Job posting

Type of position

☒ scientific
☐ administrative

Target group

☒ graduates
☐ post docs
☐ other

Title

Doctoral Students in the field of Law & Diversity (f/m/d)

Institution

The Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology is one of the leading centres for research in social anthropology. Common to all research projects at the Max Planck Institute is the comparative analysis of social change; it is primarily in this domain that its researchers contribute to anthropological theory, though many programmes also have applied significance and political topicality.

Position

The Department “Law & Anthropology” is offering positions for

Doctoral Students in the field of Law & Diversity (f/m/d)

Background and Objectives

The successful applicants will work in the project “Cultural and Religious Diversity under State Law across Europe” (CUREDI). CUREDI is a digital repository of cases – with a focus on case law analysis – that have to do with cultural and religious diversity and that show if, how, and to what extent diversity is granted legal recognition within the domestic legal systems of member states of the EU, UK, and Switzerland. For detailed information please visit our project website: https://www.eth.mpg.de/5772963/curedi

The proposed dissertation project should address the legal approach to diversity across Europe, preferably related to one of the following topics of the repository: Family law (including international private law); torts; criminal law; law and religion; health care and hospitals, the human body; public space.

In this context, three scenarios in particular are under scrutiny: (1) situations in which fundamental rights and liberties are in conflict with one another; (2) situations or practices that are not recognized or are explicitly denied validity under state law; (3) situations that are addressed very differently in the several domestic legal orders of European countries. The proposed research project should preferably include a regional comparative component covering two or three countries. The inclusion of East Central Europe would be welcome.
Profile

The candidate should have:

₋ an academic degree (master’s or equivalent) in law in hand at the time of taking up the position, with outstanding results;
₋ evidence of serious interest in law & diversity issues and in conducting comparative research;
₋ very good command of written and spoken English (level C1 according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages);
₋ evidence of proficiency in the language(s) of the domestic legal orders under scrutiny;
₋ an intrinsic interest in team work.

Offer

Early career researchers benefit from close supervision and mentoring. The collaborative work among the PhDs, with our postdocs and international partners is a key element of our research. Our Institute offers unrivalled conditions of doctoral training, including access to rare specialist libraries and databases, work spaces, administrative and academic support. Additionally, researchers are offered to participate in conferences, seminars, and workshops as well as to instigate projects and initiatives across the Max Planck Law network.

Positions are to start on 1 September 2022. They are awarded for three years, with the possibility of two six-month extensions (pending a positive evaluation). Employment will be on a full-time contractual basis. The workplace is Halle (Saale), which is a dynamic, green as well as historical city in central Germany and home to numerous renowned universities and scientific institutions. Our modern campus is in a quiet neighbourhood near the centre of town.

The Max Planck Institute does not award doctoral degrees. Hence, doctoral students must enroll at a university in or outside Germany. With the support of the director of the Department the choice of the university will be agreed jointly.

The Max-Planck Society is committed to increasing the number of individuals with disabilities in its workforce and therefore encourages applications from such qualified individuals. The Max Planck Society strives to ensure gender equality and diversity. Furthermore, the Max Planck Society seeks to increase the number of women in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply.
Application procedure
(deadline etc.)

Please submit your application materials electronically by 15 May 2022 by following the link for vacancies on our homepage (under ‘Career’), or by going directly to the online application form using the link below.

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Contact

Applicants are asked to submit the following materials
- cover letter;
- curriculum vitae, including a formal record of university courses and list of publications (if any);
- copies of university degrees:
- a succinct description (3 to 5 pages) of the proposed doctoral project, the selection of the jurisdictions to be covered and a clear justification for this selection;
- two to three detailed letters of recommendation from professors, teachers, or professional supervisors who are well acquainted with the work of the applicant (letters to be sent directly to Ms. Katerina Marencakova, Secretary to Director, Email: marencakova@eth.mpg.de).

If you have further questions regarding the application procedure, please contact:
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
Personnel Administration
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We look forward to receiving your completed online application under:
https://recruitingapp-5034.de.umantis.com/Vacancies/434/Application/New/2

Further information on the research agenda of the Max Planck Institute is available on our website:
https://www.eth.mpg.de