

Dear ICLARS member,

**The ICLARS President and the Steering Committee are pleased to announce the foundation of the annual John Witte Jr. book prize.**

The John Witte Jr. book prize will be awarded each year to the best book published by an ICLARS member, current with his/her dues, on law and religion issues. This prize is sponsored by Maiestas Foundation (*Fundación Maiestas*). To be eligible for the prize, books must have been published within the year in which the prize is awarded. They can be written in any of these languages:

English, Spanish, Italian, French, German, or Portuguese.

For more information, please see the rules of the prize attached.

## Rules for ICLARS John Witte Jr. book prize

1. Each year, ICLARS will award the *John Witte Jr. Prize* to the best book published by an ICLARS member on law and religion issues. This prize is sponsored by the Maiestas Foundation (Fundación Maiestas). It is named in honour of one of the leading contemporary jurists in the global study of the interaction between law and religion and director of one of the most renowned academic centers in the world in this area of legal studies — the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University.
2. The prize is open to all ICLARS members who are current with the payment of their annual fees.
3. To be eligible for the prize books must have been published within the year in which the prize is awarded. They can be written in any of these languages: English, Spanish, Italian, French, German, or Portuguese.
4. Books can be co-authored. However, books comprising a collection of papers written by different authors and coordinated by one or more editors will not be considered. Books may be open access, provided they are published by recognized and identifiable publishing house.
5. Those who want books to be considered for the prize must submit to the ICLARS Secretariat a PDF or electronic version of the book before 20 December of each year.
6. The decision will be taken by a committee composed by:
  - The President of ICLARS, who will act as chair
  - The President of Maiestas Foundation
  - The last three past Presidents of ICLARS
  - The person in charge of the ICLARS Secretariat, who will act as secretary and will have no vote.

The decisions of the committee are final. Subject to the approval of the President of ICLARS, each voting member may appoint a deputy to act on his or her behalf should they be unwilling or unable to act.

7. The committee will make its decision public within the first three months of the following year.
8. The winner will receive € 3,000 euro. This sum will be paid by Maiestas Foundation (less any tax deduction if applicable). If the book is co-authored, the prize will be divided among the authors in equal parts.
9. In each biennial ICLARS conference there will be a ceremony to award the prizes corresponding to the two preceding years, save for the 2024 conference, during which only the prize corresponding to 2023 will be awarded. ICLARS will also seek to promote reviews of the book in leading journals and other fora concerning law and religion.