

## Symposium 2012

### Sixth Intergenerational Justice Award Ceremony in Stuttgart

For the sixth time, the FRFG awarded the Intergenerational Justice Prize funded by the Apfelbaum Foundation and endowed with €10,000.

On Saturday, 3 November, the FRFG hosted the award ceremony for the Intergenerational Justice Prize 2011/12 in Stuttgart. The topic of the Symposium was "The debt brake - Evaluation in the national and international context". After greetings from the host and the GLS Bank branch manager, Wilfried Münch, and the speaker of the FRFG, Wolfgang Gründinger, Mrs. Dr. Gisela Meister-Scheufelen held the eulogy for the winners. As a member of the jury she was familiar with the works of the winners and praised them as outstanding and innovative contributions to a current and important issue. Thereafter the winners presented their works to the participants of the symposium in graphic presentations.

After the award ceremony followed two workshops which again took up the theses of the winning works. The Workshops were moderated by Dr. Ed Turner and Dr. Gisela Meister-Scheufelen. In the workshops, the participants were able to express their view of the symposium on the subject of debt brake and to discuss the main theses of the winning works. The workshops were characterized by lively discussions.

The first award went to Heiko Burret for his work "Die deutsche Schuldenbremse als Panazee? – Eine Analyse im historischen Kontext".

The second award went to Lea Grohmann für her essay "Generationengerechte Finanzpolitik im Bundesstaat – ohne Aussicht auf Erfolg? Zur Effektivität der sogenannten "Schuldenbremse" in den Bundesländern".

For a detailed documentation and the symposium agenda in German, please [click here](#).

### Symposium in Berlin for the Third Demography Prize

Theme: "A Power Shift between Generations"

On the 16th January 2012, the Symposium for the award of the 3rd Demography Prize, endowed with a financial reward of &euro;10,000, took place in Berlin. The theme of the Prize and the Symposium itself was devoted to a possible &ldquo;Power shift between generations&rdquo; in reference to the ageing majority in society and the consequences thereof.

The political, societal and economic strategies which can be adopted to cope with the fact of ageing societies were discussed in small groups as well as by experts during a podium discussion. Over 70 participants from positions in economy and politics as well as a surprisingly large number of the general public attended.

The theses and proposals of the prize winners were the basis for controversial and interesting discussions in small groups discussing specific aspects of the theme and during the podium discussion. Additionally, existing reform proposals from the Foundation for the Rights of Future Generations, such as &ldquo;Franchise without Age Limits&rdquo;, were discussed and debated in the light of the most up-to-date research as well as the various perspectives of the participants. The Symposium was made possible through the support of the Robert-Bosch- Stiftung.