



International Balzan Foundation

Balzan Prizes 2025 to be announced on 8 September in Milan

The event will be live-streamed on www.balzan.org.

Milan, 2 September 2025 - The Prizewinners of the four Balzan Prizes 2025 for

- **Classics: Athenian Democracy Revisited**
- **History of Contemporary Art**
- **Atoms and Ultra-Precise Measurement of Time**
- **Gene and Gene-Modified Cell Therapy**

will be officially announced in **Milan** on **8 September 2025**, Monday, at the Fondazione Corriere della Sera at 6:00 pm (CEST/UTC+2).

After an opening speech by the President of the Balzan Foundation “Prize”, **Maria Cristina Messa**, the Chair of the General Prize Committee, **Marta Cartabia**, will announce the winners and read the citations, while the four Prizewinners will be presented by other members of the Committee.

The announcement of the winners will be followed by a *lectio magistralis* entitled “Glaciers, Climate and Landscape” by **Johannes (Hans) Oerlemans**, 2022 Balzan Prize for Glaciation and Ice Sheet Dynamics.

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The four Balzan Prizes, two per category (Literature, Moral Sciences, and the Arts; and the Physical, Mathematical and Natural Sciences and Medicine), are awarded to scholars, artists, and scientists who are distinguished in their fields on an international level. **The amount of each of the four Balzan Prizes will be 750,000 Swiss Francs (approx. 800,000 Euro, 930,000 USD, 690,000 GBP).** Half of the amount must be allocated for research work involving young scholars and researchers.

Traditionally the winners of the Balzan Prizes are announced in Milan in the first half of September while the awards ceremony takes place in November, alternating between Italy and Switzerland, in the presence of the highest representatives of the Italian and Swiss governments. This year the awards ceremony for the 2025 Balzan Prizes will be held in Bern on 14 November in the presence of the President of the National Council of the Swiss Confederation, Maja Riniker.

The International Balzan Foundation was established in 1957 to support culture, science, and the most meritorious humanitarian initiatives promoting peace and fraternity among peoples. At the request of the Foundation, nominations are submitted by academic and cultural institutions around the world. The winners of the Balzan Prizes allocate half of the prize money to research projects carried out by young scientists and scholars. The Balzan International Foundation operates through two institutional offices, one in Milan and one in Zurich. The Balzan ‘Prize’ Foundation in Milan, through its General Prize Committee composed of internationally renowned members from all over Europe, chooses the subjects for the awards and selects the candidates. The Balzan ‘Fund’ Foundation, based in Zurich, administers the estate left by Eugenio Balzan.

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