

# Statute of the Estonian Institute of Historical Memory International Research Paper Competition

## I. Objective of the competition

The objective of this international research paper competition is to support the research of **young scholars (up to 35 years old)** in the Estonian Institute of Historical Memory's (henceforth EIHM) fields of research.

## II. General provisions of the competition

1. The competition will be announced on **22 February 2021** on the EIHM website (mnemosyne.ee) and the announcement will also be publicised in the EIHM partners' information channels and in the media.
2. In order to apply for the competition, a research paper and other necessary documents have to be submitted by **31 March 2021 (included)**. The winners' names and the titles of their papers will be disclosed on the EIHM website by **30 April** of the same year at the latest.
3. A research paper participating in the competition is understood as being:
  - 3.1. an unpublished Master's thesis or Doctoral dissertation that meets the academic content and format requirements. A published paper is understood as being an edited and published monograph available on the market.
  - 3.2. a published academic publication at the 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 3.1, 3.2. level according to the [Estonian Research Information System \(ETIS\) classification](#).
4. Research papers that are not written in Estonian, English, Russian, German or French must be provided with a summary (up to 9,000 characters) in one of the above-mentioned languages.
5. The topics of the research papers participating in the competition must tie in with one or several of the following fields of research:
  - 5.1. the history of communist regimes and communist ideology;
  - 5.2. human losses as a consequence of the implementation of the ideology and policies of communist regimes (crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide);
  - 5.3. material and environmental damage caused by the ideology, policies and economic system of communist regimes;
  - 5.4. (both successful and unsuccessful) attempts by communist regimes to establish communist polities in other countries (export of revolution);
  - 5.5. the social and intellectual legacy of the actions, ideology, and influence of communist regimes in countries formerly under communist rule as well as in other countries.
6. Research papers participating in the competition are on topics that according to the [ETIS classification of fields and specialties of research](#) belong to the general category 2. Culture and Society, and to the categories 1.4. Ecology, Biosystematics and –physiology; 1.8. Research relating to the State of the Environment and to Environmental Protection; 1.9. Research into Substances Hazardous to the Environment; and 1.11. Research relating to Environmental Policy, Environmental Economy and Environmental Law, under the general category 1. Biosciences and Environment.
7. The competition will be announced in two categories:
  - 7.1. 3,000 euros for an unpublished doctoral dissertation and 1,500 euros for an unpublished Master's thesis with an opportunity to publish the paper in an EIHM publication. The Estonian Institute of

Historical Memory will organise the publication of awarded unpublished research papers in agreement with their authors.

7.2. 1,500 euros for published research publications.

### **III. Participation in the competition**

8. Competition participant (henceforth participant) may submit only one research paper that has been written in the same or preceding calendar year as that of the competition. Collectives of authors are also considered a participant.
9. The participant submits their research paper (in PDF format) and other necessary documents as e-mail attachments to the address [eli.pilve@mnemosyne.ee](mailto:eli.pilve@mnemosyne.ee) under the subject line 'EIHM Research Papers Competition':
  - 9.1. a curriculum vitae including an overview of the participant's academic research and published publications;
  - 9.2. the participant's [consent](#) for submitting the research paper to the competition.
10. A research paper that has already participated in this competition in full or in part may not be submitted again.

### **IV. Conduct of the competition**

11. The EIHM will form a jury to carry out the competition in accordance with the receipt of research papers. The chairman of the jury is a member of the Council or the Board of the EIHM and has the deciding vote. Jury members must have a doctoral degree (PhD).
12. If a jury member is a supervisor of a research paper submitted to the competition or is a close relative, spouse or family member of a competition participant, or has a conflict of interest deriving from some other circumstance regarding a particular paper that has been submitted to the competition, this jury member will not participate in the evaluation of the research paper in question.
13. Each jury member will independently familiarise herself / himself with the papers in their field of expertise, filling out the evaluation form for each individual research paper (see the appendix). The completed evaluation forms will be sent to all jury members.
14. The competition winners will be selected by a simple majority vote held at a jury meeting. If the best two or more papers are tied in the number of points earned in the first voting round, a second voting round will be held for those papers. If the second voting round also produces a tie in the points awarded, a third voting round will be held. During the jury meeting(s), minutes will be taken. Jury meeting(s) may also be held electronically.
15. The jury has the right to propose to the EIHM not to award some of the prizes, or to declare the competition a failure, in the event of the absence of research papers of sufficient quality.
16. The competition results will be announced on the EIHM website ([mnemosyne.ee](http://mnemosyne.ee)) and the winners will be contacted personally.

### **VII. Failure of the competition**

17. The competition will be considered a failure if not a single research paper submitted to the competition meets the requirements of the statute. In the event of the failure of the competition, a repeat competition will be announced.

## APPENDIX. Evaluation form

<b>Candidate No:</b>	
<b>Research Paper Title:</b>	
<b>Name of Evaluator:</b>	

Please assess the paper according to the criteria outlined below on a 5-point scale, where:

1 = poor    2 = satisfactory    3 = good    4 = very good    5 = excellent

Evaluators have the option of providing additional comments. Thank you!

Criteria:	Points (1-5)
<b>Relevance of the topic</b> – how well does the paper fit the themes of the contest? How does it contribute to knowledge of the subject with which it deals?	
<b>Analysis and conclusions</b> – how well is the paper argued, organised, and documented? Are the arguments clear and persuasive?	
<b>Definition of research focus</b> – how well is the research focus defined? How clearly are the posed questions addressed?	
<b>Originality of the research</b> - does the paper introduce a new approach to the studied topic? How fresh and original are the conclusions drawn?	
<b>Research methodology</b> – are the techniques and methodologies adopted appropriate to the subject matter and are they properly applied?	
<b>Familiarity with and use of relevant literature</b> – how are the chosen sources used and have they been reviewed critically?	
<b>Total points:</b>	

<b>Additional Comments:</b>

Date:

Signature: