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**ASAI AWARD  
FOR THE BEST DOCTORAL THESIS IN AFRICAN STUDIES  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPETITION**

**The Association for African Studies in Italy (ASAI)** is organising a selection for **the award of a prize for the best PhD thesis** in studies and research on Africa and its peoples inside and outside the continent.

The initiative aims to encourage young PhDs to deepen and perfect their research on African realities.

The prize consists of a certificate and a cash award of **€600**.

In order to be eligible for the award, the candidate must have obtained a PhD from any Italian university between 1 January 2020 and 30 January 2022.

Doctoral theses concerning the broader disciplinary areas represented in the association and interdisciplinary approaches will be evaluated.

The prize will be awarded on the basis of the results of the comparative evaluation of the theses submitted, which will be carried out by the unquestionable judgement of the examining committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of ASAI. The awarding will take place in a public ceremony during the ASAI Biennial Conference, which will be held in Urbino from 29 June to 1 July 2022.



In order to compete for the Doctoral Award, it is necessary to:

- have defended the thesis in an Italian university between 1 January 2020 and 30 January 2022.  
- send to ASAI, at the email address [info@asaiafrica.org](mailto:info@asaiafrica.org), putting in the subject of the email "ASAI Award for the best PhD thesis in African Studies", **by midnight on 15 February 2022**, the completed application form, attaching the following documents, under penalty of exclusion, which must conform to the originals with self-certification by the candidate, under his/her own responsibility, pursuant to the TU of D.P.R. 445/2000<sup>1</sup>:

- one copy in electronic format (pdf) of the thesis;
- one copy of the doctoral certificate
- a *curriculum vitae et studiorum* of the candidate signed and dated;
- a letter of presentation drafted and signed by the thesis supervisor, together with his/her contact details.

The outcome of the selection will be communicated to the winner only, at the email address indicated in the application, by 1 June 2022.

Urbino, 15 November 2021

The ASAI President

Francesca Declich

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to art. 13 of Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 and subsequent amendments and additions, the personal data transmitted by the candidates will be processed by ASAI exclusively for the purposes of managing this procedure and any procedures for awarding the Prize in question. The communication of such data is compulsory for the purposes of assessing the participation requirements, under penalty of exclusion from the competition. Interested parties are entitled to the rights set out in art. 7 of Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 as amended. This notice is available on the ASAI website, <https://www.asaiafrica.org/>. For further information please contact: [info@asaiafrica.org](mailto:info@asaiafrica.org).