



**The Boris Mints Institute  
for Strategic Policy Solutions to Global Challenges**  
The Gershon H. Gordon Faculty of Social Sciences  
Tel Aviv University

## **The 2020 BMI Prize**

### **Vision**

The world is thirsty for innovative, groundbreaking policy solutions to promote environmental sustainability, ensure food security, health and energy to all, and eradicate poverty, inequality and international conflict. The Boris Mints Institute was founded with the intention to encourage research, planning and innovative thinking to promote significant positive change in the world. BMI is focusing on finding strategic feasible solutions and innovative projects to enhance the welfare of communities around the globe.

Starting 2017, BMI awards a \$100,000 prize to an exceptional researcher who has devoted his/her research and academic life to the solution of a strategic global challenge and whose research public action and ideas had transformative impacts on global policy formation as well as a proven contribution to the welfare of a significant number of communities worldwide. The previous prize laureates were Professor Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University, Professor Michael Kremer of Harvard University, respectively (who won the Nobel Prize in 2019) and Dr. Peter Gleick of the Pacific Institute in California.

### **The 2020 BMI Prize will be awarded to:**

An outstanding researcher **in the field of Poverty and Inequality.**

The BMI Prize is granted according to merit, without discrimination based on gender, race, religion, nationality, or political affiliation.

The prize will be transferred to a research institute or body according to the Prize winner's choice. The winner will commit to contribute 20% of the prize for scholarships to research students, who will be selected by the winner.

### **Entries must meet the following criteria:**

- Winning the BMI Prize requires a substantial body of academic work of a considerable volume.
- The nominee's academic and applied contribution must fit within the aforementioned topic. The nominee's work both demonstrates a clear perception of the 'big-picture' and focuses on practical and applicable solutions to the challenge.
- The nominee's work transcended the academic world to the sphere of public action.
- The academic and public efforts had a transformative impact on global policy.



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### **The Evaluation Process:**

Nominations to the prize will be evaluated through an independent review process by a panel of renowned international experts and policy makers. The Recommendation of the evaluation committee will be submitted to the approval of Dr. Mints by Professor Itamar Rabinovitch, Former Ambassador of Israel to the U.S., President Emeritus of Tel Aviv University, and Senior Member of the International Advisory Board of BMI, and Professor Itai Sened, Head of BMI.

### **Timeline:**

- Submission of proposals – **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**
- End of evaluation and judgment – **April 2020**
- The Prize ceremony will take place at TAU, as a part of the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of TAU on **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.

### **Nomination Guidelines:**

- Nominations can be submitted by themselves or by a third party. In the latter case, BMI will inform the nominee of the nomination.
- Nominations may be submitted in accordance with the Prize instructions, as detailed on the nomination form (attached).
- The BMI Prize is non transferable.
- The Prize winner is required to participate in the award ceremony and related events.
- The requested information must be entered in **English only**.

**For submission and inquiries, please contact [bminstitute@tauex.tau.ac.il](mailto:bminstitute@tauex.tau.ac.il)**

**The deadline for receipt of nominations is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

### **Joint Nominations**

For joint nominations, **please submit two or more individual Nomination Forms**, one for each nominee, in the following manner:

- On the Nomination Form, in the section entitled **Details of Nominee**, Last name field, please enter the words **Joint Nomination**, followed by the last name of the nominee.
- In the **Summary of the Nominee's Achievements** field, please mention that this is a joint nomination, followed by the first and last names of all the nominees.
- In this manner, we will receive the dossiers of each nominee individually but they will be categorized as a joint nomination.

**Confirmation of successful submission will be provided via email**