

EPS Prizes and Distinctions



An EPS Prize Committee?

Historical Background:

Originally Founded in 2020, tasked to review the nominations, especially in terms of diversity.

Suggested a common timeline for EPS Central Prizes

Never met again.

Chaired by Jo Hermann who sadly passed away this year.

Challenges remain!

Low number of nominations



Average number of nominations per EPS Prize in 2023	6.6
Maximum number of nominations for a Prize	23
Minimum number of nominations for a Prize	1
Number of prizes awarded with only 1 nomination	3



Low diversity of nominees

Average number of Female Nominees per prize	1.4
Maximum number of Female Nominees in 2023	5
Number of Prizes awarded with NO female nominees	7

Diversity doesn't end with gender! We do not even have the data for any other axes of diversity



Variations

Variation in nomination procedure (who can nominate, who can be nominated):

Variation in deadlines

Variation in process

- Search committees
- Number of prizes

Variation in prize money from expenses for an invited talk to 10 000 Euro

Variation in rules (Central Prizes)



EPS Early Career Prize:

- Nominee must be a member of EPS or a member society
- Nominator/supporter can be anyone.
- 3 letters of support
- Self nomination permitted

EPS Fellow:

- Nominee must be an EPS individual member
- Nominator must be an EPS member (Individual Members, Member Societies and Associate Members)
- 3 letter of support from EPS members (from different countries and institutions)
- Self nomination not permitted

Gero Thomas Medal

- Nominee must be an EPS member
- Nominator must be an EPS member
- Only one nominator necessary

EPS Achievement Award

- Nominee must be an EPS member
- Nominator must be an EPS member
- Three letters of support from EPS members

EPS Emmy Noether Distinction

- Nominator must be an EPS member
- Nominee can be anyone
- Up to three letters of support (no restrictions)

We are not alone

DPG shared this publicly

IoP (UK) have had similar problems

Geschlechterverteilung bei den DPG-Preisen

DPG-Preise	Gesamtzahl Verleihungen	Preisträgerinnen	Anteil Frauen in %	Anteil Männer in %
Otto-Hahn-Preis	42	2	5	95
Robert-Wichard-Pohl-Preis	42	0	0	100
Herbert-Walther-Preis	14	0	0	100
Max-Born-Preis u. Medaille	50	3	6	94
M. Smoluchowski-E. Warburg-Preis	13	0	0	100
Max-Planck-Medaille	86	2	2	98
Stern-Gerlach-Medaille	37	1	3	97
Gentner-Kastler-Preis u. Medaille	37	4	11	89
Walter-Schottky-Preis	57	2	4	96
Gustav-Hertz-Preis	33	3	9	91
Georg-Kerschensteiner-Preis	20	2	10	90
Gaede-Preis	36	4	11	89
Georg-Simon-Ohm-Preis	21	6	29	71
Hertha-Sponer-Preis	20	20	100	0

Tab. 1 Einige der DPG-Preise wurden noch nie an eine Frau verliehen. Mit den beiden höchsten Auszeichnungen – Stern-Gerlach- bzw. Max-Planck-Medaille – wurden insgesamt erst drei Frauen geehrt.

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Awarded by the Executive Committee

- Gero Thomas Medal
- EPS Early Career Prize
- EPS Outstanding Achievement Award

Recommendations passed to Council

- EPS Honorary Member
- EPS Fellow

Nominations collected centrally but attributed by committee

Emmy Noether Distinction (NB no prize money)