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Rising Voices

A glimpse into award-winning research and teaching

*sowi:doc
Awards*

*Univie
Teaching Awards
Social Sciences*

*5th birthday
of the ViDSS*

**Vienna
Doctoral
Schools**

The sowi:doc Awards and the Univie Teaching Award Social Sciences

Each year, the Faculty of Social Sciences awards the **sowi:doc Awards** to selected doctoral graduates. The Award winners receive EUR 1,500 each for their outstanding research contributions in the framework of their doctoral thesis. The Award aims at motivating doctoral graduates to pursue a career in academia. An interdisciplinary expert committee, appointed by the head of the Faculty, is responsible for making the final award decision.

With the establishment of the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences in 2020, the sowi:doc Awards that the Faculty has established in 2018 have been linked to the Doctoral School.

For the first time, the Faculty of Social Sciences is presenting the **Univie Teaching Award Social Sciences**. With this award, the Faculty makes commitment to teaching visible and recognises outstanding teaching. A total of three teaching awards are presented to individual lecturers or teaching teams for courses already held. Students, student representatives, tutors, lecturers and teaching staff were invited to nominate courses that they consider to be outstanding. Self-nominations were possible.

This year, the award is presented in two categories “Successfully researching social phenomena” (1 prize) and “Innovative and interactive teaching methods – Young Talent Award” (2 prizes). The award winners receive EUR 3,000 (gross) each for their outstanding teaching.

Pictures taken during the event will be published on the website of the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences (vds-sosci.univie.ac.at/rising-voices)



Programme

17:00 [Welcome address](#)

Manuela Baccarini, Vice Rector for Research and International Affairs
Michaela Pfadenhauer, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences

17:15 [A glimpse into award-winning research and teaching & award ceremony sowi:doc Awards 2024](#)

Introduction: **Folker Hanusch**, Vice Dean for Career Development and International Affairs, Faculty of Social Sciences

Hannah Greber

Dissertation: “Immersive journalism – The future of the news?”

Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

Dissertation: “Science-policy interfaces for ocean protection”

Teresa Weikmann

Dissertation: “Getting real with fakes: Characteristics and consequences of ‘deepfakes’ in democracies”

[Univie Teaching Award Social Sciences 2025](#)

Introduction: **Petra Dannecker**, Vice Dean for Educational Affairs, Faculty of Social Sciences

Christa Markom

Course “Antidiskriminatorische kollaborative Anthropologie zwischen Studierenden und Lehrenden”

Marketa Bajgerova Verly

Course “International politics and development: War, memory and politics in East Asia”

Paul Just

Course “Qualitative Methoden”

18:45 [Reception and ViDSS Birthday Party](#)

With **The Sound of Social Science**

More about the winners of the sowi:doc Awards 2024



More about the winners of the Univie Teaching Award Social Sciences 2025



The Faculty and the ViDSS

The **Faculty of Social Sciences** is one of the largest faculties of the University of Vienna. The Faculty is committed to the principle of combining research and teaching. The Faculty of Social Sciences conducts research on a wide range of topics, enhancing academic understanding of nearly all societal challenges of our time. In order to address pressing global issues it supports the development of solutions and social innovations as well as the analysis of transformative processes. The Faculty is a place of tertiary and continuing education, giving students the opportunity to specialise in a wide range of disciplines. Students study in bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes in the fields of political science, social and cultural anthropology, communication and sociology. In addition, the Faculty offers a master's programme in gender studies, as well as master's and doctoral programmes in the fields of nursing science, development studies, science and technology studies and demography.

Building on this foundation, the **Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences (ViDSS)** promotes excellent research that aspires to contribute to societal debates and address key global challenges. The cohorts trained and supported by the ViDSS are part of a vibrant research environment and international networks. The ViDSS connects and supports diverse disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary perspectives, encompassing the full range of epistemological, methodological, and theoretical approaches used at the Faculty of Social Sciences. The ViDSS aims for the highest standards in doctoral training and close supervision to ensure a mastery of social scientific debates and relevant theories and methods. In addition to a range of activities and funding possibilities for students, the ViDSS organises onboarding workshops and networking events for supervisors. The ViDSS is currently one of the largest doctoral schools at the University of Vienna.

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