Postdoctoral researcher

The Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences is a prominent research institution in law in the Czech Republic. Its mission is to contribute to the development of international and Czech law by conducting independent fundamental research, policy-oriented research, and applied legal research. The institute is dedicated to building a strong research community and creating an environment that facilitates a critical-constructive understanding of the law and its institutions. In recent years the Institute has undertaken a number of internationally oriented initiatives that have contributed to the development of a sizeable international community of scholars who collaborate on a regular basis with the Institute.

The institute invites applications for a:

Doctoral / Postdoctoral researcher (full-time) in the following areas:

Projects aiming to shed light on complex questions concerning the impact of globalisation on the law especially in such areas as: the transnational application of legal obligations; constitutional conflicts between different legal orders; the emergence of new actors in international law; the relevance of moral and justice-based responsibility for legal regulation; questions of responsibility which arise beyond the established legal jurisdictions.

We are interested in researchers who work within the foundational areas of legal scholarship (legal theory and philosophy, constitutional theory, the theory of international law, the theory of private law) but also those who work in any of the doctrinal areas, provided that their research would aim to promote a reflective understanding of legal institutions, either by advancing contextual analysis, or by engaging in systematic enquiry into the normative grounds of legal obligations.

Preferably available from 1st of January 2017.

Research

As an early-career researcher you are expected to:

develop and execute high-level research projects independently;
publish in the top international journals;
participate in international seminars and conferences;
coordinate development and execution of research projects in collaboration with other researchers;
have an active interest in other work in the research group and enjoy contributing to the research community;
contribute to funded research projects and their acquisition.

Requirements

Candidates are expected to meet the following requirements:

a demonstrated track record of or strong potential for top academic publications;
capacity to work in the collaborative environment of an international research community;
strong and relevant international network;
fluency in English; preferably knowledge of another foreign language;
demonstrable organisational and communicative skills;
willing to compete to attract external funding for research projects;
quality-oriented, conscientious, cooperative and creative, result orientated.

Conditions:

This appointment will be originally for a period of one year. Extension of the appointment for an additional year is subject to satisfactory performance after the first year.

Salary scale: According to the regulations of the Czech Academy of Sciences, remuneration depends on the actual level of education, experience and knowledge. Postdoctoral researchers in the Czech Republic are public employees with generous benefits.

The employees of the Institute for State and Law have access to a generous internationalisation fund that supports research related travel and accommodation within the Czech Republic and abroad.

Applications:
Please submit your current CV, a cover letter in which you explain your motivation, a written piece of max. 8000 words (e.g. a published paper), two letters of recommendation in pdf, and a short research proposal (2000 words max), which sets out questions you would like to investigate in the context of the research-strands mentioned, locates these in the relevant literature and indicates the method you intend to use to answer the proposed research questions. Deadline for application is **15th of October 2017**.

Further information can be obtained from petr.agha@ilaw.cas.cz

Your application, which will comprise all of the above, must be submitted in English to ilaw@ilaw.cas.cz