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## The Winner of the Gunnar Hedlund Award 2010/2011 has been announced

In 1997 the Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) and the European International Business Academy (EIBA) decided to launch an international award for the best PhD thesis in the field of International Business – the Gunnar Hedlund Award. A substantial prize was set up, today amounting to €10,000.

The Chairman of the jury, Professor Örjan Sölvell, remarks: "The idea behind the award is that it should act as a vehicle to stimulate PhD candidates around the world in the field of International Business, and also commemorate Professor Gunnar Hedlund's important work in the field".

For the 2010/2011 Award, 17 PhD theses were submitted. Three finalists were chosen in a blind selection round, and they presented their theses at the 37th EIBA Annual Conference in Bucharest, Romania, on 10 December 2011.

### **The 2010 - 2011 finalists were:**

- Luis Alfonso Dau, "Profiting from Globalization: Pro-market reforms, firm internationalization strategy, and firm profitability in developing countries", University of South Carolina, USA
- Lisa Gärber, "A Knowledge Theory of Subsidiary Power", WU Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria
- Anirvan Pant, "Essays on Organizational Legitimacy and Organizational Identity in International Business", Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, India

### **The winner this year is Lisa Gärber.**

The Chairman of the jury remarks:

"This thesis offers a detailed investigation of power in foreign-owned subsidiaries, and is a thesis at the heart of IB. The key conceptual insight is that subsidiaries can gain power through knowledge ownership and brokerage, with different consequences in terms of the level of influence and autonomy the subsidiary then has vis-à-vis other units in its network. This is a good example of a careful empirical dissertation in a multinational setting, building on and integrating insights from organization theory."

**The jury consisted of:**

Professor Örjan Sölvell, Chair, Stockholm School of Economics

Professor Julian Birkinshaw, London Business School

Professor Peter Buckley, Leeds University Business School

Professor Rebecca Piekkari, Helsinki School of Economics

Professor Eleanor Westney, York University

**Earlier Winners:**

1998	Anthony S Frost,	MIT
1999	Jaeyong Song,	Wharton
2000	Michelle Gittelman	Wharton
2001	Marian Beise	Technischen Universität Berlin
2002	Joseph Kogan	Harvard University
2003	Simon Harris	Leeds
2004 – 2005	Renata Kosova	University of Michigan
2006	Jon Erland Lervik	BI
2007	Chris Changwha Chung	Western Ontario
2008 – 2009	Jesper Edman	SSE

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