

# Rechtskulturen

## Call for Applications

7 postdoctoral fellowships for the academic year 2011/2012 for the project

**RECHTSKULTUREN: Confrontations Beyond Comparison**

Closing date: **17 January 2011**

Forum  
Transregionale  
Studien



Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin  
INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

Recht / im Kontext

The Berlin-based Forum Transregionale Studien invites scholars to apply for seven postdoctoral fellowships for the research project

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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. 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 project RECHTSKULTUREN and the framework of the Forum Transregionale Studien, they will be part of a vibrant discursive environment.

## **Fellowships**

begin on 1 October, 2011 and will end on 31 July, 2012. 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-elect Professor Susanne Baer (Bundesverfassungsgericht/Humboldt-Universität) and Professor Christoph Möllers (Humboldt-Universität), and scientifically coordinated by Alexandra Kemmerer (Research Network Law in Context, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin). Each academic year, the program invites seven 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 send the following documents in English, exclusively by e-mail, 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 favourite one of those as PDF file
- the names and addresses (incl. e-mail) of two referees

The application, to be received by 17 January 2011, should be addressed to:

**rechtskulturen@trafo-berlin.de**

## Institutional Framework

The Forum Transregionale Studien is 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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