



LAWYERS FOR LGBTI+ RIGHTS ASSOCIATION – LENFORD NETWORK
(ASSOCIAZIONE AVVOCATURA PER I DIRITTI LGBTI+ – RETE LENFORD)

AWARD

SECOND EDITION

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

1. **PURPOSE**

The Lawyers For LGBTI+ Rights Association – Lenford Network (“Rete Lenford”) awards are in honor of the memory and work of Professor Stefano Rodotà, former President of the Scientific Committee of Rete Lenford (the “Award”).

2. **CATEGORIES FOR SUBMISSIONS**

There are three awards in the field of LGBTI+ people’s rights:

- a. Award for Best PhD Thesis;
- b. Award for Best Degree Dissertation; and
- c. Award for the Best Scientific Contribution – for the best short (*e.g.*, essay, article, or commentary on legislation or case-law) or long (*i.e.*, a book) scientific contribution.

By way of example only, submissions may concern: the protection of LGBTI+ individuals against discrimination in the workplace; the protection of LGBTI+ migrants and refugees; the legal protection of LGBTI+ children and adolescents; the legal framework applicable to civil partnerships and non-marital cohabitations pursuant to Law No. 76/2016; sexual orientation and transgender identity hate crimes and hate speech; parental rights for same-sex couples (for instance, the adoption of the partner’s child pursuant to art. 44 of Law No. 183/1984, registration and transcription of a foreign civil status act in the civil register of birth certificates indicating two parents of the same sex, the recognition in Italy of foreign judgments, *e.g.* foreign adoption decisions); the legal status of transsexual, transgender and/or intersex persons.

Submissions may be written, in whole or in part, in Italian and/or English.



3. **PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

The following applicants may participate in the call for submissions:

- a. Regarding the “*Award for Best PhD Thesis*” category, PhD graduates who obtained their PhD degree from an Italian or European Union university between October 31, 2019 and July 31, 2022.
- b. Regarding the “*Award for Best Degree Dissertation*” category, graduates who obtained their degree from an Italian or European Union university between October 31, 2019 and July 31, 2022.
- c. Regarding the “*Award for the Best Scientific Contribution*” category, those who published the submission concerned in an Italian or foreign legal journal or book between January 1, 2017 and July 31, 2022. The author must not be older than 35 years of age at the time of publication.

Each participant may only apply to compete in one category.

4. **AWARDS**

The award for each category is a cash payment of the following amounts:

- a. “*Best PhD Thesis*” category: € 1.000,00
- b. “*Best Degree Dissertation*” category: € 1.000,00
- c. “*Best Scientific Contribution*” category: € 500,00

This is without prejudice to the possibility of assigning additional awards, also *ex aequo*, or special mentions, at the discretion and unquestionable judgment of the Evaluation Committee. In the event of *ex aequo* positions for one or more award categories, the amount of money provided for each category will be divided equally among the *ex aequo* awardees.

Regarding the “*Best Scientific Contribution*” category, the Evaluation Committee reserves the right to assign special mentions even to those who have not submitted an application.

5. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION**

There is no fee for participating in the call for submissions.

Those who intend to participate are required to send by e-mail, no later than the deadline of July 31, 2022, the following documents in PDF format to the e-mail address premioretenford@gmail.com, for any award category:

- a. application for participation in the call for submissions (ANNEX A);



- b. copy of an identity document;

For the “*Best Scientific Contribution*” award, it is necessary to also add:

- c. copy of the scientific contribution in PDF format;

For the “*Best PhD Thesis*” and “*Best Degree Dissertation*” awards, it is necessary to also add:

- d. copy of the full thesis or dissertation in PDF format;
- e. PDF copy of an anonymized version of the PhD thesis or degree dissertation, *i.e.*, without the title page (with no indication of the author, the university, the supervisor, etc., but), dedication or acknowledgements (in other words: with only the text of the PhD thesis or degree in a completely anonymous form);
- f. an abstract of the PhD thesis or degree of no more than 15 lines;
- g. copy of the PhD or degree certificate or a self-certification attesting the university issuing the degree or PhD certificate and the date of graduation or PhD certificate.

6. **STORAGE AND ACCESS TO DOCUMENTATION**

The copies of the PhD thesis or degree dissertation will not be returned and will become part of the Centro Studi Europeo Stefano Rodotà (*Centro Studi Europeo sull'orientamento sessuale e identità di genere* – European Research Centre on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity), established at Rete Lenford headquarters. Those who participate in the call for submissions commit to allow, free of charge, scholars and users of the *Centro Studi Europeo Stefano Rodotà* to consult these documents.

7. **EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

The award for each category will be decided by an Evaluation Committee composed of five to ten renowned researchers, university professors, lawyers, prosecutors, judges and/or experts in the matters covered by the call for submissions, appointed by members of the Award Secretariat for the call for submissions, lawyers Dr. Giacomo Cardaci, Dr. Riccardo Tremolada and Dr. Giuseppe Zago.

The Evaluation Committee receives a copy of the PhD theses, degree dissertations and scientific contributions from the Award Secretariat, analyzes their contents and, after conferring informally, evaluates and selects the submissions to be awarded, in a comparative and neutral way. The Evaluation Committee decides the winners of each category and transmits their names to the Award Secretariat for official communication.

The decision of the Evaluation Committee is final and unquestionable.



8. **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The Evaluation Committee will assess the submissions received on the basis of the following criteria:

- a. relevance of the submission in relation to the subject-matter of the Award or in light of the interdisciplinary approach to the subject-matter of the Award;
- b. originality of the themes dealt with and of the research;
- c. in-depth nature of the study;
- d. methodological rigor;
- e. wealth and variety of jurisprudential and academic sources;
- f. innovative interpretation of the sources;
- g. formal consistency; and
- h. quality of the empirical research.

The Evaluation Committee reserves the right not to assign the Award if, in its exclusive and unquestionable judgment, none of the submissions meet an adequate level of quality or are sufficiently deserving.

9. **COMMUNICATION OF THE AWARD**

The awardees will be informed of the assignment of the Award by e-mail and of the date and place of the award ceremony by telephone.

10. **AWARD CEREMONY**

The Award ceremony will take place during a public meeting organized by Rete Lenford (*i.e.*, an event organized *ad hoc* or, alternatively, a conference organized by Rete Lenford, in-person or online). Those who participate in the Award commit to being present and to present on that occasion the objectives, scientific method and conclusions of their work.

11. **CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PROCESSING**

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2016/679/EU and Legislative Decree No. 196/03, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 101/2018, Rete Lenford is committed to respecting the confidential nature of the information provided by the applicant: all data provided will be processed exclusively for purposes related and instrumental to the assigning of the Award, in compliance with the provisions in force and in



accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data Protection Notice published on the website www.retelenford.it.

12. **AWARD SECRETARIAT**

For any further information, please consult the section of the website www.retelenford.it dedicated to the Award or contact the Award Secretariat by sending an e-mail to the following address premioretelenford@gmail.com.



ANNEX A

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE
AWARD

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Tax code: _____ Date of birth: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Current Address: _____

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Category of the award in which you intend to participate:

Title of thesis/dissertation/scientific contribution:

Name and surname of supervisor:

Name and surname of co-supervisor, if any: _____

Date of PhD or Degree certificate:

University where the PhD or Degree was obtained:

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Date _____ (Readable signature) _____

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I declare that I have read the Personal Data Protection Notice referred to the call for
submissions for the Lawyers For LGBTI+ Rights Association – Lenford Network Award
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Date _____ (Readable signature) _____