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CEL/ELC Outstanding Doctorate Award 2023

Call for Submissions

General Description

Every two years, the CEL/ELC gives an award to an outstanding doctoral dissertation completed at a CEL/ELC member institution which, like the association itself, has languages and multilingualism at its core. The aim of this award is to promote excellence in research that places a high value on languages and multilingualism with a particular focus on languages in education, languages and science, languages and rights, and multilingual and intercultural contexts and issues in Europe and in the world.

The association welcomes submissions from early career researchers within a broad spectrum of research fields, such as applied linguistics, sociolinguistics, education, translation and interpreting, intercultural communication, languages and culture, social psychology, or any other field involved with languages and multilingualism.

The winner of the CEL/ELC Outstanding Doctorate Award will receive a prize of € 1500 and the opportunity to present his/her research at the first CEL/ELC Conference following the designation either via teleconferencing, by means of a video presentation or in person in Milan (Università Cattolica). He or she will also be invited to submit an article based on his/her dissertation for consideration by one of the journals linked to the CEL/ELC[1] with a recommendation by the Award Committee.

The CEL/ELC will also award a Certificate of Commendation to the nominees ranking second and third on the Jury's shortlist. These commended nominees will be given the opportunity to present a poster at the first CEL/ELC Conference following the designation.

Nominees must have fully completed their Doctorate — including the submission of the final text — at a CEL/ELC member institution, within the two years prior to the publishing of the Call for Submissions on the CEL/ELC website. Doctoral dissertations submitted for the Award should have a single author.

Submission Procedure

Submissions for the CEL/ELC Outstanding Doctorate Award should follow the updated procedures described on the CEL/ELC website.

Submissions by candidates shall include all documents listed below in the required format in

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[1] *European Journal of Language Policy / Revue Européenne de politique linguistique* (https://www.liverpooluniversitypress.co.uk/journals/id/73); *Sustainable Multilingualism* (http://uki.vdu.lt/sm/index.php/sm); and *Verbum* (https://www.journals.vu.lt/verbum).

order to be considered. Submissions can only be accepted for candidates who have defended their thesis within the two years prior to the publication date of the Call for Submissions, at an institution that is a member of the CEL/ELC with up-to-date fees. Each doctoral programme can endorse only one dissertation in every Call for Submissions, but every university could be represented by more than one candidate if several doctoral programmes participate in the call.

Dissertations may be written in any working language of the CEL/ELC member institution where the doctoral thesis was completed. Doctoral dissertations that have wholly, or partially, been published are also accepted.

Deadline for submission: May 30th, 2023

E-mail address for submission: celelc@unicatt.it (secretariat European Language Council / Conseil Européen pour les Langues)

Required Documentation:

A) **Anonymized documentation** (namely, the following documents should not include the name of the candidate, but each separate document should include the dissertation title and the name of the university where the doctorate was awarded):
   1. A detailed dissertation Abstract of 2,000 words maximum in English or French, with the dissertation Table of Contents. The abstract should explain research objectives, methodology, main results and the significance of the contribution and innovation it offers;
   2. A statement of 500 to 1,000 words in English or French explaining the relevance of the dissertation as regards the issues the CEL/ELC is involved with.
B) **Documentation that should include the name of the candidate besides all other relevant information:**
   1. Application form (downloadable from the CEL/ELC website);
   2. The Doctoral Dissertation in PDF format;
   3. Copy of the Certificate of doctorate completion from the university.
   4. A Letter of Endorsement in English or French by the dissertation director(s).

All documents should be presented in PDF-format and sent by email to the CEL/ELC-secretariat (celelc@unicatt.it) by the deadline for submission.

The email should include the PDF documents explained below and the PDF filenames should contain two to four key words to identify the dissertation title and abbreviated name of the university, but not the candidate's name, following the examples of filenames given below:

1. one anonymized PDF file including the Abstract, the Statement of Relevance and the dissertation Table of Contents; examples: "*Dissertation Title*.pdf" or "*Dissertation Title_* Abstract Statement ToC.pdf"
2. one PDF file including PDF file containing the dissertation itself, the candidate's name with the application form, the Certificate of PhD Completion and the letter of endorsement from the thesis director(s); example: "*Dissertation Title_*Form_ Certificate_Endorsement.pdf".

Award Committee, Jury and Evaluation Criteria:

The CEL/ELC Board has nominated the following Board members as the 2023 CEL-ELC Award Committee:

Mireia Trenchs-Parera, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Coordinator)
Vilma Bijeikienė, Vytautas Magnus University
Roma Kriaučiūnienė, Vilnius University
Kris Peeters, University of Antwerp
Piet Van de Craen, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Maria Teresa Zanola, the CEL/ELC President is also member of the Award Jury.

The Award Committee will receive the application forms and propose a Jury consisting of members of the CEL/ELC Board and a minimum of two external specialists.

Evaluation is double-blind; evaluation criteria include the following aspects:

— quality and originality of the research as regards its topic, focus of interest and methodology;
— quality and novelty of the conclusions;
— relevance to issues pertaining to multilingualism in general and in accordance with the CEL/ELC aims and objectives.

If the Jury considers that no dissertation reaches an acceptable standard, they may decline to award any prize.

The Jury's decision is final and may not be appealed.

Award Announcement:

A month before the annual CEL/ELC Conference a shortlist of finalists will be made public on the CEL/ELC website. The winners of the Outstanding Doctorate Award and the Certificates for second and third nominees will be proclaimed during the annual CEL/ELC Conference and announced on the association's official website. They will receive their award or certificate in person at the CEL/ELC conference or by mail, if they cannot attend.

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Application form

Candidate's name and first name:

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CEL/ELC member institution where the candidate's PhD thesis was submitted:

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Date of candidate's PhD viva:

  dd/mm/yyyy
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Current institution or workplace and address (optional):

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E-mail address:

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Name(s), affiliation and e-mail address(es) of the PhD director(s):

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Name(s) and e-mail address(es) of the institution's official representative at the CEL/ELC, the Head of Department, or the Coordinator of the Doctoral Programme where the thesis was completed:

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Please refer to the CEL-ELC official website for all relevant information regarding documentation to be provided and current deadlines.

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