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The Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law invites applications for a temporary position to start on 1st November 2021 or later as a

**Senior Research Fellow (Postdoc)
in the Max Planck Research Group “Shades of Illegality in International Peace and Security Law” led
by PD Dr. Christian Marxsen, LL.M. (NYU)**

The Research Group explores the role of contestation and illegality in the field of the prohibition on the use of force in international law (www.shadesofillegality.org). The interdisciplinary research group seeks to employ a political scientist or international relations scholar at the postdoctoral level.

Job description

The senior research fellow will conduct postdoctoral research (individual publications and contribution to common research projects) connected to the research activities of the research group. The position will give room to pursue post-doctoral research that is broadly related to the topic of the research group.

Work environment

We offer outstanding conditions to undertake research on international law and international relations and a very inspiring work climate in an international environment.

Requirements

The research group seeks to employ a post-doctoral international relations scholar or political scientist who will contribute to the group's expertise. Applicants are required to hold a university degree and preferably a Ph.D. (although Ph.D. students in the final phase are also invited to apply). Candidates should possess a deep knowledge of international relations, demonstrate great interest in academic research, and be fully proficient in English (written and oral); further language skills are advantageous. Experience in conducting interviews, coding and qualitatively assessing them as well as experience in working with MAXQDA (or similar programs) as well as Microsoft Excell are an asset.

Conditions

The position is initially limited to one year. An extension is, depending on funding, possible. The salary (up to salary group EG 14) and corresponding social benefits are based on the German public service compensation scheme (*Tarifvertrag für den öffentlichen Dienst (TVöD-Bund)*). The position is full-time, part-time work schedules are possible.

The Max Planck Society seeks to increase the number of women in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages them to apply. Furthermore, the Max Planck Society is committed to increasing the number of individuals with disabilities in its work-force and hence encourages applications from such qualified individuals.

How to apply

Please submit your application including cover letter; CV; one to two own manuscripts with no more than approx. 50 pages in total, such as one chapter of the PhD thesis or a scholarly paper; please attach at least one letter of recommendation; a brief post-doctoral project proposal of 1-2 pages electronically as a single *.pdf-file to bewerbungen@mpil.de. For questions regarding the position, please contact PD Dr. Christian Marxsen (marxsen@mpil.de).

Applications will be evaluated on a first-come-first-serve basis, and will continue to be received until the position is filled.