

Press Release

Andrea Pető awarded the 2018 All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values

Andrea Pető, Professor at the Department of Gender Studies of the Central European University in Budapest (Hungary), honoured with ALLEA Madame de Staël Prize for her outstanding scholarly contribution on Europe's gendered memory of the Second World War, the Holocaust and political extremism.

21 March 2018 (Berlin, Germany) Professor Andrea Pető will be awarded the 2018 All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values to honour her wide-ranging scholarly work on gender studies and European contemporary history. The Madame de Staël Prize Jury considered her research an exceptional contribution to shed light on Europe's gendered memory of the Second World War, the Holocaust and political extremism. Pető will be the fifth scholar to be awarded the Prize, at the initiative of ALLEA, the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, with the co-sponsorship of the Italian foundation Compagnia di San Paolo.

The 20,000 EUR Prize will be awarded on the occasion of the ALLEA General Assembly at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in Sofia on 16 May 2018 and will be handed over by the European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society Mariya Gabriel.

The Prize was established to commemorate that despite variations in definition and geographical boundaries over the centuries, there has always been a deep-rooted understanding of European culture as connected by an inherent diversity supported by a dynamic and vigorous intellectualism.

Professor Günter Stock, ALLEA President and chairman of the Prize jury said: "*This year the Madame de Staël Prize Jury honours not only a celebrated and prolific scholar in East and Central European contemporary history, but also underlines the intellectual originality of Pető's approach to investigate the intricacies of remembrance in Europe's most conflictive history from a gender perspective*".

Andrea Pető (Budapest, 1964) is Professor in the Department of Gender Studies at the Central European University in



Budapest (Hungary) and a Doctor of Science of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Author of 5 monographs, editor of 31 volumes, as well as 261 articles and chapters in books published in seventeen languages. In 2005, she was awarded the Officer's Cross Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary by the President of the Hungarian Republic and the Bolyai Prize by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 2006.

Her publications include *Geschlecht, Politik*

und Stalinismus in Ungarn. Eine Biographie von Júlia Rajk (2007); *Women in Hungarian Politics 1945-1951* (2003); *Napasszonyok és Holdkissasszonyok. A mai magyar konzervatív női politizálás alaktana* (2003), *Interdisciplinary Handbook Gender: War* (2017), *Women and Holocaust: New Perspectives and Challenges* (2015), co-authored with Louise Hecht and Karolina Krasuska; *Gender and Far Right Politics in Europe* (2016), co-authored with Michaela Köttig and Renate Bitzan; *Gendered Wars, Gendered Memories. Feminist Conversations on War, Genocide and Political Violence* (2016), co-authored with Ayşe Gül Altınay, and *Political Justice in Budapest after World War II*, co-authored with Ildikó Barna (2015), among others.

All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values

ALLEA established the *All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values* to pay tribute to the boundless intellectual, cultural diversity and richness of Europe, and to highlight how remarkable scholarly work, particularly in the fields of the humanities and social sciences, contributes to the understanding of Europe as a cultural and intellectual entity. The Prize is awarded to eminent scholars whose work represents a significant contribution to these objectives. The first laureate, Professor Luisa Passerini, received the Prize in 2014 to honour her far-reaching research on European cultural identity. In 2015, Professor Dame Helen Wallace was honoured for an academic career devoted to bridge the research and policy gap in Europe. In 2016, Professor Rémi Brague was the third scholar to be honoured for his comprehensive understanding of the relationship between Judaism, Christianity and Islam. In 2017, the President of the Court of Justice of the European Union and Professor of European Law at the University of Leuven, Koen Lenaerts, received the Prize for his extensive scholarly work on European law and his reflections on European jurisdiction.

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