



THE 2022 ELMAR ALTVATER PRIZE



In memory of the scholarly work and political engagement of critical political economist Elmar Altvater, the call for submissions to the competitive prize named after him, seeks to recognize outstanding work in the fields of theoretical approaches to an ecologically expanded critique of political economy.

Elmar Altvater was not only among the few academics in Germany who based the analysis of economic and political development on a critical reading of Marxian approaches to understand the cycles of growth, recession and crisis in modern capitalism. Since the early 1970s until his death on 1st of May 2018 his academic and political work also addressed on the rationally executes destruction of nature including human labour and all sorts of non-human life and the material economy of matter and energy. He was engaged in many political initiatives which could steer new development into democratic, progressive and emancipatory waters. See: <http://www.elmaraltvater.net/>

The prize aims to encourage young scholars, to continue the tradition of critical thought about the degradation and destruction of nature as the “price of progress” which Elmar Altvater represented so outstandingly.

The prize is open to graduating thesis at PhD levels and will be awarded with 2,000€.

The work should be related to the field of an economically expanded critique of political economy and deal with, for example, one of the following topics:

- The growing disorder of the mode of global capital accumulation
- Oligarchic globalization
- Theoretical approaches to an ecologically expanded critique of political economy
- Analysis of the material economics of matter and energy – at global and regional level
- The linkages between inter-regional competition and deregulated capital markets, economic and social insecurity and the privatization of public goods
- Ecological, social and economic consequences of large-scale extraction projects
- Grassroot initiatives against human rights violation in the Global South
- Political alternatives that are social, socializing and socialist

Theses are strongly encouraged that apply an approach combining different disciplines, integrating not only economics with approaches from social and political sciences but also from natural sciences, anthropology, geography and history.

We will consider submissions that have been accepted by a European, a South African, Indian, Brazilian, Mexican, or Canadian institution of higher education since 2020 in English or if in Spanish, German or Portuguese accompanied with a short article-length summary in English (3000 to 6000 words).



Deadline

Applications are only accepted in electronic forms, to be sent before or at the very latest on **October 31, 2021** to the following address: glu.germany@uni-kassel.de

Application requirements

Please attach the following:

- Covering letter
- 1000-word abstract demonstrating a link to the scholarly work of Elmar Altvater
- The work itself
- CV
- Academic references provided as part of the graduation process (assessment by supervisors, examiners)

The award ceremony is planned for April 2022 at the GLU conference at PennState.

Contact and further information

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Members of the Jury

- Greg Albo, York University, Toronto
- Enrique Dussel Peters, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
- Archana Prasad, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Ana Garcia, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro
- Frank Hoffer, GLU Online Academy
- Birgit Mahnkopf, Institute for International Political Economy at the Berlin School of Economics and Law (IPE)
- Vishwas Satgar, University of the Witwatersrand
- Christoph Scherrer, Universität Kassel