



„Riwaq Prize for Research and Culture“ CALL FOR ENTRIES 2026 (Humanities)

The Divan – Arab Cultural Centre (Berlin) and the Orient-Institut Beirut (OIB) invite publishers and established scholars to nominate outstanding recent monographs in Arabic studies, Islamic studies, and related Middle Eastern studies for the first round of the Riwaq Prize.

About the Prize

The „Riwaq Prize for Research and Culture“ is awarded every two years and alternates between the humanities and social sciences. It honors monographs with a focus on Arab cultures and societies that contribute to the advancement of their discipline through original research. Particular focus is given to works that present innovative research approaches and critical perspectives in an accessible style. Anthologies, critical editions, translations, new editions, or textbooks are excluded from the award. The prize is endowed with a total of €3,000 and is divided into three categories: monographs in Arabic, English, and German. Each prize winner receives €1,000. The winner in each category is selected by a jury of renowned scholars.

Focus 2026: Humanities

In 2026, the focus will be on the humanities. Nominations are open to monographs in the fields of philosophy, history and cultural studies, art and architecture, literature, linguistics, and translation studies published in their original language between January 1, 2022, and January 31, 2026.

Procedure and Deadlines

Established scholars may nominate one monograph per call for entries, while publishing houses may nominate up to two titles. Authors may not submit their own applications.

The publishing houses of the nominated monographs are requested to send **two printed copies of the monograph** to the Divan in Berlin. In addition, **a digital version of the monograph** must be submitted via the Riwaq-Website, together with **the nomination form containing information about the author and the work, a short biography (max. 200 words), and an academic appraisal of the work (max. 1,000 words)**. Please note the information on formal aspects when uploading your nomination.

Shipping address for German- and English-language monographs:

- Der Divan – Das Arabische Kulturhaus, Schützallee 27, 14169 Berlin, Germany

Shipping address for Arabic-language monographs:

- Der Divan – Das Arabische Kulturhaus (see above) OR
- Orient-Institut Beirut, Rue Hussein Beyhoum 44, Zokak el-Blat, P.O. Box 29-112988, Beirut, Lebanon

The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2026.

For further information, please visit the Riwaq website:

www.riwaqbookprize.com/en

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