

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### VGH Award for Outstanding PhD Theses on Leibniz

The Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz-Gesellschaft offers for the second time a prize for outstanding PhD theses on Leibniz. The prize is donated by the VGH Insurance Company located in Lower Saxony (Germany) and will carry the company's name.

The target audience is junior researchers from all disciplines and from all over the world focusing on Leibniz, his work and thought. The award of the PhD degree should not be earlier than December 31 2015.

The first prize will be 2.000 Euros, second prize 1.500 Euros, and third prize 1.000 Euros. The jury reserves the right to award prizes differently. The decision is final.

The prize will be awarded at the 11th International Leibniz Congress (July 31 – August 4, 2023).

To apply please submit your CV, a copy of your doctoral certificate, a copy of your PhD thesis, a summary of its content in English, German or French, to the address mentioned below. Entry deadline is **December 31 2022**.

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#### Jury:

Profes. Dres. Wenchao Li (Vorsitz, Potsdam), Maria Rosa Antognazza (London), Herbert Breger (Hanover), Anne Eusterschulte (Berlin), Michaela Hohkamp (Hanover), Brandon Look (Lexington/Kentucky), Juan Nicolás (Grenada), Enrico Pasini (Turin), Arnaud Pelletier (Brussels), Concha Roldán (Madrid), Kiyoshi Sakai (Tokyo)

The **VGH** is a local German insurance provider and has been market leader in its operating area, the state of Lower Saxony, since 1750. Its public welfare-oriented history and corporate philosophy are closely linked to the work of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz. In fact, regarding his plans for a fire insurance the polymath didn't get through to his sovereign or the emperor in the years 1678-1680, but 34 years after his death the time had come: the postulate of spreading an individual's distress on many shoulders, based on solid insurance mathematics, found an influential advocate in Georg Ebell. As the abbot of Loccum, and chairman of the corporative self-government of the Principality of Calenberg, he founded the „Brand-Assecurations-Societaet“ in 1750 – the nucleus of today's VGH. Still the abbots of Loccum are the insurance company's highest representatives. It is because of this history that the insurance company engages in social activities as well as supports scientific and educational programs. Since 2016, the VGH Award for Outstanding PhD Theses on Leibniz is part of the company's engagement.

