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PRESS RELEASE

Howard Gardner Wins the 2011 Prince of Asturias Award for Social Sciences

Howard Gardner, The John H. and Elizabeth A. Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education and former Director of Project Zero, has been named the 2011 recipient of the Prince of Asturias Award for Social Sciences. The Prince of Asturias Awards, given by a foundation headed by Spain's Crown Prince Felipe, aim "to reward the scientific, technical, cultural, social and humanistic work performed at an international level by individuals, institutions or groups of individuals or institutions." In a press release distributed by the foundation, Gardner's work was praised by the award committee as being "decisive for the evolution of educational models by taking into account the innate potentialities of each individual."

Gardner's award is the second of eight Prince of Asturias Awards to be given this year (the 2011 Prince of Asturias Award for the Arts went to Italian conductor Riccardo Muti). Previous winners of the Social Science awards include Paul Krugman (2004), former President of Ireland Mary Robinson (2006), and the archaeological team responsible for unearthing China's Terracotta Warriors of Xian (2010). The prize includes a cash award, a sculpture by Joan Mirò, and a certificate to be presented by H.R.H. Prince Felipe at the award ceremony in October.

In a statement, Gardner said, "I am thrilled and humbled to receive this prestigious award. While my training is primarily in psychology, I have always considered myself a social scientist, and I feel that much of the best work about human nature and human society draws on a range of social scientific disciplines...I look forward eagerly to the ceremony in October, when I will have the chance to express my personal gratitude to representatives of the Foundation."

Project Zero is an educational research group at the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University. Project Zero's mission is to understand and enhance learning, thinking, and creativity in the arts, as well as humanistic and scientific disciplines, at the individual and institutional levels.

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