



ACADEMIA SINICA
THE TANG PRIZE SELECTION COMMITTEE
FOR RULE OF LAW

Marco Antonio Zago
President
University of Sao Paulo

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May 1, 2015

Dear President Marco Antonio Zago,

On behalf of the Tang Prize Selection Committee, we are pleased to officially open nominations for

The 2016 Tang Prize in Rule of Law.

It is our honor to invite you to nominate individual(s) or institution(s) you deem most deserving of this Prize, according to the following criteria: *The Tang Prize in Rule of Law recognizes individual(s) or institution(s) who have made significant contributions to the rule of law, not only in terms of the advancement of legal theory or practice, but also in the realization of the rule of law in contemporary societies through the influences or inspiration of the work of the candidate(s).* This Prize will grant a cash award of NT\$40 million (around US\$1.36 million), plus a NT\$10 million grant (around US\$341,000) for further endeavors. Up to three laureates can share this award.

The Tang Prize was founded in 2012 with a simple mission: to biennially recognize and support groundbreaking research and developments of significance to humanity, in four major categories: *Sustainable Development, Biopharmaceutical Science, Sinology, and Rule of Law.* We invite you to learn more in the attached brochure or at www.tang-prize.org.

Partnering with the Tang Prize Foundation, Academia Sinica will administer the selection of Tang Prize laureates. The Selection Committee for the Rule of Law consists of world-leading experts and will select for the Prize purely on meritorious grounds and function with complete independence.

We request that you treat your nomination as **highly confidential**, and to refrain from making known your nomination, even to the nominee. **Nomination forms and supporting documents** are to be sent to the Committee via registered air(mail) or DHL in the return envelope provided and postmarked or shipped by **September 30, 2015**. If you choose to use DHL, we have also included a prepaid DHL envelope for your convenience. For confidentiality reasons, please do not use fax, email or phone to submit nominations. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch at rol@tang-prize.org.

With our sincerest appreciation and respect,

Dr. Chi-Huey Wong

President, Academia Sinica
Taipei, Taiwan

Dr. Yuan Tseh Lee

Chair, Tang Prize Selection Committee
Taipei, Taiwan

Nomination for the Award of the 2016 Tang Prize in Rule of Law

Purposes of the Tang Prize in Rule of Law

All individuals are born equal, and everyone, including states and international organizations, is accountable to the law. For the purpose of the Tang Prize, the Rule of Law encompasses due process and substantive justice, and champions peace, human rights, and sustainable development in order to serve the common good of humankind and nature.

Nominee	Name of Individual (Last name, first name) or of Institution:	
	Institution affiliation and title:	
	Mailing address:	
Nominator	Name (Last name, first name):	Institution and title of nominator:
	Signature:	
	Mailing address:	
	E-mail address:	Date:

Please address the following four aspects as fully as possible, on separate sheets or use the electronic form (see below for download link):

- A) Please provide background information of the nominee(s), including but not limited to those relating to academic and professional profile, major recognition received, and additional means to acquire further information deemed appropriate.
- B) Please describe the contribution made by the nominee(s) to the realization of the rule of law in contemporary societies, especially in terms of major and enduring breakthroughs brought about by legal research and/or by legal practice.
- C) In your opinion, what distinguished the contribution of the nominee(s) that makes its recognition by the Tang Prize in Rule of Law particularly appropriate?
- D) Please make a list of materials that are sent in support of the nomination, including but not limited to
 - a. scholarly works done by the nominee(s);
 - b. judgments, judicial opinions, documents in legal representation, or other relevant judicial documents rendered by the nominee(s);
 - c. materials that demonstrate tangible progress in the rule of law brought about by initiating or putting into practice a paradigm, mechanism, regime or institution;
 - d. necessary background information of the jurisdictions concerned.

(Reminder: We respectfully request that, in the materials submitted to the Tang Prize Selection Committee, the nominator shall refrain from infringing the copyrights or other intellectual property rights of a third party, or violating any person's right of privacy or publicity. The supporting materials sent will be placed in the archive of the Tang Prize and not be returned.)

Notice in Processing the Nomination Form

The nomination must be made in English. Supporting materials in the original language must be accompanied by abstracts in English. This form is the only means by which a nomination may be made, exclusively by the invited nominator, in the individual or institutional capacity. An electronic file of the nomination form is downloadable from <http://download.tang-prize.org/law>. Depending on the substance, in one nomination up to three candidates may be jointly nominated to share the award. Nomination must be received no later than **September 30, 2015** (postmarked date) to be considered. Please return the completed form, together with one copy of each item on the list of supporting materials (see above D) -- preferably in electronic form contained in a CD-Rom or a flash memory --, by mail to the following address:
The Tang Prize Selection Committee for the Rule of Law, 128 Academia Road Section 2, Nankang, Taipei 115, Taiwan