter they have been sent by 31 March at the latest.
 - The review involves grading the article/book chapter against the assessment criteria. Each criterion can be given up to five marks.
 - The reviewer must record what the total number of marks the article/book chapter receives (by totalling the marks given for each criterion). The maximum number of marks that can be allocated is 20.
 - The reviewer must provide a short statement of no more than 250 words explaining why the article/book chapter should or should not be considered for the article/book chapter prize.

Creating a short list

- The sub-committee will create a short list of the articles/book chapters that have received the highest scores from reviewers by no later than 30 April.
 - There is no limit to the number of articles/book chapters that may be shortlisted but we envisage the shortlist comprising between five and 10 articles/book chapters. It is possible that in the first year, the short list will be slightly longer given it will cover a two year period.
 - Committee members must moderate the article/book chapter review reports they receive. If they feel that a submission has been unfairly treated, they can make a case for it being considered by the full committee for the shortlist despite it not having one of the top scores
- Each sub-committee member, and the Committees Chair, will read and review all of the articles/book chapters on the shortlist by 15 May.
 - The review involves grading the articles/book chapters against the assessment criteria. Each criterion can be given up to five marks.
 - Each sub-committee member must record the total number of marks they give each article (by totalling the marks given for each criterion). The maximum number of marks that can be awarded is 20.
- The three ANZSIL Council members will be responsible for totalling the number of points each article/book chapter on the shortlist has received from the 10 sub-committee members and the overall Chair by 1 June.
- The ANZSIL article/book chapter prize will be awarded to the article/book chapter that receives the most points, regardless of the status of the author. That is, if the

article/book chapter that receives the most points is authored by an ECR, that article/book chapter should be awarded the ANZSIL article/book chapter prize.

- The ANZSIL ECR article/book chapter prize will be awarded to the shortlisted article/book chapter authored by an ECR that receives more points than any other shortlisted article/book chapter nominated by an ECR. If the ANZSIL article/book chapter prize is awarded to an ECR, the sub-committee may decide to give the ECR article/book chapter prize to the second ranked ECR-authored article/book chapter or may decide not to award an ECR article/book chapter prize in that year.
 - If two articles/book chapters receive the same number of points, they can be jointly awarded the prize.
 - If more than two articles/book chapters receive the same number of points in either the main category or the ECR category, the sub-committee may seek an assessment of those articles/book chapters from another person so that the prize can be awarded to no more than two articles/book chapters.
 - It is possible for the sub-committee to decide to award honourable mentions to articles/book chapters that scored very highly but did not get the top score.
 - It is possible for both articles/book chapter prizes to be awarded to ECR authors if the articles/book chapters that receive the most points in a given year are authored by ECRs.
- The sub-committee retains discretion not to award any prize in a given year if they determine that no articles/book chapters meet the threshold for a prize.