

Mannheim Faculty of Social Sciences bids farewell to graduates

Prizes for young scientists awarded and best graduates of the class of 2022/2023 honored

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In an atmospheric ceremony, the graduates of the graduating class of 2022/23 of the Faculty of Social Sciences were bidden farewell and the best graduates were awarded prizes. The Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Dr. Michael Diehl, congratulated the young academics from nine degree programs in the three departments of Political Science, Psychology and Sociology on their successful graduation. Around 120 guests gathered in the auditorium of the University of Mannheim on Thursday, June 22, 2023, for the ceremonial awarding of certificates for the master's and doctoral students. On Friday, June 23, 2023, 400 guests again celebrated the graduation of the Bachelor's students in the Auditorium Maximum.

"We have all developed personally and professionally over the past few years and have grown with and through our challenges in our studies. Social crises that accompanied us during our studies have also shaped us. We leave the university with great appreciation for the opportunities we were given due to our privileged position without war, famine and existential fears" emphasized Selina Zajdler and Sophia Tewald, graduates of the master's program in psychology. The dean also picked up on the special circumstances of the studies in his laudation: "You can look back proudly on what you have achieved: You have mastered an extraordinarily demanding course of study, and you have done so during a special time of crisis. Your successful graduation is the reward for all these efforts." Accompanied by much applause, the ceremonies included the presentation of two young researchers' awards and recognition of the best graduates.

Research awards

Political scientist Emmy Lindstam was awarded the Lorenz von Stein Prize for her outstanding dissertation, "Excluded from the Nation? Hierarchies of Belonging and Political Aspirations among Marginalized Groups." The board of the Lorenz-von-Stein Society emphasized that the remarkable combination of experimental data collection in India and a convincing theoretical argumentation resulted in an excellent scientific work.

The prize of the Barbara Hopf Foundation for the Promotion of Business Education and Educational Science in the amount of 1000 € was awarded to the psychologist Marc Philipp Janson for his study "Fitting Feedback - An interindividual Perspective on Feedback Effects in Digital Learning Environments". Prof. Oliver Dickhäuser emphasized that the dissertation was distinguished, among other things, by the data collected and demonstrated how taking into account interindividual differences for users on e-learning platforms can have an impact on learning success.

Exam prizes

The Mannheim alumni network ABSOLVENTUM MANNHEIM e.V. honored the best graduates of the bachelor programs in political science, psychology and sociology. In political science, Antonia Brand, Leonhard Nuo Xu, Jan Herbers and Anna-Maria Pagani-Cesa were honored. In psychology, Hanna Müller, Ramona Pflugfelder and Elisabeth Limberg graduated most successfully. In the bachelor's program in sociology, Annick Breitenbach, Verena Weihberg, Nicole Maljas, Thomas Petrausch and Carlos Salas Escobar achieved the best results.

The festive program was musically accompanied by two students of the Mannheim University of Music with Medeea Teodora Iftimie on the piano and Andrija Sekulić on the flute. Following the official ceremony, everyone strengthened themselves at a champagne reception, and finally celebrated the successful studies with fellow students and friends at the evening graduation party.

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