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The American Geographical Society Awards 2022 Council Fellowship to Ms. Elise Sperandio

Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) awards Ms. Elise Sperandio of the University of Arizona the 2022 AGS Council Fellowship.

[New York City, NY] – [March 28, 2022] — The American Geographical Society (AGS) announced the recipients of the 2022 AGS Council Fellowships to support master’s and doctoral research. Ms. Elise Sperandio, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Arizona, is one of four recipients of the 2022 Fellowship. Established in 2013, graduate students from universities around the world are eligible to apply for the $1,500.00 award. AGS will recognize the Fellowship recipients during its annual Fall Symposium, being held the week of November 14-18, 2022.

Ms. Sperandio will use the fellowship award to fund her research, *Contested Geographies of ‘Welcome’: A Comparative Analysis of Refugee Integration*. Upon receiving the scholarship, Ms. Sperandio noted, “I am grateful to the AGS for their support. The project examines how Bologna and Torino differ in their implementation of the Italian model of accoglienza diffusa (diffused reception), which is aimed at providing housing and integration services to refugees, and designed to be adaptable to local resources and needs. My research looks to how program practitioners, refugees, and city residents contribute to shaping local approaches to diffused reception and to complicating institutional visions of integration.”

“Members of the American Geographical Society Council believe that supporting researchers who address contemporary issues is fundamental. To ensure the health of the discipline, we must support young scholars” said Dr. Marie Price, Chair of the Selection Committee and President of AGS. “We are delighted to fund four promising young scholars in their field investigations through the AGS Council Fellowships and we look forward to reading about their discoveries,” added Dr. Price.

The American Geographical Society is a 21st-century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most importantly with teachers and students. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States. It is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education for 170 years. The mission of AGS is to convene a diverse global community of innovators, thinkers, and practitioners; create and curate geographical knowledge, learning and exploration; and advance geographic science and technologies to address society’s challenges and opportunities. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.

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