



The Reid Prize

For the most significant contribution to understandings of Asia

Judging Guidelines

The President of the ASAA, in consultation with the ASAA Executive, will appoint at least three (3) judges, which will include at least one present or former ASAA Council Member. Consideration should be given, but not limited to, the following preferences:

- Gender balance and diversity
- Regional and disciplinary diversity
- Eminence within the field

For the first iteration of the prize, the ASAA Executive recommends the judges follow this process:

- 1) Each judge should use the selection criteria to rank each nomination
- 2) Each judge should circulate a short list of their top three nominations and a longer list of another three outstanding nominations (ie. six (6) in total)
- 3) The committee should then meet to review and determine the top three (3) shortlisted books and formulate citations for these. Note: there is no prize for books that are shortlisted, although they will receive a letter confirming they were shortlisted
- 4) The committee should then arrive at a final decision on the winner

The ASAA, in consultation with Tony and Helen Reid, reserves the right to modify the award conditions and process based on the response to the inaugural round, or to decide not to confer an award.

Judges are required to:

- adhere to the timeframe set out below;
- provide a suitable mailing address as the publishers will be required to send entries directly to the judges;
- declare any conflicts of interest;
- jointly decide on a shortlist of three (3) publications, including abstracts for each shortlisted publication;
- jointly select a winning author within the timeframe; and
- provide a statement regarding the winning publication.

Conflicts of interest

Judges must declare if they have, or could be perceived to have, a conflict of interest and this must be declared upon receiving the full list of nominations. For the purposes of this prize, a conflict of interest is defined as having a close working or personal relationship with the nominee. This may include a former supervisory relationship, joint publication or other forms of collaboration within the last five years. More broadly, a conflict should be declared if members of the academic community could have grounds to perceive you have a reason to be biased, or could personally gain from a decision.

In cases of conflict of interest and/or disagreement between the judges, the President of the ASAA may act as an arbitrator and/or appoint a nominee if particular expertise is required.