Article 1
(Introduction)
1 – The Professor Francisco Vieira de Almeida Award (“Award”) celebrates the work and memory of this leading thinker and professor of philosophy, in the context of a protocol established between the Vasco Vieira de Almeida Foundation (“VVA Foundation”) and the Faculty of Arts of the University of Lisbon (“FLUL”), and will focus on any of the research areas of the Professor’s interest, which will be defined at each new edition of the Award.
2 – The Award will be disseminated in Portugal.

Article 2
(The Award)
1 – The Award is biennial, awarded by competition and recognises the best paper(s) submitted in each Edition. Applications are open to holders of undergraduate, Master’s or PhD degrees from FLUL and to postdoctoral researchers at FLUL, up to a maximum of five years after the conclusion of their degree or the end of their postdoctoral researcher status.
2 – The call for applications will be disseminated through the relevant media channels and on the websites of the VVA Foundation and of FLUL, until the end of the month of December of the year prior to the attribution of the Award.
3 – The Award is in the amount of € 20,000 (twenty thousand euros), to which a maximum amount of € 5,000 (five thousand euros) will be added as a contribution towards publishing expenses, in accordance with Article 10, number 1.
Article 3
(Candidates and Accepted Research Papers)

1 – Each candidate may only present one research paper, which may be submitted in co-authorship (with a maximum of two authors).

2 – The papers may be written in Portuguese, French or English.

3 – The papers submitted for the Award must be unpublished original works, not submitted to other competitions, whether academic or otherwise, or included in any Master’s or other postgraduate course papers.

Article 4
(Submission of the Research Papers)

1 – Candidates should submit their research paper by 31 May of the year to which the Award relates, through an online application, using the form available at the following website: www.fundacaovva.org.

2 – The body of the paper should be written in size 11 ‘Calibri’ font, with a line spacing of 1.5. Footnotes should be in the same font, with the same line spacing, but in size 10. The paper should also include, at the very start, an abstract with a maximum of 250 words.

3 – Generically, the papers should have the following structure: contents page, introduction, main body, conclusion and bibliographic references.

4 – The first edition of the Award will take place in 2020. Qualified and interested candidates should thus submit their papers by 31 May of that year.

Article 5
(Jury)

1 – The Jury is composed of five members designated by the VVA Foundation.

2 – The Jury will be chaired by a member appointed by the VVA Foundation and further composed of the following permanent members, who are all professors at FLUL: (i) Miguel
Tamen, Director of FLUL; (ii) José Pedro Serra, Director of the FLUL Library; and (iii) António Feijó, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lisbon and Director of the University of Lisbon Press. At each new edition of the Award, and after having heard the permanent members of the Jury, the VVA Foundation will also appoint a recognised expert in the research areas defined in the next article, whose tenure may be renewed.

3 – If, for any reason, any permanent member exits the Jury or is prevented from continuing as a juror, a suitable substitute will be appointed by the VVA Foundation, after having heard the remaining permanent members.

4 – The Jury’s decision is sovereign and irrevocable, there being no possibility of objection or appeal.

Article 6

(Areas of Research)

The target research areas, in the field of Humanities, will be announced in the call for applications issued for each edition of the Award.

Article 7

(Assessment and Classification of the Research Papers)

1 – When selecting the award-winning research paper(s), the Jury will assess all entries based on their academic and literary quality, presentation, and the consistency of the arguments presented and depth of research revealed.

2 – The submitted papers will not be graded individually. The Jury will simply select the best paper or papers (ex aequo) and, where appropriate, those awarded an Honourable Mention.
Article 8

(Evaluation and Selection of the Research Papers)

1 – The Jury will exclude any papers:
   
   (a) submitted past the deadline;
   (b) not dealing with the proposed topic;
   (c) that do not comply with the requirements established in these Rules and Regulations;
   (d) where the respective application or applicant do not fulfil the formalities or requirements here established.

2 – Plagiarism is strictly sanctioned and will result in the annulment of the respective application.

3 – The Jury will select the award-winning paper(s) by 15 October of the year to which the Award relates.

4 – The Jury may resolve not to grant the Award in any given edition.

Article 9

(Announcement and Presentation of the Award)

1 – The Jury will announce the award-winning research paper(s) by 30 October of the year to which the Award relates, with the winner(s) being informed personally and the remaining candidates in writing.

2 – The Award will be presented by the end of the year to which the Award relates, at a ceremony to be held at the VVA Foundation’s headquarters or at an alternative venue designated by it.

Article 10

/Publication and Dissemination of the Research Papers)

1 – The authors of the award-winning papers authorise the publication of their works on the VVA Foundation’s website www.fundacaovva.org and in the form of a print edition published
by the University of Lisbon Press, under a new special collection entitled “Professor Francisco Vieira de Almeida Award”.

2 – The authors of the award-winning papers further authorise the VVA Foundation to disseminate their works to the public, to companies or public entities and through the relevant media channels.

3 – The authors of the award-winning papers undertake to cooperate with the VVA Foundation in any way necessary for the purposes of the previous numbers.

Article 11

(Amendments to the Rules & Regulations)

1 – These Rules and Regulations may be amended by the VVA Foundation.

2 – Any amendments to these Rules and Regulations after the start of a submission period will not be applicable to that specific edition of the Award.

Article 12

(Doubts and Omissions)

1 – Candidates may contact the VVA Foundation, to request further information or to clarify any doubts on the rules of the competition, by writing to the e-mail address premio@fundacaovva.org.

2 – The VVA Foundation will also resolve any doubts or omissions arising from these Rules and Regulations.