



The Gender Award Gap

Why do women win fewer research prizes?

Workshop Sept 25, 2024 (by invitation only)

EHESS, 54 BD Bd Raspail, room BS1_28

Residenz des Botschafters, 78 rue de Lille, 75007 Paris



The Nobel Prize is the most prestigious award given for intellectual and scientific achievement in the world. To date, around 10% of the Nobel Prize laureates were women. To some extent, this number mirrors the relative paucity of women in senior positions compared with men historically.

However, the leaky pipeline metaphor, used to describe how female scholars become under-represented in various contexts, is apparent today as well.

Alongside the Gender Career Gap, the Gender Pay Gap, and the Gender Citation Gap, there is much less awareness of the Gender Award Gap, although a growing number of studies show that women receive fewer scientific awards than men. This symposium sheds new light on the Gender Award Gap in France and Germany and presents strategies to increase the visibility of women in scientific recognition processes*.

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Workshop, 2:00-4:30 pm (EHESS, 54 Bd Raspail, room BS1_28)

Chair: Eva Illouz

Frédérique Matonti – Marie Curie et Irène Joliot-Curie, deux femmes à la reconnaissance exceptionnelle ?

Adrian Loerbroks, Viola Mambrey – Factors influencing scientific prize awardings: A survey among medical society members

Thorsten Halling – Bridging the Gender Award Gap in Germany

Isaac Desarthe – Françoise Héritier and honours: the gendered dynamics of academic recognition

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Panel and discussion

5:30 - 8 pm Residenz des Botschafters der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
in Frankreich

Chair: Monika Queisser

Gisèle Sapiro – Les récompenses internationales en littérature et en
sciences sociales : un tournant vers la reconnaissance des femmes

Nils Hansson – Der Gender Award Gap: Warum erhalten weniger Frauen
prestigeträchtige Forschungspreise?

Eva Illouz – Quelques réflexions personnelles

Discussion



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Eva Illouz is a professor of sociology at the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences in Paris and at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her research is focused on the history and sociology of emotions, culture, and capitalism. Her books have been translated into 25 languages. She has been awarded with the French National Order of the Legion of Honour, the Israeli E.M.E.T. award, the Albertus Magnus award from the University of Cologne, the Frank Schirrmacher Prize, the Annaliese Maier International Award and the Aby Warburg Prize.

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Monika Queisser, Head of the Social Policy Department at the OECD, responsible for gender equality, among other things. She previously worked as a journalist and at the World Bank in Washington D.C. Studies and doctorate at the LMU Munich.

Nils Hansson is Professor at the Department for the History, Philosophy, and Ethics of Medicine, Centre for Health and Society, Heinrich-Heine-University Duesseldorf. He is interested in the impact of prizes. His most recent book is "Wie man keinen Nobelpreis gewinnt" (2023).

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