



Pilecki Book Award

REGULATIONS OF THE COMPETITION FOR THE WITOLD PILECKI INTERNATIONAL BOOK AWARD

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The regulations (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”) of the Competition for the Witold Pilecki International Book Award (hereinafter referred to as “the Competition”), these specifying the rules of organization of the Competition, and in particular the rules for submitting entries and selecting the winning publications and authors in the Competition, are hereby established.
2. The Witold Pilecki International Book Award (hereinafter referred to as “the Award”) shall be conferred annually. The present edition of the Competition is the fourth.
3. The organizer of the Competition is the Witold Pilecki Institute of Solidarity and Valor with its seat at 17 Foksal Street, 00-372 Warsaw, a research institute entered in the Register of Entrepreneurs of the National Court Register kept by the Regional Court for the Capital City of Warsaw in Warsaw, XIIth Economic Affairs Division of the National Court Register, under KRS number 0000713483, holder of NIP tax identification number 5252735962 and of REGON statistical identification number 369236544, hereinafter referred to as “the Institute” or “the Organizer”.
4. The Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum shall act as a Partner of the Competition.
5. Publications issued in Polish or in English may be entered in the Competition. Neither the nationality of the authors nor the seats of the respective publishers shall be applied as criteria in the assessment of entries.
6. The Award shall be given to the author or co-authors of a book in each Competition category. In the event that the Award referred to in Point 9 of the Regulations shall be given to co-authors, it shall be divided accordingly. In each category, up to two honorable mentions may also be awarded.

7. The publishers and authors of the winning books shall be entitled to use the logo-type of the Award and mark their publications with information concerning bestowal of the Award, the wording, method of affixation and form of which shall be agreed with the Institute.
8. The Award shall be presented in three categories:
 - a. Academic history book – the best monograph or synthesis concerning the Polish experience of the confrontation with totalitarianism in the 20th century. The most appreciated in this category will be well-researched books comprising an original interpretation and written in an appealing way.

Entries submitted in this category shall be published in 2023 in Polish or English and include back matter. The books whose translations into Polish or English appeared in 2023 may also be submitted provided that the first edition in the original language was not published earlier than in 2018. Joint publications in the form of edited volumes shall not be taken into account. In the case of other multi-authored publications, books by no more than two authors may be entered for the competition.
 - b. Historical reportage – a captivating depiction of the Polish experience of the confrontation with totalitarianism in the 20th century. In addition to classic historical reportages, entries in this category may include biographies as well as memoirs and accounts of witnesses to history. The most appreciated in this category will be a respectful approach to historical sources, well-organized composition and unbiased narrative.

Entries submitted in this category shall be published in 2023 in Polish or English. The books whose translations into Polish or English appeared in 2023 may also be submitted provided that the first edition in the original language was not published earlier than in 2018. In the case of other multi-authored publications, books by no more than two authors may be entered for the competition.
 - c. In the present edition, the special award will be given for a book in Polish or English that describes the Russian aggression against Ukraine dating back to 2014 or the protests in Belarus and the ensuing repression from 2020 onwards. The most appreciated in this category will be a broad perspective, determination in uncovering the truth and investigative intuition. Entries submitted in this category shall be published in the years 2023–2024 in Polish or English (translations included). In the case of other multi-authored publications, books by no more than two authors may be entered for the competition.
9. The Award for the author of the winning publication in each Competition category shall be the sum of 40,000 Polish zlotys and an occasional statuette. The award for the recipient of an honorable mention shall be 15,000 Polish zlotys.

10. The management of the Institute shall appoint a Chapter of the Award Committee, the role of which shall be to select 5 nominated books in each category (15 nominations in total), determine the winner in each Competition category (3 Awards in total), and award honorable mentions (up to 2 in each category, up to 6 in total).
11. The numerical and personal composition of the Chapter of the Award Committee shall be announced on the website dedicated to the Competition.

II. DETAILED RULES AND MODE OF CONFERRING THE AWARDING

1. The Competition shall comprise two stages.
 - a. During the first stage, a shortlist of 5 books submitted for the contest will be selected, and the nominations will be publicly announced on the contest's website.
 - b. The second stage shall be concerned with determining the Competition prizewinners in each category (the author or co-authors) from amongst the selected nominations, and thereafter with presenting the Awards thereto at an official gala. The prizewinners shall be determined by the Chapter of the Award Committee. In each category, up to two honorable mentions may also be awarded. The public announcement of prizewinners in the Competition shall be effected on the date of the official gala during which the Award shall be bestowed, which has been planned for November 2024.
2. The Competition and the exact dates of its stages, as well as the date of the official Award presentation gala, shall be publicly announced on the website dedicated to the Competition.
3. Entries for the Competition may be submitted by authors, publishers, private persons/ natural persons, legal persons, or organizational entities devoid of legal personality, this by sending the electronic edition of a book (in PDF format); please send epub and mobi format if available to the e-mail address: nagroda@instytutpileckiego.pl. Please indicate the category of the submission.
4. Publications authored, co-authored or edited by persons who are representatives or employees of the Organizer or Partner, or members of the Chapter of the Award Committee, cannot be entered in the Competition, and shall be excluded if so entered.
5. Participation in the Competition is voluntary and gratuitous.
6. Publications that have been entered may be withdrawn until nominations are selected, however no replacement publications may be entered in their stead. Authors entered in the Competition shall be entitled to withdraw from participation therein until the Competition has run its course.

7. The Competition may be participated in by natural persons – authors (co-authors) who satisfy the requirements set forward in the Regulations and who possess full legal capacity. The Award shall be conferred upon living authors.
8. The deadline for the submission of entries shall elapse on 31 May 2024 (the date of delivery shall be decisive).
9. The Award shall be presented to the winners of a given edition of the Competition at a date determined and announced by the Organizer.
10. The monetary part of the Award shall be transferred to the bank accounts of individual prizewinners. Failure on the part of a prizewinner to provide a bank account number to which the monetary part of the Award is to be transferred, this in spite of being called upon by the Organizer twice to provide said number, shall, following the ineffective expiry of the stipulated deadline, result in the lapse of the right to receive said Award.
11. The Award shall not be given (paid out) to a prizewinner in the event that their entry/participation is withdrawn, they shall refuse to accept the Award, or if payment there-of by the Organizer shall be rendered impossible due to the non-provision of a bank account number in keeping with the deadline set forward by the Organizer – in spite of the Organizer calling upon the prizewinner twice to collect the Award and indicate a bank account number for payment thereof in accordance with the provisions of Point 10 of the Regulations.
12. No prizewinner may transfer the rights accruing thereto in connection with the bestowal of the Award.
13. The place and date (and also method) of presentation of the Award shall be publicly announced, and also notified to the authors/co-authors and their submitters.

III. FINAL PROVISIONS

1. The Regulations, and also the Competition announcement and the entirety of information concerning the Competition shall be published on the website dedicated to the Competition, which shall be kept by the Institute (website of the Institute).
2. The Organizer reserves the right to modify the Regulations. Any modifications of the Regulations shall enter into force on the date of their publication on the website dedicated to the Competition, duly kept by the Organizer.
3. The GDPR information clause is set out as Appendix 1 to the Regulations.
4. The submission of an entry (entering the Competition) shall be tantamount to the submitter/participant declaring that they have familiarized themselves with the present Regulations.
5. The relevant provisions of the Civil Code shall be applicable in all matters not regulated by the present Regulations.