

SSSP Report on Behalf of Transnational Initiatives Fund and Lee Scholar Support Fund

This year, the Transnational Initiatives Fund (designed to help attendees from countries in the 'Global South'), and the Chair of the Lee Scholar Support Fund (designed to help foreign scholars) asked to pool our resources to better and more equitably fund foreign scholars. We received a combined total of 6 applications from foreign scholars from Nigeria (3), Philippines (1), Israel (1), and Russia (1). Based on the award criteria, the original directive was to consider the 4 applicants from Nigeria and the Philippines for the Transnational Initiatives Fund (budget of \$4000) and the 2 applicants from Israel and Russia under the Lee Scholar Fund (budget of \$6000), but upon our request, the Board approved our request to combine our budgets so that we would have been able to distribute a total budget of \$10,000 equitably among the 6 scholars.

Due to the pandemic and cancellation of the in-person meeting, our committees did not formally award the funds to the six applicants.

Sincerely,
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Chair, Transnational Initiatives Committee and Transnational Initiatives Fund

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