





ICHTH/INTH Book Prize Forum

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Introduction

The International Commission for the History and Theory of Historiography (ICHTH) was established in Bucharest in 1980 with the aim of promoting international collaboration and scholarly engagement in the field of historiography. Since 2013, the Commission has awarded a biennial prize to recognise outstanding scholarly contributions to the history and theory of historiography. Now in its fifth edition, the prize is awarded in partnership with the International Network for Theory of History (INTH), and has been expanded to include two distinct categories: Best Book and Best First Book. These prizes honour both established scholars and emerging voices in the field, reflecting the breadth and dynamism of contemporary historiographical research.

The recipients of the 2024 awards are Jörg van Norden for *Verlust der Vergangenheit: Historische Erkenntnis und Materialität zwischen Wiedererkennen und Befremden* (Wochenschau Verlag, 2022), recognised as Best Book, and Mariana Imaz-Sheinbaum for *Historical Narratives: Constructable, Evaluable, Inevitable* (Routledge, 2024), awarded Best First Book. The Prize Committee, composed of Lisette Jacinto (Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla), Lize Kriel (University of Pretoria), Marek Tamm (Tallinn University), and Berber Bevernage (Ghent University), selected these two monographs for their originality, rigour, and contribution to ongoing debates in the history and theory of historiography.

This Book Forum in *Rethinking History* is dedicated to the two winning titles and is structured in two parts. Each part includes a presentation by the author, followed by critical reviews from three colleagues and a response by the laureate. The forum on Van Norden's work was edited by Lisa Regazzoni, while the forum on Imaz-Sheinbaum's book was edited by Marek Tamm.

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