

4th edition

2018 Human Rights Photography Prize (In)equality The Future of Gender

Today, gender equality remains an unachieved social standard. Cultural understandings and social interpretations of sex and gender, as well as the rights that those traits imply, divide societies. Across the globe, people's rights are regularly violated because of their gender identity or their sexual orientation. However, throughout time women and minorities have strived for their voices to be heard, and their efforts and sacrifices have changed our world as we know it. The increased visibility of minorities on the Internet, such as the transgender or intersex communities, has deeply questioned society's perception of gender. The coming forward of Hollywood actresses on the overarching presence and normalisation of sexual harassment in the work field has put to the forefront a subject often ignored in the past. Uproar against female genital mutilation in Africa, which pushed 19 countries to take legal action and forbid the practice, is evidence of the increasingly stronger voice of African feminism. The list of such movements and social changes across the world becomes greater every day. This evolution makes it possible for us to go beyond the protesting and critiquing of an unequal system and seek solutions for our future.

What does an equal society consist of and is it a utopian vision? Where do the boundaries between equality and inequality lie? The definition we attribute to gender equality is decisive for the future of human rights and our freedom of choice. Therefore, the theme encourages us to explore the significance of gender today and its ability to rise above its past.

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2018 Jury

A photographer
A representative of an institute of contemporary art
A representative of an academic institution
A representative of Christie's
A representative of Human Rights Watch

Deadlines

14 October: Deadline for submission

End October: Jury deliberations

1 November: Announcement of the five finalists

6 December: Award ceremony and opening
of the collective exhibition

15 December: End of the exhibition

Information

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Winner and Finalists

The jury deliberates in two rounds. At the end of the first round, it selects five projects. In the second round, it will select the winner who may choose of the two following options as a prize:

He or she will be awarded a grant equal to CHF 10,000 (ten thousand Swiss francs) to be devoted exclusively to the preparation of an exhibit (materials and production) designed entirely as a continuation of the photographs for which the 2018 Prize was awarded. The choice of the place and dates of that exhibit will be up to AYF.

He or she may also elect to receive CHF 5,000 (five thousand Swiss francs) in cash to use as he or she wishes.

The four remaining finalists will each receive CHF 500 (five hundred Swiss francs) in cash to use as they wish.

The works of the winner and the four finalists will be exhibited at the Art Bärtschi & Cie gallery in Geneva from 6 to 15 December.