

# THE AWARDS 2021

## Research Project of the Year: Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

<b>Institution name</b>	University of Manchester
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	Combating energy injustices with the European Energy Poverty Observatory
<b>Nominee/key personnel</b>	Prof Stefan Bouzarovski Dr Harriet Thomson (University of Birmingham)
<b>URL</b>	<a href="https://www.mui.manchester.ac.uk/cure/research/projects/euro-energy-poverty-observatory/">https://www.mui.manchester.ac.uk/cure/research/projects/euro-energy-poverty-observatory/</a>
<b>Submission</b>	<p>Billions of people worldwide are unable to meet the basic energy needs most of us take for granted such as lighting, heating and cooling our homes. Research, stakeholder engagement and public advocacy work performed by the University of Manchester has enabled the European Union to adopt extensive policies addressing this energy (or fuel) poverty challenge.</p> <p>Through the Energy Poverty Observatory (EPOV), Manchester research has radically transformed EU decision makers' awareness, knowledge and engagement with energy poverty.</p> <p>Starting from an almost complete absence of research and policy on the issue, EPOV developed a novel set of quantitative indicators, measurement frameworks and conceptual approaches that have now become an essential tool for building a fairer energy transition across Europe.</p>