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Gert-Sommer-Prize for Peace Psychology 2027

The German Peace Psychology Association (Forum Friedenspsychologie e.V.) awards the **20th Gert Sommer Prize for Peace Psychology** in 2027. With this prize – endowed with €500 – we honour outstanding academic work that makes an innovative contribution to the further development of peace psychology.

Theses and qualifying research papers at all academic levels – **bachelor's, master's, doctoral and postdoctoral qualification** – may be submitted, provided they were written in German or English and are **not older than two years.** Research from different qualification levels will be evaluated separately.

Thematic focus:

We are looking for theoretical or empirical works that address central topics in peace psychology, for example:

- Psychological dimensions of preventing or reducing direct and structural violence
- Nonviolent and constructive conflict resolution
- Approaches to fostering human rights and social justice

Papers from other disciplines are welcome, provided that their relevance to peace psychology is clearly explained in the accompanying motivation letter.

Submission and required documents:

The submission should be sent by **email as a single PDF file** to the Board of the German Peace Psychology Association.

Email address: friedenspsychologieffp@gmail.com

Please include the following documents:

- A letter of motivation outlining the relevance of the work to peace psychology
- The author's curriculum vitae

Expectations for award recipients:

Recipients are expected to agree to the following:

- Present your work at the **annual conference of the German Peace Psychology Association** (there might be the possibility to cover travel expenses)
- Agree to the publication of your **conference presentation** as a video on our website
- Participate as a **member of the jury** in the following year

Please explicitly confirm your willingness to fulfil these commitments in your application.

Membership in the German Peace Psychology Association:

Being a member of the German Peace Psychology Association is a prerequisite for applying. Membership can also be obtained at the time of submission. You can find further information at www.friedenspsychologie.de

Deadline: 31.12.2026

We look forward to receiving submissions from committed young researchers and practitioners who wish to contribute to peace, justice, and social change through their work!

The award is named after Gert Sommer, co-founder and honorary chairperson of the German Peace Psychology Association.
You can find information on previous award recipients here.