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2024 Mosbach Science Prizes and International Recognitions awarded to USA/Oxford Univ., Greece, Uganda, Peru and Nigeria

Mosbach, HGBS. *The Hans Günter Brauch Foundation (HGBS) for Peace and Ecology in the Anthropocene* was established on 8 May 2020, the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII and Germany's liberation from national socialism. Since 2022, a local prize for high school students has been awarded in the Neckar Odenwald District. On 4 July 2024, 42 high school students were awarded prizes in the third round. Prof. Dr. Tobias Ide, who teaches at Murdoch University (Australia), Hiroshima University (Japan), and the Technical University in Braunschweig (Germany), was given the first International Science Prize in 2023.

The second HGBS International Science Prize will be awarded on 10 October 2024 on the theme *Ecocide: Focusing on the political and legal concept and on impacts of wars and/or climate change on food security since 1945* to Gregory M. Thaler for his book: *Saving a Rainforest and Losing the World – Conservation and Displacement in the Global Tropics* (Yale University Press, 2024) and to Victor Tsilonis: *The Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court* (Springer Nature Switzerland, 2024) sharing the prize and the prize money.

Both International Science Prizes on the *Ecocide: Focusing on the political and legal concept and on impacts of wars and/or climate change on food security since 1945* will be awarded in Mosbach on 10 October 2024 at the Meeting Hall of the Rathaus. Lord Mayor Julian Stipp will hold a reception to welcome participants. Dr. Brauch (HGBS founder) will speak about the second call, "Ecocide: The impact of wars, global environmental and climate change on food security."

The HGBS Jury decided during the first award of the International Science Prize in July 2023 to offer additional international recognitions to young scholars, for free publication of their PhD thesis, or for an unpublished authored or edited book for which they will receive an honorarium.

The colleagues who were awarded these recognitions in 2023 include: Dr. Tom Deligiannis, W. Laurier Univ., Fac. of Global Studies, Waterloo, Ont., Canada and Ass. Prof. Dr. Richard Marcantonio, Notre Dame University, USA.

During the second International Science Prize Award ceremony on 10 October 2024, three candidates from the Global South will be awarded international recognition for publishing a scientific book. They receive a book contract with Springer and a honorarium.

- Dr. Annet Adong (Kampala, Uganda) for her PhD dissertation: *Armed Conflicts and Forced Displacements: Incentives and Consequences on Consumption and Social Preferences* (PhD Dissertation, Bonn University, Centre for Development Studies, 2020).
- Dr. Melissa Roxana Quispe-Zuniga (Trujillo, Peru; Bonn, Germany) for her PhD dissertation: *Mining and Small-Scale Farming in the Andes: Socio-Environmental Roots of Land-Use Conflict* (Bonn University, Centre for Development Studies, 2020).
- Dr. Christo Idowu Odeyemi (Nigeria/Australia/Japan) for his PhD dissertation: *Climate Risk and Climate Security: A Comparison of Norm Emergence under the FCCC, the EU and the UNSC, 2001–2019* (PhD dissertation, University of Technology Sydney, 2021, Sydney, Australia).



Dr. Annet Adong is an Agricultural Economist with the Center for Population and Applied Statistics, Makerere University, Uganda and works as an Independent consultant. Her research interest is at the intersection of Agriculture, conflicts and forced displacements. She completed her PhD at the University of Bonn Germany in 2021 on the topic: “*Armed Conflicts and Forced Displacements: Incentive and Consequences on Consumption and Social Preferences*”. Upon the completion of her PhD, she received an IMMANA Research fellowship with the Tuft University. She completed her Master’s degree at University of Life Sciences Norway and Bachelor’s degree at Makerere University, Uganda. Annet is intrigued by research that is at the intersection of agriculture, conflicts and forced displacements.

Dr. Melissa Roxana Quispe-Zuniga received her Dr. rer.nat. from Bonn University, Germany (2020), her Master of Science in Biology from Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium (2014), and her Bachelor in Biological Sciences from the National University of Trujillo, Peru (2011). She was funded by the DAAD-BMZ Scholarship for her PhD studies (2015-2019), the VLIR-UOS Scholarship for her Master's studies (2012-2014), and the ERASMUS MUNDUS BAPE Scholarship during her Bachelor studies (2010-2011). Her Master's thesis was awarded with the VUB Millennium Development Goals Award (2014). Since 2020, she has worked as a project manager in different pharmaceutical companies in Germany.



Dr. Odeyemi is a visiting researcher at Kyoto University in Japan. He holds a PhD (Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Technology Sydney, Australia), a Master by Research thesis (International Politics, Victoria University, Australia), a Master of International Security (Massey University, New Zealand), and a Master of Professional Studies (International Relations-, New Zealand). His PhD dissertation on “Climate risk and climate security: A comparison of norm emergence under the FCCC, the UNSC and the EU, 2001–2019” resulted in three peer-reviewed papers, conference presentations and a radio talk.

On 10 October 2024, the Hans Günter Brauch Foundation for Peace and Ecology in the Anthropocene, in collaboration with the city of Mosbach, will award both International Science Prizes on the *Ecocide: Focusing on the political and legal concept and on impacts of wars and/or climate change on food security since 1945*. The ceremony will take place at the Rathaus Meeting Hall as part of Mosbach's engagement in the "Mayors for Peace" Programme. Lord Mayor Julian Stipp will host a reception and welcome the prize winners, speakers, and the public. Dr. Hans Günter Brauch (HGBS founder), will briefly outline the theme of the second call: *Ecocide: The impact of wars, global environmental and climate change on food security*.

