The Hamburg-Amerikanische Packetfahrt-Actien-Gesellschaft (HAPAG) was founded almost 175 years ago, in 1847. To mark this occasion, Hapag-Lloyd will once again be bestowing two

Albert Ballin Awards for Globalization Research.

The two prizes, each with a purse of €5,000, were first established in 2018 and will henceforth be awarded every four years to up-and-coming young academics and researchers whose research broadens and deepens our understanding of the opportunities and risks of globalization in an exemplary manner.

By awarding these two prizes, we are promoting innovative and critical projects that use the social sciences, humanities and cultural studies to investigate the problems and processes of globalization, thereby laying the groundwork for responsible future action.

Hapag-Lloyd AG is one of the leading service providers in the global container transport sector. For 174 years, we have united continents, countries, people and cultures. Hapag-Lloyd has always ensured stable and safe traffic over the seven seas. In the 21st century, as never before, the exchange of people, information and goods requires cultural, social and political ties in addition to economic ones. As a globally oriented logistics and transport company, Hapag-Lloyd assumes responsibility for its own actions, such as by participating in initiatives and other activities aimed at making the world a better place.

By awarding the Albert Ballin Awards, Hapag-Lloyd is also commemorating the individual who played a decisive role in making the company great: The Hamburg native and former director-general of HAPAG, who always combined commercial vigour with social and political responsibility, is regarded as an engine of the first globalization around 1900.
Albert Ballin Research Awards

The prizes will be awarded to postgraduates for research work (dissertations) without any restrictions regarding academic discipline. Each of them comes with a €5,000 purse. The prizes will be awarded to the winners during a public presentation of their findings in Hamburg.

Applications will only be accepted for monographic doctoral dissertations that are unpublished or were published no more than a year before the submission deadline, and that have not already received awards from other sources.

The winners will be selected by an interdisciplinary jury.

Complete applications in digital form must include:

- a cover letter (email) with the applicant’s contact details: name, address, telephone number and email address
- the title and academic discipline of the research project
- a curriculum vitae in table form
- a list of publications
- a summary of the dissertation (no longer than 2 pages) and
- the evaluation report on the dissertation.
- Upon special request, a digital version of the dissertation must be submitted later.

The deadline for applications is 31 December 2021. Please submit them via email to:

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