Research Fellow in Political Philosophy or Legal Theory on the Legitimacy of International Courts

Job description

One research fellowship up to two years and three months is available at PluriCourts, a Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order. The research fellow will study international courts and tribunals (ICs) concerning one or more of the research topics addressed by PluriCourts: the multidimensional legitimacy standards which include multilevel separation of authority, independence and accountability, performance and comparative advantages. PluriCourts also aims to identify best practices and models to establish, improve or abolish ICs.

For important detailed information about the research agenda and PluriCourts, visit PluriCourts’ research plan. The research will apply methodology from the fields of philosophy, political theory and/or legal theory, with a slight preference for applicants in political philosophy or political theory.

About PluriCourts

PluriCourts is a Centre of Excellence funded by the Research Council of Norway. The multidisciplinary Centre is based at the Faculty of Law, Department of Public and International Law of the University of Oslo. Co-Directors of the Centre are Andreas Føllesdal (professor in political philosophy) and Geir Ulfstein (professor in international law).

The primary research objective of PluriCourts is to analyze and assess the legitimate present and future roles of ICs. More information at the PluriCourts website.

The startup date is no earlier than 1 January 2021. The contract will run until 31 March 2023, when PluriCourts ends.

Qualification and Personal skills

Applicants must hold a degree equivalent to a Norwegian doctoral degree (PhD) in law, philosophy or political theory/political science. To be eligible, the applicant must have submitted his/her doctoral dissertation for evaluation by the closing date. The doctoral degree must have been received prior to taking up the position. Proficiency in English is required. Applicants who are not native speakers of English must document their proficiency in English.

In addition to the academic qualifications of the applicants, assessment will be based on the quality of the project description, how it contributes to PluriCourts’ research plan, and the assumed academic and personal ability on the part of the candidates to complete the project within the given time frame, as evidenced by the application.

The successful candidate is expected to live and work in Oslo during the project period and participate in common activities at the Centre, such as book editing, writing grant applications, lecturing at seminars, etc.

The short-listed candidates will be invited to an interview at the University of Oslo or we will arrange for an on-line interview.

We offer

- Salary NOK 532 300, - to 691 400, - per annum depending on qualifications (Researcher position code 1109). For researchers with documented qualifications at the level of professor, the maximum salary level may be expanded up to NOK 992 200. To be considered for this, applicants must include information in their application letter about the evaluation/s that have granted them competence at the professor level. The evaluation/s must also be uploaded as enclosures to the application.
- An academically stimulating working environment
- Travel funds
- Attractive welfare arrangements

Submissions

- Letter of application
- Project proposal (maximum 3 pages) which shows how the project will contribute to PluriCourts' research plan and a time schedule for the planned work.
- CV in English (maximum 2 pages) summarizing education, positions, pedagogical experience, administrative experience and any other qualifying activity.
- Complete list of published and unpublished works
- If a co-authored work is included, the applicant's role must be made clear.
- Copies of educational certificates and diplomas.
- Foreign diplomas must be provided in the original language as well as in an English translation.
- Foreign applicants are advised to attach an explanation of their university grading system.

• The PhD dissertation or equivalent academic material and up to 50 pages of other published works if the applicant regards these as relevant. If the publications are written by more than one author, the applicant’s role must be documented with a coauthor declaration. All documents should be in English or a Scandinavian language, unless other agreements has been made with the Faculty of Law.
• Copies of grades and transcripts. Foreign applicants are advised to attach an explanation of their university's grading system
• Names and contact details for at least two references.

All materials should be delivered electronically.

**Formal regulations**

Please see the [rules for the use of research post SKO 1108, 1109, 1110 and 1183 at UiO](#)

The University of Oslo has an Acquisition of Rights Agreement for all employees for the purpose of securing intellectual property rights to research results, etc.

According to the Norwegian Freedom of Information Act (Offentleglova) information about the applicant may be included in the public applicant list, also in cases where the applicant has requested non-disclosure.

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The University of Oslo aims for its employees to reflect the diversity of the population to the greatest degree possible. The University of Oslo has a personnel policy objective of achieving a balanced gender composition and to recruit people with an immigrant background. We encourage qualified applicants with disabilities to apply for the position. The University of Oslo will adapt the workplace to suit employees with disabilities.

**Contact information**

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**About the University of Oslo**

The University of Oslo is Norway’s oldest and highest ranked educational and research institution, with 28 000 students and 7000 employees. With its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally recognised research communities, UiO is an important contributor to society.

The Department of Public and International Law is part of the Faculty of Law. Our researchers cover a great number of fields in public and international law and thereby related fields, such as constitutional law, administrative law, public international law, criminal law and procedure, civil procedure, environmental law, labour law, legal history, legal theory, refugee & asylum law, social law, tax law and women’s law.

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