

Isabel André Award for Research in Gender and Geography

1. Objective

The Isabel André Award aims to promote and stimulate excellent research in Geography, Regional Development, Planning, and Spatial Organisation that includes gender perspectives. The award intends to encourage reflection on gender and/or sexuality issues, as well as critical perspectives on the notion of gender, as fundamental aspects of high-quality scientific production in Geography, Planning, Development, and Spatial Organisation. It honours authors of academic works that critically and originally explore gender within geographical knowledge or spatial planning.

The award arises from the need to stimulate the dissemination of gender perspectives in Geography and to give more visibility to early-career researchers successfully conducting work where gender is analysed in its spatial dimension.

The award also pays tribute to Isabel André, a pioneer in gender studies in Geography in Portugal, and the first woman in the country to earn a doctorate with a thesis in Geography focused on Gender Studies. Her doctoral thesis, titled "The False Neutral in Human Geography: Gender and Patriarchal Relations in Employment and Domestic Work," paved the way for this field of research in Portugal. The Gender in Geography Research Award continues the efforts initiated by Isabel André, promoting critical reflection on gender in Geography and gender equality as a fundamental value.

This award is an initiative of the Centre for Geographical Studies of the University of Lisbon. It aligns with the institutional commitment to Gender Equality, established in the IGOT Gender Equality Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Agenda 2030.

2. Application Conditions

2.1 The award is intended for authors of doctoral theses in the field of Geography who develop, in a critical and original manner, an in-depth

reflection on gender and/or sexuality in geographical knowledge (in all its aspects) or the integration of the gender perspective in Planning and Spatial Planning.

2.2 The award is aimed at authors of doctoral theses developed in higher education institutions, provided that the work includes analysis of Lusophone, Ibero-American, or Southern European spaces.

2.3 Authors of any nationality may apply for the award, provided their theses are written in one of the following languages: Portuguese, Spanish, English, or French.

2.4 Authors may have any disciplinary background (not necessarily in Geography), provided the work submitted was written for the purpose of obtaining a doctorate in Geography, Planning, and Spatial Planning, or in related areas, provided it was supervised by a geographer.

2.5 Authors of theses defended successfully within 36 months prior to the deadline for submission of the application to the award are eligible to apply.

2.6 Candidates can apply for the award only ONCE, even if the other eligibility criteria remain valid for other competitions.

3. Application Procedures

Applications must be submitted by the author of the thesis and should include:

- A digital version of the thesis submitted for the doctoral degree in Geography.
- A digital version of the CV.
- A certificate of completion of the doctorate.
- A letter of support from a member of the Academy, highlighting the contribution of the study to geographical knowledge and its innovative nature.
- A letter from the author of the thesis, describing the importance of the gender perspective in their research and intellectual trajectory.

The application submission period will be defined in the year the award is granted.

4. Jury

4.1. The Jury is appointed by the Director of the Centre for Geographical Studies, after consulting the Coordinating Committee of the CEG Scientific Council.

4.2. The Jury consists of the Director of the Centre for Geographical Studies, who presides (with the possibility of delegation), along with two female and two male researchers of recognised merit in the field of Gender Geography, from any nationality and institution, provided they have no conflicts of interest with the candidates for the Award.

4.3. The Jury may request reviews of the thesis from external referees.

4.4. External referees do not have voting rights.

4.5. By unanimous decision of the Jury members, the award may not be given.

4.6. The winning work will be chosen by majority vote from among the submissions. Up to two honourable mentions may also be awarded.

4.7. The Jury's decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

4.8. The Jury meetings are restricted to its members, and minutes must be recorded.

5. Award Criteria

5.1. The award will consider the following criteria:

- Scientific quality of the research conducted.
- Innovative nature in the field of gender studies/geography.
- Relevant bibliography on geography and gender, prioritizing works written by women.
- Originality of the research conducted.
- Quality of the methodology.
- Relevance of the results for the advancement of knowledge on gender and geography.
- Use of inclusive language.

5.2. The Isabel André Award for Gender and Geography Research will be biennial.

5.3. The Award consists of public recognition of the relevance of the work developed for promoting gender perspectives in Geography and will be awarded in one of the following ways:

- If the winner resides outside Portugal, they will be invited to present their thesis at a conference at the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, with the cost of travel, accommodation, and subsistence during their stay in Lisbon covered by the Award.
- If the winner resides in Portugal and is a member of the CEG research team, their participation costs (travel, registration, accommodation) in an international conference of their choice, to present the results of the awarded work, will be covered by the Award (up to a maximum of 2000 euros).
- As an alternative to the previous modalities, the winner may opt for the publication of their thesis in the CEG collection in digital format.

5.4. Honourable mentions will receive diplomas.