FSS RESEARCH AWARD 2022
The FSS Research Award aims to bring the most appealing, promising and original research achievements into the spotlight. Each academic department of the FSS may nominate one candidate. This year the FSS Research Award will be granted to a junior research talent.

[Luisa Schneider](#) **(Social and Cultural Anthropology) (winner)**
Luisa Schneider is interested in researching how marginalized groups reconfigure political and judicial systems. Because middle-income groups are at increased risk of becoming houseless, she began researching precariously housed people in the Netherlands, where social rental and free market dynamics collide, and skyrocketing prices drive medium earners from cities. Her research focuses on how the fundamental rights to privacy, protection for relationships and families, custody of children, health, safety or political participation depend on housing. She analyzes the individual and societal consequences of houselessness and the associated restrictions on basic rights. She conducted 3 1/2 years of ethnographic fieldwork where she lived with houseless people on their terms in Germany. There, she also advised politicians, practitioners and policymakers about this subject. She uncovered that rising rents, speculation, and housing shortages spur disputes over basic rights, social needs and government promises, which feed mistrust and populism and test European democracies. Her work investigates how the everyday actions of affected people reshape society, social cohesion, law and democracy. It shows the need for imperatives to develop solutions, mitigate antagonism and secure the democratic contract.

[Tijs van den Broek](#) **(Organization Sciences)**
Tijs van den Broek is an interdisciplinary and engaged organization scientist who strives to impact science and practice by bridging disciplines, methods, and stakeholders inside and outside academia. His research interests include: 1) online forms of organizing, such as symbolic protest mobilization, peer-to-peer fundraising, and mediation in (polarized) online discussions, 2) the social evaluation of organizations on social media, such as judgments related to organization allegitimacy, reputation, and authenticity, and 3) the governance of data collaborations and ecosystems. Methodologically, he advocates an open, team-based, and interdisciplinary perspective on research and employs multiple methods, such as network analysis, experiments, database analyses and case studies, to grasp the dynamics of online social networks. For example, he has collaborated with computer scientists to develop machine learning algorithms to measure social concepts, such as perspective-taking, based on text.

Andreu Casas (Communication Science)
Andreu Casas is a computational social scientist working on political

communication, public policy, and legislative politics. The substantive goal of his research is to build a better understanding of the policy-making process, broadly speaking, in the current digital society. His research in political communication and public policy looks at how social media has shaped collective action dynamics; how social movements, interest groups, political parties, and the public, use public communications to influence the political agenda; the role of (social) media in increasing/ameliorating polarization; and the regulation of political speech on social media. His research on legislative politics looks at the conditions under which legislators and parties influence policy through less prominent (e.g. amendments) and more informal (e.g. bundling legislation) mechanisms. In all his research he develops/applies novel computational methods (text-as-data and images-as-data) that allow him to unlock important (classic and new) research questions that could not be answered otherwise.

[Yarin Eski](#) (Political Science and Public Administration)
Yarin Eski is an exceptionally active researcher with remarkable societal impact. His research output is highly above average and of consistently high quality. Besides 14 articles in good journals, he has published 2 monographs: a book on genocide and a biography of an arms dealer. He has developed his own research line on the governance of crime and is or has been involved in various commissioned research projects in this field. Yarin's research is valued and used by fellow academics as well as by practitioners from relevant public organizations. He is also an often-invited expert in the media. One example: his report "Van Verhalen naar Verbalen" on the failing policy against drugs-related crime in the port areas of the greater Amsterdam region was the topic of a Nieuwsuur item, has been referred to by Minister of Justice Grapperhaus, and has been presented to the mayors of Amsterdam, Velsen, and Zaanstad. With this profile, Yarin is crucial for B&P's strong applied-research record in the field of security & resilience.

[Tara Fiorito](#) (Sociology)
Tara Fiorito is an ambitious and thriving socially engaged sociologist concerned with describing, understanding, and tackling different forms of exclusion and enhancing societal inclusion and resilience by co-creating knowledge and societal impact with diverse societal stakeholders and communities. She works on qualitative research on, for, and with undocumented immigrant youth (and their families) in the Netherlands. Based on qualitative, creative, and participatory research methods and the intensive involvement of societal partners, this research has the ambition to contribute to the societal inclusion and resilience of undocumented youth in the Netherlands and the inclusive capacity and resilience of Dutch institutions and organisations. Central to her research are the different (explicit and implicit) forms of exclusion that undocumented youth experience in

the Netherlands and how society (and organisations within society) can contribute to and profit from the societal inclusion of this group. In her research, she attempts to identify institutional barriers to the inclusion of undocumented youth to develop strategies that contribute to their inclusion. On top of this, she seeks to strengthen the resilience, talents, wishes, narratives, and future perspectives of the youths to further increase the adaptive, innovative, and inclusive capacity of Dutch social, educational, governmental, and commercial organisations and institutions.