

PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT
Elena Pulcini Prize for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation
1st Edition

The *Associazione di Filosofia Sociale Elena Pulcini per la Cura del Mondo Vivente* (AFSEP) is pleased to announce the ***Elena Pulcini Prize for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation***, recognizing excellence in research by recent PhD graduates from the academic years 2020/21 to 2023/24.

The prize honors the legacy of Elena Pulcini, a distinguished social philosopher from the University of Florence, whose influential work spanned global transformations, contemporary individualism, the theory of emotions, ethics of care, gender studies, environmental philosophy, and intergenerational justice.

The goal of the prize is to recognize and reward the best doctoral dissertations in these fields, thereby promoting the research of early-career scholars and fostering innovation in the humanities and socio-political philosophy from an interdisciplinary perspective.

The competition is open to individuals who have successfully defended their doctoral dissertation (PhD thesis) in these research fields between 2020/21 and 2023/24.

Award Details

One prize will be awarded:

- €2,000 (gross amount, subject to applicable tax deductions) for the best doctoral dissertation in the humanities and socio-political philosophy.
- The doctoral dissertation must focus on one of the following topics:
 - a) ***Risks and global challenges***
 - b) ***The ecological crisis***
 - c) ***The ethics of care***

It may also be approached from *interdisciplinary perspectives*.

Article 1 – Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- a) They must have been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from an accredited institution between 2020/21 and 2023/24. Dissertations defended outside this period are ineligible.

Article 2 – Application Process

Submission Deadline

Applications must be submitted electronically via e-mail to the *Associazione di Filosofia Sociale Elena Pulcini per la Cura del Mondo Vivente* (AFSEP) no later than **1:00 PM on 06/30/2025**.

Submission Guidelines

Applications must be sent to: ***info@afsep.it***

The application is considered officially received only upon confirmation via e-mail. If the applicant does not receive confirmation, they must follow up with the Association to ensure receipt.

The Association is not responsible for technical issues that result in non-receipt of applications.

For inquiries, confirmation of receipt, and additional information, please contact: info@afsep.it

Required Documents

All documents must be submitted in electronic format. Documents requiring a signature must be printed, signed, scanned, and e-mailed.

Applicants must submit:

The following information and documents must be attached to complete the application:

- Personal details (full name, date and place of birth, tax identification number, permanent address, and, if applicable, an alternative mailing address).
- A curriculum vitae (CV).
- Official academic transcripts of the courses attended during the PhD.
- Details of the doctoral degree (awarding institution, date of defense, dissertation title, and grade if applicable).
- Abstract of one page summarizing the thesis carried out, indicating one of the three themes mentioned above for participation in the call (*Global risks and challenges, The ecological crisis, The ethics of care*).
- An official full copy of the doctoral dissertation.

Article 3 – Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will consist of components of the Scientific Committee of AFSEP, chosen for their expertise in the relevant research fields.

The Selection Committee will be composed of: Chiara Bottici, Marina Calloni, Dimitri D'Andrea, Matteo Galletti, Anna Loretoni, Leonard Mazzone, Angela Perulli, Debora Spini, Dario Squilloni, Monica Toraldo di Francia.

If additional expertise is required for the evaluation of theses, the Committee may rely on the contribution of other colleagues who are experts in the relevant fields.

Article 4 – Evaluation Criteria and Selection Process

The Selection Committee will assess submissions based on the following criteria:

- Consistency with the specific themes outlined in the call.
- Scholarly excellence and originality of the dissertation.
- Theoretical and methodological contributions to the field.

- Relevance and impact of the research within the disciplines and interdisciplinary approaches covered by the prize.

The Committee reserves the right to withhold the award if no submission meets the required standards of excellence.

If necessary, shortlisted candidates may be invited for an interview or oral presentation of their research.

The results of the selection will be announced by 12/31/2025.

Article 5 – Award Ceremony

The winner will be honored at a formal award ceremony held in conjunction with the biennial conference of *the Associazione di Filosofia Sociale Elena Pulcini per la Cura del Mondo Vivente* (AFSEP).

The official competition announcement is available at: <https://www.elenapulcini.com>

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