

Neuchâtel, November 5, 2021

Dear Dr. Faten Khazaei,

It is with great pleasure that the Swiss Association for Gender Studies is awarding you the Brigitte-Schnegg Prize 2021, valued at 1'000.- CHF, for your PhD thesis completed at the University of Neuchâtel: ***“Manufacturing Difference: Double Standard in Swiss Institutional Responses to Intimate Partner Violence”***.

In memoriam of Brigitte-Schnegg, an outstanding scholar in gender studies, the purpose of this award is to honour distinguished academic work in the field of gender studies in Switzerland contributing to social and political change.

Your work convinced the jury members by the innovative research approach, the high scientific standard, its reflexivity and the high societal and political relevance. By presenting an empirical, multi-sited ethnographic case study on intimate partner violence – a topic of significant political relevance – this work adds important knowledge to a debate that often remains highly generalized. The jury emphasizes further that by including three different institutions that intervene in the treatment of IPV cases at different stages, this PhD thesis succeeds in showing the overarching structural logic of racialization of sexism. It also shows your impressive reflexivity and ethical concerns when you worked in and with the different Swiss institutions, where people are obviously unconscious about their bias. Given the enormous impact that this bias has on the work of the institutions, your research and results are of crucial relevance for them and their clients. This thesis could really be a game changer in the field of institutional treatment of IPV and therefore is a valuable contribution to societal and political change in Switzerland, as we demand for the Brigitte Schnegg Prize. The thesis also contributes to the body of literature that critically scrutinizes the role of migration in the production of differences and forms of exclusion. Finally, the jury would also like to emphasize the methodological innovations of this thesis, namely the ways in which reflexivity and positionality is dealt with in this innovative and excellent research.

We congratulate you for this remarkable work and wish you all the best for the continuation of your career.

Sincerely



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