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### „Fritz Steppat Prize 2022“

#### Young researchers' award by the Association for the Advancement of the ZMO e.V.

The Association for the Advancement of the ZMO e.V., founded in 2007, invites proposals for the fifth Fritz Steppat Prize for the year 2022, to mark two outstanding scientific texts by young academic researchers. Fritz Steppat (1923-2006) was a leading scholar of interdisciplinary and applied research on the Modern Orient in the Federal Republic of Germany. From 1992 to 1993, he was the first provisional director of the Research Focus for Modern Oriental Studies, the precursor institution of today's Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO). In 1998, in the framework of the Fritz and Gertraud Steppat Donation, the ZMO received Fritz Steppat's private research library.

The prize is being awarded every second year and carries a prize money of 500 Euro in each category. Eligible for the prize will be final theses accepted for either a MA or a doctoral degree in the disciplines and regions represented at the ZMO that have been supervised by members of the Association for the Advancement of the ZMO, by ZMO-Alumni, or by researchers currently working at ZMO. They can submit proposals with a brief explanatory statement (max. one page) by **30 April, 2021**. The proposed texts (published or unpublished) should have been accepted submitted for a degree not more than two years ago. They should be the result of archival or field-based research and should make an original contribution to a scientific debate at an empirical and/or theoretical level. The Association offers the publication of the awarded MA thesis in the ZMO Working Paper series (online) and the awarded PhD dissertation in its reworked form in ZMO Studien (Walter de Gruyter).

The Association for the Advancement of the ZMO will nominate a selection committee consisting of three members of the society, including at least one member of the executive board. The selection of the prize winners (PhD and MA theses are considered separately) will take place during the second half of the year. The decision of the committee is final. Each of the prize winners will present the results of his or her work in a public lecture at the ZMO in 2022. The press and public will be informed about the prize, the winners, and their work.

The Managing Board, Association for the Advancement of the ZMO e.V.

Prof. Achim von Oppen (Chair)