

Sekhar Bandyopadhyay Prize 2025

For this inaugural year, the two judges, Emeritus Professor Sekhar Bandyopadhyay and Professor Malcolm Campbell have awarded the prize to:

Amanda McVitty for her article 'Homosociality, Sexual Misconduct and Gendered Violence in England's Pre-Modern Legal Profession', *Past & Present*, Volume 261, Issue 1, November 2023, pp.86–117.

Examining medieval legal practice, Amanda McVitty's article argues that the law profession's record of gender exclusion, poor behaviour and sexual exploitation has long historical roots. The judges were very impressed by the clarity of the argument, the depth of primary source research and exemplary quality of the scholarship evident in this article.