

Fragner Award Regulation

(Formerly: Iran Book Award)

Introduction: Why the Award Is Named After Bert Fragner

This award has been renamed the Fragner Award in honor of Professor Bert Fragner, one of Austria's most distinguished and influential Iranologists. Throughout his career, Professor Fragner made exceptional and unparalleled contributions to the advancement of Iranian Studies in Austria. He notably founded the Institute of Iranian Studies at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, a landmark achievement that laid the institutional foundations for modern Iranian Studies in the German-speaking world.

The naming of this award recognizes his lifelong scholarly service, pioneering role in promoting Iranian culture, and lasting impact on generations of researchers.

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Article 1: Definition of the Award

The Fragner Award is granted to the author or translator of books written or translated into German in the last 20 years, primarily in Austria and, secondarily, in other German-speaking countries, in the following fields:

- Islamic Philosophy and Wisdom
- Comparative Religion and Philosophy
- Islamic-Iranian Culture
- Iranian Art and Literature
- Persian Language
- Iranian History
- Iranian Studies
- Iranian Tourism and Heritage

- The Islamic Revolution of Iran

Note: The time frame for each period may vary at the discretion of the Head of the Secretariat.

Article 2: Objectives of the Award

1. Encouragement and Recognition: To encourage and recognize researchers, authors, and translators of books written in German about Iran.
2. Promotion of Research and Publication: To support the expansion of research, authorship, translation, and publication of books about Iran in Austria and other German-speaking countries.
3. Introducing Outstanding Books: To introduce the best books about Iran in German to those interested in studying Iran, including both specialists and the general public.

Article 3: Award Frequency

The Fragner Award is held every two years.

Article 4: Award Management Structure

1. Head of the Secretariat: Cultural Attaché of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Austria.
2. Secretary of Each Award Cycle: Appointed by the Head of the Secretariat.
3. Jury: Composed of 7 to 9 members, appointed by the Head of the Secretariat, consisting of scholars and experts.

Article 5: Conditions for Book Acceptance by the Secretariat

1. The book must be standard and have an ISBN. (Booklets, brochures, unpublished dissertations or theses will not be accepted.)

2. The book must be published within the designated time frame.
3. The book must be printed in Austria or another German-speaking country (e.g., Germany, Switzerland, etc.).
4. The book should address one of the significant and relevant needs of German-speaking audiences, particularly Austrian readers.
5. The content of the book must not conflict with ethical principles or individual and public rights.

Article 6: Award Announcement

The Secretariat of the Fragner Award will announce each cycle through:

- News publications on websites related to the Cultural Attaché of Iran in Austria.
- Email notifications to authors, translators, and active publishers.
- Posters and banners displayed in academic and cultural venues.

Article 7: Submission Process for Jury Evaluation

1. Submission by the author, translator, or publisher.
2. Nomination by one of the known professors or cultural activists.
3. Selection by the award's advisory committee.

Article 8: The Jury

1. Composition: The Fragner Award jury consists of 7 to 9 professors and experts in the relevant fields. They are selected by the Head of the Secretariat.
2. Duties:
 - Final review and evaluation of books that meet the initial conditions outlined in Article

5.

- Approval of the final statement of the jury regarding the selected books.

Article 9: Criteria for Book Evaluation by the Jury

A. Original Works:

1. Originality of the text (no plagiarism).
2. Maximum alignment with the needs and conditions of the target audience.
3. The book's ability to answer its main question or issue.
4. Adequate and credible references and sources.
5. Coherence, clarity, and fluency of the text.

B. Translations:

1. Authenticity of the translation.
2. The content of the book must be substantial and closely align with the needs and conditions of the target audience.
3. Deep understanding and effective transmission of the content by the translator.
4. Fluency and clarity of the translation.
5. The translation should closely match the language and literary style of the target audience.

Article 10: Number and Type of Awards

1. The Fragner Award is given to three books in the following categories: first, second, and third, based on the highest scores.

2. Awards:

- First Award: A trophy, 2000 Euros, and a trip to Iran.
- Second Award: A trophy and 2000 Euros.
- Third Award: A trophy and 1500 Euros.

Article 11: Award Ceremony

The awards are presented at an independent ceremony, possibly alongside another related event, in Vienna, with the attendance of Iranian and Austrian intellectuals. The jury's statement will also be read during the ceremony, and the awards will be given to the selected authors and translators.