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17:00

Sky Lounge, Oskar  
Morgenstern-Platz 1  
1090 Vienna

# Rising Voices – social scientists on stage

Celebration of the sowi:doc Awards 2023 and semester closing  
of the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences (ViDSS)

*Science Slam*



Vienna  
Doctoral  
Schools



*Award Ceremony*

*Pub Quiz*

# The sowi:doc Awards and the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences

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Each year, the Faculty of Social Sciences awards the **sowi:doc Awards** to selected doctoral graduates. The Award winners receive EUR 1,500 each for their outstanding research contributions in the framework of their doctoral thesis. The Award aims at motivating doctoral graduates to pursue a career in academia. An interdisciplinary expert committee, appointed by the head of the Faculty, is responsible for making the final award decision. With the establishment of the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences in 2020, the sowi:doc Awards that the Faculty has established in 2018 have been linked to the Doctoral School.

The **Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences (ViDSS)** promotes innovative, excellent, problem-oriented research that aspires to contribute to societal debates and address key global challenges. The cohorts trained and supported by the ViDSS are part of a vibrant research environment and international networks. The ViDSS encompasses and fosters connections between a broad range of disciplinary, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspectives. The ViDSS embraces the entire range of epistemological, methodological and theoretical approaches that are employed at the Faculty of Social Sciences. Doctoral candidates receive research training and write a doctoral thesis in the fields of communication, demography, development studies, nursing science, political science, science and technology studies, social and cultural anthropology, and sociology.

The ViDSS aims for the highest standards in doctoral training and close supervision to ensure a mastery of social scientific debates and relevant theories and methods. As a result, ViDSS graduates are highly employable both within and outside academia. With more than 290 student members, the ViDSS is currently one of the largest doctoral schools at the University of Vienna.

In addition to a range of activities and funding possibilities for students, the ViDSS organises onboarding workshops as well as networking and information events for supervisors.

## Programme

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17:00 [Welcome address](#)

**Manuela Baccarini**, Vice Rector for Research and International Affairs  
**Hajo Boomgaarden**, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences  
**Sophie Lecheler**, Speaker of the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences

17:15 [Science slam: Rising Voices – social scientists on stage](#)

**Paul Malschinger**, student in the doctoral programme in Social Sciences (sociology)  
**Olga Povoroznyuk**, graduate of the doctoral programme in Social Sciences (social and cultural anthropology), winner of the sowi:doc Award 2023  
**Etienne Schneider**, graduate of the doctoral programme in Social Sciences (political science), winner of the sowi:doc Award 2023  
**Marlis Stubenvoll**, graduate of the doctoral programme in Social Sciences (communication), winner of the sowi:doc Award 2023  
**Rasmus Kvaal Wardemann**, student in the doctoral programme in Social Sciences (science and technology studies)  
**Ekaterina Zhelenkova**, student in the doctoral programme in Social Sciences (demography)  
Moderator: **Georg Ludwig Bauer**, science educator

18:15 [Pub quiz](#)

Moderator: **Georg Ludwig Bauer**

18:45 [Award ceremony: sowi:doc Awards 2023](#)

Moderator: **Markus Wagner**, Vice Dean for Career Development and International Affairs, Faculty of Social Sciences

19:00 [Reception](#)

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Please register for the event via the website of the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences ([vds-sosci.univie.ac.at/rising-voices](https://vds-sosci.univie.ac.at/rising-voices)) no later than 2 June 2024.



# The Faculty

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The **Faculty of Social Sciences** was established as an independent organisational unit in 2004 and is one of the largest faculties of the University of Vienna. The Faculty is committed to the principle of combining research and teaching. Research activities cover a broad array of topics and include both basic and applied research. The Faculty is a place of tertiary and continuing education, giving students the opportunity to specialise in a wide range of disciplines and thematic areas. Students of the Faculty of Social Sciences study in bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes in the fields of political science, social and cultural anthropology, communication and sociology. In addition, the Faculty offers a master's programme in gender studies, as well as master's and doctoral programmes in the fields of nursing science, development studies, science and technology studies and demography.

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