

## **Humanitarian Communication Thesis Prize 2023** **With the Launch of a Communication Guide & Inclusive Language Glossary**

AMSTERDAM – On Thursday, December 7, 2023, the Humanitarian Communication Thesis Prize 2023 will take place in UvA's Humanities Labs in Amsterdam. It is the fourth time that the Expertise Centre Humanitarian Communication (HuCom) awards this prize for the best master's thesis on humanitarian communication and the representation of international cooperation and humanitarian aid. The event will be held from 15:00-17:00 hrs in UvA's Humanities Labs in Bushuis and include the launch of a new Humanitarian Communication Guide and Inclusive Language Glossary.

With the Humanitarian Thesis Prize, the Expertise Centre Humanitarian Communication aims to biennially recognize research in the specialized field of humanitarian communication. For this fourth edition, the centre again received many theses that were submitted to a Dutch or Belgian university in the past year and graded with a 7.5 or higher. After assessing all the entries, the jury – consisting of Rodrigo Mena Fluhmann (Disasters and Humanitarian Studies, ISS, HuCom board member), Clara Egger (Global Governance Studies, EUR), Floris Paalman (Media Studies, UvA), and Femke van Heun (WOMEN Inc, winner HuCom Thesis Prize 2021) – arrived to the following six nominees (in alphabetical order):

1. Gabriela Anderson (Development Studies, ISS, Erasmus University Rotterdam);
2. Hannah Bailon (Societal Resilience, Free University Amsterdam);
3. Ditte Blankert (Development Studies, University of Amsterdam);
4. Ashleigh Dunstan (International Relations, Utrecht University);
5. Adrian Jonathan Pasaribu (Film Studies, University of Amsterdam);
6. Emma van der Westen (Film Studies, University of Amsterdam).

During the awards event, the nominated students will present their thesis in Pecha Kucha style (i.e. 20 slides to be shown for 20 seconds each). In addition to the honor, the winner will receive a cash prize of €500. The best presentation will also be rewarded by the jury.

The awards event will start with the launch of a new Humanitarian Communication Guide. This guide, developed by HuCom in collaboration with Partos and the Community of Practice on Inclusive Communication, includes Guiding Principles, an Inclusive Language Glossary (in both Dutch and English), and three Future Briefs reflecting on the history, representation and production of humanitarian communication. The guide will be freely available on the websites of both HuCom and Partos from the launch onwards. After the launch, it is time for the nominated students to present their research and for the jury to announce the winner, and following the ceremony there will be drinks and bites for all participants and attendees.

The Humanitarian Communication Thesis Prize 2023, which is supported by Partos, ASCA and BuzzHouse, is free of charge and open for all to attend. Those interested to attend the event are invited to register at <https://bit.ly/hucom-guide-launch-and-thesis-prize>.

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