

## Retail Operations Doctoral Dissertation Prize

The Retail Operations Doctoral Dissertation Prize (RO DDP) is issued by the EURO Working Group on Retail Operations (EWG RO) and is awarded at each annual conference. The purpose of the prize is to distinguish an outstanding PhD thesis in retail operations. The first award will be awarded at the 2024 conference.

### Eligibility of applications

The RO DDP 2024 jury will only consider PhD theses related to Retail Operations defended between *January 1, 2023*, and *December 31, 2023*. Nominations are NOT restricted to members of societies that belong to EURO.

The winner commits to present the dissertation (or one paper of the dissertation) at the next annual meeting of the EWG RO.

To be considered, a **dissertation should be nominated by the supervisor** of the thesis (one of them in case of multiple supervisors). Each supervisor can only nominate one dissertation. The supervisor of the dissertation is asked to provide the jury with the following information:

1. The text of the dissertation, whereas the dissertation needs to be in English;
2. An extended abstract (up to 3 pages) of the dissertation;
3. Nomination letters from two referees selected by the dissertation supervisor, supporting the submission and stating their assessment of why the thesis should win the award; A supervisor cannot server as referee. The nomination letters should not be longer than 3 pages.
4. An up-to-date CV of the candidate, including a list of publications.

*No nomination will be considered without these items.*

All information should be sent in electronic form to the chairman of the jury using a compressed format (e.g. zip).

Since many PhD theses are defended each year, the jury would like to remind supervisors that only outstanding pieces of work have a reasonable chance of winning the award.

## **Jury**

Jury members may be reappointed, but shall not serve more than two successive times on the jury. The jury of 2024 is:

1. Robert Rooderkerk
2. Laura Wagner
3. Sandra Transchel

## **Selection process**

The members of the jury will study each application in detail. The jury evaluates the applications taking the following points into account:

- Originality and novelty of the subject,
- Pertinence of the subject for Retail Operations;
- Depth and breadth of the results,
- Contributions of the dissertation to the theory and practice of quantitative methods applied to Retail Operations,
- Applications and/or potential applicability of the results,
- Impact on related fields,
- Quality of the related publications.

The jury may decide not to assign the prize if no thesis reaches an adequate level of quality.

If nominations are received of candidates where the jury member may have a conflict of interest, the jury may request the EWG coordinators to replace the jury member involved. A conflict of interest includes a direct student/advisor relationship, or a direct colleague in the same department or co-authorship with the candidate.

## **Award**

The prize consists of a certificate and includes a free participation at the annual EWG meeting.

## **Deadlines**

The deadline for submitting applications is **March 31, 2024**

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