

Awards of the Global Network on Electoral Justice

Call for nominations 2021

Context

In contemporary democracies the correct protection of the political and electoral rights of citizens is essential for their survival. The current challenges faced by the jurisdictional and administrative electoral authorities complicate this objective, so it is crucial to work in a concrete, proactive and strategic way to improve the delivery of justice, and thus achieve a democratic consolidation.

At the Third Plenary Assembly of the Global Electoral Justice Network (GNEJ), held in December 2019, the challenges linked to four central themes were highlighted: mechanisms of representation, equal access to electoral justice, democracy and corruption, and social networks. While each country has its own electoral system, these challenges present common threats and opportunities at the regional and global levels.

In order to promote a comparative and continuous analysis around electoral justice, the GNEJ seeks to bring together electoral jurisdictional authorities, international organizations, academic institutes, private actors and electoral experts, in order to design a common agenda with specific strategies to address these challenges. The first Awards will be presented in 2021.

About the Awards

The GNEJ will convene authorities responsible for electoral justice in their respective jurisdictions and individuals in the academic field to present their work on significant progress and inspiring efforts to consolidate and strengthen electoral justice at the national, regional or international level. Both the academic and the applied areas seek to identify good practices for their recognition and dissemination from the GNEJ.

The "GNEJ Awards" will be granted annually and will aim to recognize key and innovative academic studies in the field and concrete actions carried out by the courts or their equivalents responsible for electoral justice. The categories for the 2021 edition will correspond to the themes: 1) Access to electoral justice, 2) Judicial independence, 3) Gender equality and 4) A conjunctural theme, which on this occasion will be electoral processes in emergency situations. Additionally, there will be a general award that will recognize a major contribution to an important topic to the GNEJ.

Bases

1. Authorities, international organizations and scholars may be nominated in each of the four main categories and for the overall GNEJ award, regardless of their formal affiliation with the GNEJ.
2. There will be three awards (one per type of actor) per category, plus an overall GNEJ award, resulting in thirteen winners per year in total.
3. The winners will be announced at the Fourth Plenary Assembly¹ and will have their work published on the [Global Exchange Platform](#)
4. In the case of academic papers, they will also be printed. The TEPJF of Mexico will be in charge of the publication, which will be available 4 months after the winner has been selected. This publication will be available in English, French and Spanish.
5. The awarded institutions and individuals will be invited to the Fourth Plenary Assembly, with only one representative per category.
 - a. If any prize-winning authority is not a member of the GNEJ, it shall be invited to send a person to participate as an observer. The presence of a larger delegation will be considered, provided that the respective authority assumes all the expenses arising from it, seeking equal representation and not exceeding four persons.
 - b. If a paper prepared by more than one person is presented in the academic area, the person designated as the main author shall be invited.
 - c. The travel expenses of one person per winning actor will be covered.
6. Upon the launch of the Awards on 1st May, the Technical Secretariat will receive the nominations with their supporting documents between 1st June and 1st August 2021.
7. The Scientific Committee of the GNEJ will be in charge of the review, analysis and selection of the winners, based on specific criteria per category and rules for their functioning as judges.
8. The Scientific Committee of the GNEJ reserves the right to declare this call partially or totally void.
9. All issues that are not specifically mentioned or considered in these rules will be resolved by the Scientific Committee.

¹ This will only be possible if it is held in the second semester of 2021. The dates for the call for nominations and the submission deadline consider the calendar and times previously recommended and agreed upon at the Fifth Meeting of the Scientific Committee.

The categories and conditions



Categories:

1. Access to electoral justice
2. Judicial independence
3. Gender equality
4. Conjunctural: Electoral processes in emergency situations.
5. Specific progress on an important topic to the GNEJ

The conjunctural award will be changed annually.



For the nomination, a summary of 1500 words maximum, in English, French or Spanish, must be submitted:

- Authorities: of their action, judgment or jurisprudence.
- Organizations: of the programmatic, practical, real and measurable progress.
- Academic: a summary of the study, monograph or work, regardless if it has been published yet or not.

The nomination must be of an action(s), project(s) or work(s) of 2020 or the first semester of 2021. A project, program, action or work may only be nominated in one category. An organization or person may be nominated in different categories, with different projects. The terms of reference explain the criteria for each type of stakeholder and topic.

The nomination will also include a justification of its relevance or impact for electoral justice of up to 500 words. In short, it may not exceed the 2000 words allowed. Up to 3 relevant supporting documents are permitted. This includes but is not limited to, curriculum, the work itself, letters of recommendation, manuals or technical documents, etc.



Submit between 1st June and 1st August 2021



Send to global@te.gob.mx



Winners: Three per category (authority, organization and academic work), and one for the general award.

Announcement: During the Fourth Plenary Assembly, the results will be published in the Global Exchange Platform and in the social networks of the GNEJ. The best practices and the academic works that have won, will be published electronically, in the three languages of the GNEJ, in its Global Exchange Platform.