

# Lotte Köhler Prize for Psychoanalytic Developmental, Cultural and Social Psychology

For the third time, the *Hans Kilian and Lotte Köhler Center for Social and Cultural Psychology and Historical Anthropology* (KKC) at the Ruhr-University Bochum and the *Sigmund Freud Institute* (SFI) in Frankfurt am Main are announcing the biennial

## Lotte Köhler Prize for Psychoanalytic Developmental, Cultural and Social Psychology

The prize will be awarded in honour of Dr. Lotte Köhler's scientific achievements as well as her outstanding commitment as founder of the Köhler Foundation and benefactor of psychoanalytic and psychological research. She has conducted numerous research projects in the above-mentioned fields, promoted ground-breaking contributions by other scholars, has significantly supported international psychoanalytic exchange and strengthened the discipline's reputation through her diverse activities over several decades. She would have celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

The Lotte Köhler Prize will be awarded in two categories:

a) The prize winner in the main category will receive a cash prize in the amount of 3,000 euros. Eligible nominees must have significantly contributed to the profile and dissemination of psychoanalytical, developmental, cultural or social-psychological identity research. Their fundamental and lasting contribution will usually consist of several publications and additional academic contributions (e.g., development of a research program, merits in teaching or institutionalisation of psychoanalytic developmental and/or cultural psychological identity research).

and

b) The winner of the Young Researcher Award will receive a cash prize in the amount of 2,000 euros for an individual piece of work in the form of an outstanding dissertation or master's thesis.

Nominations will be accepted from academics working at universities or comparable institutions. Self-nominations are not permitted.

**Nominations** (in German or English) are to consist of:

- a letter from the nominator describing the nominee's work and the reasons for the nomination
- the nominee's current curriculum vitae
- the nominee's complete list of publications
- one letter of support (from a third party)

The award ceremony will take place in Frankfurt am Main in the summer term 2026 and be open to the public. Both award winners will give a thematically relevant lecture at the award ceremony and receive travel and accommodations reimbursement to attend the ceremony.

The prize winner in the main category is to submit a 50- to 100-page manuscript which will be published in a book consisting of all speeches (including laudation) given at the award ceremony. The KKC and the SFI will organize, finance and edit the volume.

The prize winners will be selected by a specially appointed jury. The jury's decision is final.

Nominations must be submitted by email (in a single PDF file) by October 15, 2025 to both institutions:

### Nominations to:

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