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Scheffran, em., Hamburg University (a member of the HGBS Jury) will present the work of the first prize recipient: Prof. Dr. Gregory M. Thaler (USA/UK), Assoc. Prof., Oxford University (UK), for his book: *Saving a Rainforest and Losing the World – Conservation and Displacement in the Global Tropics* (Yale University Press, 2024) while Dr Brauch, ret., will present the second prize recipient: Dr Victor Tsilonis and his book – *The Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court* (Springer Nature Switzerland, 2024) on 'Ecocide' as a 'New Crime' for International Jurisdiction on the Environment. Finally, Dr. Hans Happes and PD Dr. Hans Günter Brauch of the HGBS Board will read the certificates and transfer the award money of €1500 each. This will be followed by two acceptance speeches of the prize recipients Prof. Dr. Thaler (USA/UK) and Dr Tsilonis (Greece).

Dr. Ursula Oswald Spring, a former minister of ecological development from Cuernavaca in Mexico and Deputy Board Chair of HGBS and its Jury, will present the three recipients of an international recognition from Uganda, Peru and Nigeria (from Sydney, Australia). All three will receive book contracts from Springer Nature: Dr. Annet Adong (Kampala, Uganda) for her first book based on her PhD dissertation: *Armed Conflicts and Forced Displacements: Incentives and Consequences on Consumption and Social Preferences* (2020); Dr. Melissa Roxana Quispe-Zuniga (Trujillo, Peru; Bonn, Germany) for her book on the theme: *Mining and Small-Scale Farming in the Andes: Socio-Environmental Roots of Land-Use Conflict* (2020), and Dr. Christo Idowu Odeyemi (Nigeria/Australia) for a book on *Climate Security: A Perspective from Sub-Saharan Africa in the Anthropocene*.

Finally, Dr. Hans Günter Brauch will award four Peace Music prizes to musicians from Nicolaus-Kistner high school (Mosbach) for their musical contributions. The ceremony will conclude with a speech by County President, Dr. Achim Brötel: On Local Action and implementation. This award ceremony does not require an invitation, and it is open to everyone both locally and abroad.



HGBS Second International Science Prize Award Ceremony, Mosbach 10 October 2024

17:00-19:30 (5-7:30 pm)

17:00-17:30 Reception

17:30-17:35 First Piece of Music on War and Peace, Nicolaus-Kistner high school, Mosbach

17:35-17:40 Lord Mayor, Julian Stipp, Welcome Greetings

17:40-17:45 Hans Günter Brauch, HGBS Board Chairman, 2nd International Science Prize, Theme: Ecocide: *Impact of Wars and Global Environmental and Climate Change on Food Security*

17:45-18:00: First Laudatio by Prof. Dr. Jürgen Scheffran, Em., Hamburg University, HGBS Jury on second HGBS International Science Prize Winner 2024 on Prof. Dr. Gregory M. Thaler (USA/UK), Assoc. Prof., Oxford University, for his book: *Saving a Rainforest and Losing the World – Conservation and Displacement in the Global Tropics* (New Haven – London: Yale University Press, 2024).

18:00-18:15: Second Laudatio by PD Dr Hans Günter Brauch, ret., HGB board on HGBS international science prize winner 2024 for Dr Victor Tsilonis: *The Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court* (Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland, 2024) on 'Ecocide' as a 'New Crime' for International Jurisdiction Against the Environment during the Wars in Ukraine (since 2022) and in the Middle East (since 2023)

18:15-18:20: Dr. Hans Happes, OSD, ret., Deputy Board chair of HGBS, Prize Award to Prof. Dr. Gregory M. Thaler (USA/UK): Reading of the certificate and transfer of the award money of 1500 €

18:20-18:25: PD Dr. Hans Günter Brauch, ret., HGBS Board, Prize Award to Dr. Victor Tsilonis (Greece): Reading of the certificate and transfer of the award money of 1500 €

18:25-18:30 Second Piece of Music on War and Peace, Nicolaus-Kistner High School, Mosbach

18:30-18:45 First Acceptance Speech: Prof. Dr. Gregory M. Thaler (USA/UK): *Saving a Rainforest and Losing the World – Conservation and Displacement in the Global Tropics* (New Haven/London: Yale University Press, 2024)

18:45-19:00 Second Acceptance Speech: Dr Victor Tsilonis (Greece, International Law): *The Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court* (Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland, 2019, 2024)

19:00-19:10 Prof. Dr. Ursula Oswald, Deputy Board Chair of HGBS, Award of International Recognitions – Their Scientific Achievements for post-doctoral scholars from Uganda, Peru and Nigeria (Australia)

19:10-19:15 PD Dr. Hans Günter Brauch: Award of four prizes on Peace Music at high schools.

19:15-19:20 Third piece of music on war and peace, Nicolaus-Kistner High School, Mosbach

19:20-19:30 Final Reflection: District Chair Dr. Achim Brötzel: Thinking and Researching Globally -- Acting and Implementing Locally: A Task and a Challenge