

About ALLEA

ALLEA (All European Academies) is the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities. It was founded in 1994 and brings together almost 60 Academies of Sciences and Learned Societies from over 40 countries in the Council of Europe region. ALLEA is financed by annual dues from its member academies and remains fully independent from political, religious, commercial or ideological interests.

Member Academies operate as learned societies, think tanks, or research performing organisations. They are self-governing communities of leaders of scholarly enquiry across all fields of the natural sciences, the social sciences and the humanities. ALLEA therefore provides access to an unparalleled human resource of intellectual excellence, experience and expertise. Furthermore, its integrative membership structure comprises Academies from both EU and non-EU member states in Europe.

ALLEA seeks to contribute to improving the framework conditions under which science and scholarship can excel. Jointly with its Member Academies, ALLEA is in a position to address the full range of structural and policy issues facing Europe in science, research and innovation. In doing so, it is guided by a common understanding of Europe, bound together by historical, social and political factors as well as for scientific and economic reasons.

ALLEA Member Academies

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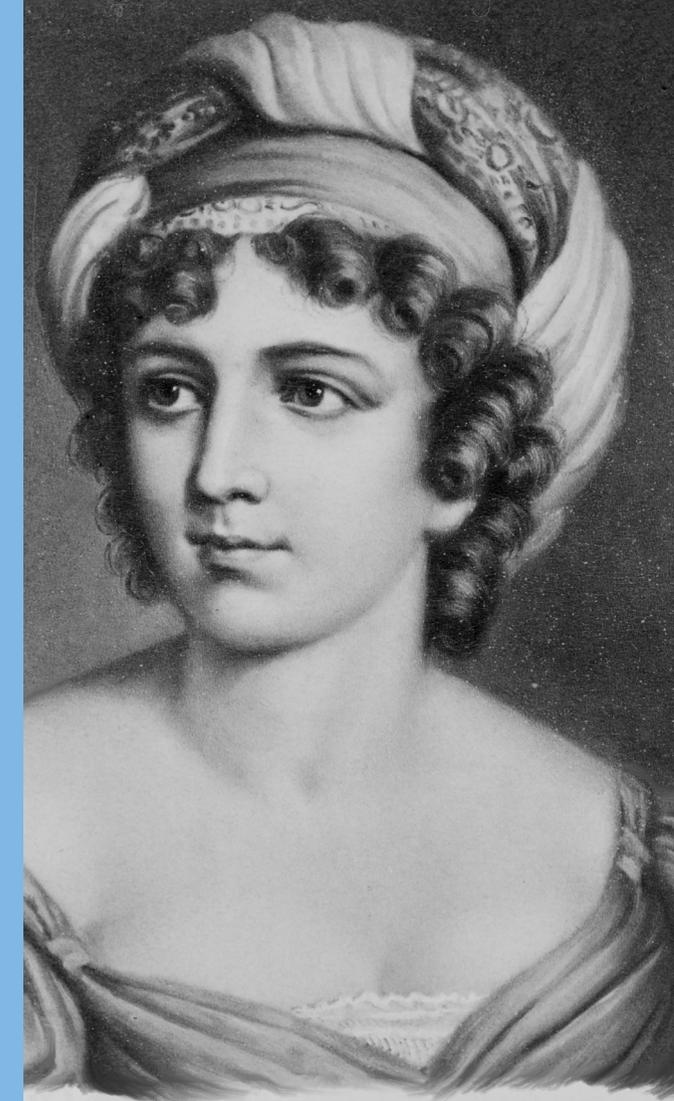
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Madame de Staël

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■ The All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values

The **All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values** is awarded to eminent scholars whose work represents a significant contribution to the cultural and intellectual values of Europe and to the idea of European integration, promoting and strengthening an understanding of Europe as multifaceted, intellectual, open and vibrant.

Europe is remarkable in that its definition and geographic boundaries have varied over the centuries, yet there has always been a prevailing sentiment of European culture as rooted in an inherent openness supported by a dynamic and vigorous intellectualism. In a time when the cultural diversity of Europe seems to be increasingly threatened by scepticism, extremism and instability, this prize serves to remind us of this deep-rooted and revered characteristic of Europe.

The ALLEA Prize also seeks to underline the importance of non-technological scholarly work and research for European advancement, and is one of the few dedicated to social sciences and humanities scholarship. The award ceremony takes place every year in the context of the ALLEA General Assembly, which brings together representatives of ALLEA Member Academies.



■ Criteria

Laureates are well known for their scholarly excellence in the fields of history, political science, social science, religion, law or any other field in the humanities. A laureate's work may also be of interdisciplinary nature and must represent a major contribution to the research on Europe in these respective areas.

At the same time, the laureate's work should also be of remarkable significance for the existing or emerging values of Europe seeking to tackle current and future challenges such as inequality, political instability, religious diversity, demographic change, or migration, and not least scepticism towards European integration and unity.

■ Nominations and Jury

Nominations are submitted by ALLEA Member Academies. On the basis of the proposals, a jury composed of eminent Member Academy representatives, including past laureates, selects and nominates the laureate after a careful evaluation of the nominees' merits.

The Jury seeks external peer assessment where applicable and is responsible for the selection of an appropriate laudator. All Jury members are renowned scientists and scholars in a broad range of fields relevant to the scope of the prize. The Jury is chaired by the ALLEA President.

■ Co-sponsorship

The ALLEA Prize is endowed with 20,000 euros, one of the largest amounts dedicated to honouring scholars in the social sciences and humanities in Europe. The prize is kindly co-sponsored by the Compagnia di San Paolo. The Compagnia di San Paolo, founded in 1563 as a charitable brotherhood, is today one of the largest private-law foundations in Europe. It pursues aims of public interest and social use, in order to foster the civil, cultural and economic development of the community in which it operates. The Compagnia is active in the sectors of Research and Health, Art, Cultural Heritage and Activities, Cultural Innovation, Social Policies, and Philanthropy.



“A sense of belonging to Europe, to a community of values, of culture and interests, is essential to forge this common destiny. Europe is indeed us, each of us. And each of us can make a difference in Europe and contribute to driving positive change. This is what ALLEA is doing through its wide range of activities”

José Manuel Barroso
President of the European Commission (2004-2014),
during the 2014 ALLEA Prize award ceremony

■ Madame de Staël

Madame de Staël (1766-1817), née Anne Louise Germaine Necker, created her own vibrant network of great European thinkers and championed the rise of the independent-minded female intellectual. Her salon promoted progressive and pragmatic political and intellectual discussions. Her critical and fictional works were highly influential in the era of European Romanticism. In 1814, the French memoir writer Madame de Chastenay summed up her life in a single epigramme. There were, she wrote, three great powers struggling against Napoleon for the soul of Europe: “England, Russia, and Madame de Staël.”

