ICA Communication History Division

Book Award

2026 Call for Books

Rationale

The ICA Communication History Division Book Award, sponsored and managed by the Division, calls for nominations of academic books in the field of media and communication history published in the last three years (i.e. this year, books published in 2024, 2025, or 2026).

The books should align with one or more of the scopes of Division, detailed here: https://www.icahdq.org/group/history.

Deadlines

- *Opening of the Book Award submissions*: During the business meeting of Cape Town conference, 5 June 2026
- *Deadline of the submission period*: 31 August 2026
- *Decision of the Awards Committee*: September to December 2026
- *Applicants are notified*: 30 January 2027
- *Official Award*: During the 2027 business meeting in Glasgow. The awarded scholar(s) must attend the conference to earn the prize.

General Nomination Guidelines

- Only ICA members may submit nominations. Books nominated by Communication History Division members will be given priority.
- At least one author of the book must be a member of ICA in order for the book to be eligible for an ICA Award. The list of ICA members is available at the following link: https://www.icahdq.org/search/.
- One nomination letter is required. It must:
    1. Specify why the book should receive the award;
    2. Assess the importance of the book to the field of media and communication history;
    3. Clearly state how it fulfills the aims and purposes of the ICA Communication History Division.

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- Upload a copy of the book for the Award Committee. If nominators do not have a copy of the book, they should reach out to the publisher.
- *Language*: The Communication History Division is following the same policy of the ICA book awards. Although the ICA Communication History Division strives to be an international organization in its scope and membership, the Book Award Committee recommends that books be submitted in English or English translation to receive full consideration.
- Books submitted can be single-authored or co-authored, while edited books are not eligible.
- The Book Award Committee prefers nominations from others, including group nominations from other ICA divisions, over self-nominations. Members of the Book Award Committee may also make nominations, but no ICA Communication History Division member who makes a nomination or who is nominated for the Book Award can serve on the Award Committee judging the nomination.
- The Book Award Committee consists of the Division's leadership group (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, International Liaisons, and Early-Career Scholar), the immediate past Chair, and any other person appointed by the chairs of the Award Committee. The work of the Book Award Committee is coordinated by the Chair and the immediate past Chair, who is *ex officio* member of the Award Committee, unless they withdraw.
- The Book Award Committee deliberations are confidential, and its decisions are final.
- Submissions can be presented via the Division Website, following this link: https://www.icahistory.org/awards.html