##  2017 ARC-GS MA Thesis Prize Awarded

The ARC-GS MA Thesis Prize was formally awarded on Friday December 15, 2017 at 15.30, during a short ceremony before the ARC-GS December lecture.

ARC-GS is pleased to announce the winner of the 2017 MA thesis prize: Caitlin Schmid for the thesis “Who Cares for Equality? A comparative analysis of gender equality and intergenerational care policy in European welfare states”

The ARC-GS 2017 thesis prize jury consists of:

Liza Mügge (ARC-GS director and committee chair)

Stephanie Steinmetz (associate director)

Robby Davidson (ARC-GS programme manager)

Serena Cruz (visiting scholar)

Willlemijn Krebbeckx (affiliate)

Schmid has done a thorough study of how Gender Equality Indices lack the important dimension of elderly care, and she proposes policy recommendations on how to improve them. The bridge she erects between childcare and elderly-care is timely and warranted. The development of the indices, the applied methodology, and the reflexivity are very impressive for a Master thesis. Her outstanding thesis makes a significant contribution to the understanding of gender and welfare state regimes. The thesis is proof of mature academic thinking evidenced by excellent empirical analysis and a creative methodological approach. Schmid’s thesis stands to make an immediate impact on European care policies. From this position, we hope her work continues to develop both in academic qualifications and in empirical and theoretical significance.