



## Call for Applications:

### Fellowships with the Berlin Potsdam Research Group

#### "The International Rule of Law – Rise or Decline?"

**Position:** 3 Fellowships in International Law, International Relations or Political Philosophy

**Duration:** 12-24 months fellowship starting on 1 April 2020 or at a later date

**Deadline for Applications:** 15 November 2019

The Berlin Potsdam Research Group "The International Rule of Law – Rise or Decline?" invites applications for three Fellowships starting on 1 April 2020 or at a later mutually agreed date.

#### Framework

The Research Group examines the role of international law in a changing global order. It assumes that a systemically relevant crisis of international law of unusual proportions is currently taking place which requires a reassessment of the state and role of the international legal order. It focuses on the type of international law that we may currently see emerging. Developments in recent years give rise to the question whether the move towards an international rule of law has lost momentum. Inter-state crises in different parts of the world display renewed thinking in terms of geopolitical spheres of influence. Collective efforts to address global issues through universal international law meet difficulties. Can we, under current conditions, still observe a legalization of international relations based on a universal understanding of values, or are we witnessing a tendency towards an informalization or a reformalization of international law, or even an erosion of international legal norms? Or are we simply observing a slump in the development towards an international rule of law based on a universal understanding of values?

The Research Group consists of public international lawyers - Heike Krieger (*Freie Universität Berlin*), Georg Nolte (*Humboldt Universität zu Berlin*) and Andreas Zimmermann (*Universität Potsdam*) - political scientists Andrew Hurrell (*Oxford University*) and Andrea Liese (*Universität Potsdam*), as well as the political philosopher Stefan Gosepath (*Freie Universität Berlin*). The working language of the group is English.

More information can be found via <http://kfg-intlaw.de>

## The Position

This is a fixed-term position for a period of 12 months which may be extended by up to a further year. Fellows will work at Freie Universität Berlin. They will co-operate with the group's senior researchers and participate in the academic exchange of the Research Group. They are expected to complete a peer-reviewed publication project during their fellowship.

A monthly stipend of 2500,00 Euro plus a roundtrip (economy) is attached to the position from which all costs will have to be covered.

## Eligibility

The Junior Fellowships are designed for applicants worldwide with a doctorate in international law, international relations or political philosophy. The proposed projects should relate to the Group's area of research. Applicants should have completed their PhD before joining the group and should not have pursued more than 2 years of postdoctoral research. Candidates from outside Europe are particularly encouraged to apply. Applicants are not expected to speak German.

## Application

Applicants should submit:

- a curriculum vitae including transcripts of degrees awarded and a list of publications;
- a description of current research and of a project to be pursued during the first year of the Fellowship (no more than 1000 words);
- a summary of the candidate's doctoral thesis;
- two letters of recommendation.

The deadline for application is **15 November 2019**.

Please send your application in **ONE** pdf-file **via email** to [info@kfg-intlaw.de](mailto:info@kfg-intlaw.de)

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