

PRESS RELEASE

Paul Guggenheim Prize 2021

After a thorough evaluation procedure and deliberations, the jury has decided to award the Paul Guggenheim Prize 2021 to:

Lorenzo PALESTINI

author of the book ["La protection des intérêts juridiques de l'État tiers dans le procès de délimitation maritime"](#) (Collection de droit international, Bruylant, 2020)

The jury praised a remarkable work, based on very thorough research and a perfect knowledge of the case-law, the writings and the practice in light of exhibits produced and of parties' pleadings. Mr. Palestini's work presents a rich, wide-ranging and profound reflection on the problem of third States in maritime delimitation proceedings. His research sheds light on a most topical subject of the law of the sea; it contains conclusions that are of interest to both theorists and practitioners. The jury concluded that the book would become a reference in the field and contribute to the advancement of international law, in the spirit of the Paul Guggenheim Prize.

Lorenzo Palestini is Lecturer and Researcher at the Geneva Centre for International Dispute Settlement (CIDS) since 2019, where he teaches dispute settlement between States and, in particular, arbitration and proceedings before international courts and tribunals. In parallel to his academic activity, he practices, being notably a member of the Colombian team before the International Court of Justice.

Before joining the CIDS, Lorenzo Palestini was for five years a teaching assistant at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) and at the University of Geneva (UNIGE), respectively, in public international law and Swiss criminal law. As part of his doctoral research, he completed a one-year research stay at the Center for International Law of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

Currently, he is co-directing a research project funded by the SNSF on the international judicial function with Professor Laurence Boisson de Chazournes and is enrolled at the *école d'avocature* of UNIGE (ECAV).

The jury of the Paul Guggenheim Prize is chaired by Charles-Edouard Held. The other members are: Frédérique Coulée, Haritini Dipla, Gerhard Hafner, Mojtaba Kazazi, Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos and Daniel Thürer.

The Paul Guggenheim Prize, endowed with CHF 15,000, was established in 1981 with the aim of promoting young scholars in the field of international law. Its purpose is to reward a young scholar who has written a first monograph of outstanding quality and who is likely to make a substantial contribution to the theory of international law. The Prize is awarded every two years. The Paul Guggenheim Prize 2023 will be launched in April 2023. Details will be announced on the website of the Graduate Institute: <https://www.graduateinstitute.ch/awards>.

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