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biography

Miguel Candela (Spain, 1985) is a documentary photographer specializing in long-term contemporary projects and humanitarian and social issues in the Southern Asia region.

He focuses on issues that are sometimes ignored such as minorities discrimination, gender discrimination, human trafficking, and poverty. He also documents cultures & traditions from an anthropology perspective, and report on environment issues.

Being a photographer helps him perceive the world not just as how it is but the way lives are lived. Photography enables him to comprehend his surroundings, and respect other cultures and different ways of thinking. Photography has helped him discover new horizons and value the present as a historical moment.

While working in the field, Candela has collaborated with numerous international and local NGOs, as well as The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), to visit their projects and develop stories.

Miguel's work has been featured in Al Jazeera, The Wall Street Journal, El País, CNN, Asian Geographic, Spiegel, South China Morning Post (SCMP), La Repubblica, Grupo Vocento, The Diplomat, Deutsche Welle (DW), Piel de Foto, CNNGo, La Voz de Galicia, among others.

awards & nominations

- 2017 - Hong Kong Press Photographer Association (HKPPA): 3rd place (Photo Essay).
- 2017 - Balkan Photo Awards: Finalist.
- 2017, '15, '14 - Hong Kong Press Photographer Association (HKPPA): Honorable mentions.
- 2016 - The Andrei Stenin International Photo Contest: 3rd place (Portrait).
- 2016, '14, '13, '12, '11 - International Photography Awards (IPA): Honorable mentions.
- 2015, '11 - Sony World Photography Awards: Commended.
- 2015, '12, '09 - Photographer s Forum Magazine Contest: Finalist.
- 2015 - The Andrei Stenin International Photo Contest: Finalist.
- 2014 - Foto Nikon: Two secondary awards (accésits).
- 2013, '10 - Sony World Photography Awards: Finalist.
- 2012. - Prix de la Photographie (Px3) contest: Best New Talent.
- 2012. - SocialDocumentary.net - The Art of Documentart contest: Winner.
- 2012. - MONO by gomma contest: Shortlisted.
- 2012 - 3rd International Contest 8 Marzo Fotografia Citta di Montevarchi.
- 2011 - "Zoom-in on poverty" photo contest: Gold Award.
- 2011 - International Photography Awards (IPA): 1st place for Photo Essay & Feature Story.
- 2011 - Festival EMERGENT-LLEIDA (Spain): Selected for Pati de la Llotja.
- 2011 - WPGA - Pollux Awards: 1st and 2nd prize (Humanitarian documentary).
- 2011 - Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation: Hall of Excellence.
- 2011 - Photon Festival scholarship: Winner.