

Rechtskulturen

Call for applications

The Berlin-based Postdoctoral Program RECHTSKULTUREN: Confrontations Beyond Comparison invites scholars to apply for **six postdoctoral fellowships** for the academic year 2012/2013.

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Candidates

Applicants should be at the postdoctoral level and should have obtained their doctorate within the last five years before their application to the program. We welcome candidates in particular from the disciplines of law, sociology, political science, philosophy, history, anthropology, theology, and area studies, representing a broad range of diverse approaches to the law, including gender studies, comparative research, law & literature, critical approaches to international law, administrative sciences, transitional justice, the law of development cooperation, and classical problems of legal philosophy. Candidates should be strongly interested and willing to engage with the law from their respective disciplinary perspective(s).

For the academic year 2012/13, we welcome in particular applicants interested in **actors, procedures, sites and systems of law-making**, be it judicial or parliamentary, or through alternative extra-institutional processes. We also strongly encourage applications from scholars analyzing **the law in various cultural contexts**, engaging with confrontations beyond comparison.

We encourage and welcome applications from all regions of the world. Fellows are given the opportunity to pursue their individual research projects within a transdisciplinary and transregional context. During the fellowship in Berlin, they will be associated with a university institute (e.g. the Faculty of Law at Humboldt-Universität) or an extra-university research institute. In the overall context of the program Rechtskulturen and the framework of the Forum Transregionale Studien, they will be part of a vibrant discursive environment.

Fellowships

begin on 1 October, 2012 and will end on 31 July, 2013. Shorter fellowship terms can be considered. Postdoctoral fellows will receive a monthly stipend of € 2.250 plus supplements depending on their personal situation. Organizational support regarding visa, insurances, housing, etc. will be provided. Successful applicants will be fellows of the project Rechtskulturen at the Forum Transregionale Studien.

The Program

The postdoctoral fellow program Rechtskulturen ('legal cultures') is designed to explore the law in new and innovative ways. We intend to create a space of reflection and communication where fundamental and salient questions of the law and its context(s) can be re-negotiated from a variety of disciplinary and regional perspectives, and re-connected with jurisprudence and legal methodology.

As a central element of the Berlin research network Law in Context based at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Rechtskulturen aims at recontextualizing our understanding of law by transcending the scope of comparative legal studies and international law. It is designed to enhance a re-location of law among its neighboring disciplines — the humanities, the cultural and social sciences —, and can thus allow

affiliated scholars, fellows and faculty to develop innovative research agendas in transregional constellations beyond a European or Anglo-American focus. The program addresses scholars from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds, regional contexts and academic fields of discourse. In Berlin, the postdoctoral fellows will work on projects of their own choice.

The program Rechtskulturen is co-directed by Justice Professor Susanne Baer (Bundesverfassungsgericht/Humboldt-Universität) and Professor Christoph Möllers (Humboldt-Universität), and scientifically coordinated by Alexandra Kemmerer (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin). Each academic year, the program invites scholars in an early stage of their academic careers to Berlin to pursue projects contributing to the study of Rechtskulturen: Confrontations Beyond Comparison. The fellow program's scholarly environment is designed to enable and to encourage both fellows and the wider community to explore and create new orientations in their interdisciplinary research projects.

Application Procedure

To apply, please make use of our web-based electronic application procedure that will be open for applications from 9 January 2012 to 23 January 2012 (24:00 CET). See www.rechtskulturen.de

Please upload then unto our website the following documents in English, as separate word or PDF files:

- a curriculum vitae
- an anonymized project description (no longer than five pages), stating what you will work on in Berlin if granted a fellowship
- the titles of three pieces of your scholarly work (incl. bibliographical information) and your favorite one of those as PDF file
- the names and addresses (incl. e-mail) of two referees

Successful candidates will be notified by mid-april 2012.

Institutional Framework

The program Rechtskulturen, a project of the Berlin Research Network Recht im Kontext ('Law in Context'), is part of the Forum Transregionale Studien, a new research platform designed to promote research that connects systematic and region-specific questions in a perspective that addresses entanglements and interactions beyond national, cultural or regional frames. The Forum works in tandem with established institutions and networks which are engaged in transregional studies and is supported by an association of the directors of research institutes and networks mainly based in Berlin. It started its activities in 2010 by supporting three research projects in the fields of law, philology, and urban sociology. The Forum Transregionale Studien is funded by the Senate of Berlin.

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