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#### **Prize Announcement**

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Jennifer Jane Hardes has won the 2020 *Theoretical Criminology* best article prize for her article 'Governing excess: Boxing, biopolitics and the body'. This article uses a biopolitical approach to explain why some forms of fighting for sport and spectacle, such as prize fighting, are considered to be criminal and disreputable whereas others, such as boxing, are legal and legitimated. The article challenges both the prevailing 'civilizing process' explanation for the criminalization of some forms of sport fighting and the notion of fighting as deviance from the overall governance project. Instead, Hardes argues that mundane technologies and scientific rationalities helped enroll boxing into broader processes of governance. We congratulate Jennifer Jane Hardes on this award.

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