

Albert Ballin Awards for Globalization Research

Call / Announcement

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In 2026, the Hamburg-based shipping company Hapag-Lloyd AG will once again be bestowing two

Albert Ballin Awards for Globalization Research.

The two prizes, each with a purse of €5,000, were first established in 2018 and have since then been awarded every four years to up-and-coming young academics and researchers whose research broadens and deepens our understanding of the opportunities and risks of globalization in an exemplary manner.

By awarding these two prizes, we are promoting innovative and critical projects that use the social sciences, humanities and cultural studies to investigate the problems, processes and changes of globalization, thereby laying the groundwork for responsible future action.

Hapag-Lloyd AG is one of the leading service providers in the global container transport sector. For 178 years, we have united continents, countries, people and cultures. Hapag-Lloyd has always ensured stable and safe traffic over the seven seas. In the 21st century, as never before, the exchange of people, information and goods requires cultural, social and political ties in addition to economic ones. As a globally oriented logistics and transport company, Hapag-Lloyd assumes responsibility for its own actions through sustainable engagement in the humanitarian, social, scientific and ecological fields.

By awarding the Albert Ballin Awards, Hapag-Lloyd is also commemorating Albert Ballin (1857-1918), the Hamburg native and former director-general of HAPAG. Ballin is regarded as an engine of the first globalization around 1900, who always combined commercial vigor with social and political responsibility.

Albert Ballin Research Awards

The prizes will be awarded to postgraduates for dissertations in the social sciences, humanities or cultural studies during a public presentation of their findings in Hamburg. Applications will only be accepted for monographic doctoral dissertations that are unpublished or were published no more than a year before the submission deadline, and that have not already received awards from other sources.

The winners will be selected by an interdisciplinary jury.

Complete applications in *digital form* must include:

- a cover letter (email) with the applicant's contact details: name, address, telephone number and email address,
- the title and academic discipline of the research project,
- a curriculum vitae in table form,
- a list of publications,
- a summary of the dissertation (no longer than 2 pages) and
- the evaluation report on the dissertation.
- On special request, a digital version of the dissertation must be submitted later.

The deadline for applications is **October 31, 2025**. Please submit them via email to:

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