



The George L. Mosse First Book Prize

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Entry Period: January 15, 2021 to May 15, 2021

How to Enter:

The prize is open to original works of historical scholarship. We will not consider works of fiction, poetry, memoir, or creative nonfiction, nor will we consider unrevised dissertations.

Entrants should begin by sending a proposal to Nathan MacBrien, editor in chief, University of Wisconsin Press, at macbrien@wisc.edu. The subject line should contain “Mosse First Book Prize” and your last name and a keyword. **Please do not send the complete manuscript until requested to do so.**

- Please send the following materials as a single PDF.
 - Proposals should follow the guidelines detailed at <https://uwpress.wisc.edu/proposal.html>. Authors should take particular care to include the following elements:
 - The scope and rationale for the book, and its main contributions
 - How the work fits with the George L. Mosse Series in European Culture, Sexuality, and Ideas
 - The audience and market for the book
 - Manuscript word count
 - An annotated table of contents
 - Two chapters: ideally an introductory chapter and one interior chapter
 - Your Curriculum Vitae

Please let us know whether the book is under consideration elsewhere at time of prize submission. The work submitted for consideration may not be under contract elsewhere. Manuscripts should be complete at the time of submission.

Prize:

One winner will be awarded a \$5,000 prize, payable in two installments. In some cases, the jury may elect to declare an Honorary Mention winner, who will be awarded a prize of \$1,000.

Judging:

There will be two rounds of judging:

Round 1: All proposals will be reviewed by Press and Program staff, and a short list of no more than three finalists will be selected by May 15.

Round 2: The Press will request full manuscripts for the finalists chosen in the first round. These manuscripts will be read by a jury of expert readers chosen from Mosse series advisers and, when appropriate, an external reader.

The winner will be announced after successful peer review of the manuscript.