



We are a leading research institute in the field of European legal history.  
We are looking to recruit

**up to five  
Postdoctoral Research Associates**

from **1 October 2015** or as soon as possible thereafter  
for the following research fields in the department of Professor Stefan Vogenauer:

- (1) Legal Transfer in the Common Law World;**
- (2) Legal History of the European Union**

**Your tasks**

You will develop, co-ordinate and pursue an independent project in one of the two research fields.

Your research will turn on

- (1) the development of rules, principles, doctrines and institutions of English law outside England, for example in selected jurisdictions of the British Empire; or
- (2) the legal history of selected areas of EU law, particularly in their interaction with the legal systems of the member states.

You will publish your findings and actively participate in the research activities of the Institute under the guidance of Professor Vogenauer.

**Your profile**

You hold a first class degree in law, the humanities or the social sciences and you produced an outstanding doctoral thesis or an equivalent portfolio of publications in a similar subject. Your CV shows the potential to produce outstanding research at an internationally advanced level. You work independently, are fully proficient in the English language and willing to learn German if necessary.

**Our offer**

Activities in the position are varied and challenging. We offer an attractive and international work environment with an unparalleled research infrastructure and a good working atmosphere. The job is a full time position (currently 39 hours per week). As a general rule, it may be shared. Payment and social benefits are based on the German Civil Service Collective Agreement (TVÖD). Depending on your qualification, the annual salary before tax will be on a scale from EUR 43,000 (E 13 band 1) to EUR 55,900 (E14 band 3). The position is a fixed-term appointment for three years in the first instance, with the possibility of renewal for a further fixed-term period subject to satisfactory performance and the requirements of the 2007 Act on Academic Fixed-term Contracts (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz).

The Max Planck Society is committed to increasing the number of individuals with severe disabilities in its workforce and therefore encourages applications from such persons.

The Max Planck Society seeks to increase the number of women in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply.

**Application procedure**

Your application must be submitted online via the link on our homepage ([http://www.rg.mpg.de/job\\_offers](http://www.rg.mpg.de/job_offers)) by the closing date of **12 June 2015**.

You will be asked to submit the following documents:

1. Personal Statement:
  - Cover letter with reference to your research proposal and an explanation as to how your profile matches the selection criteria
  - Names and addresses (postal and electronic) of three scholars who have agreed to provide a reference for you
2. CV:
  - Detailed CV
  - List of publications
3. Other Documents:
  - Research proposal (up to five pages)
  - Transcripts
  - Two of your publications of some 20 pages length each (journal articles, book chapters etc)

Please provide your referees with all the documents that you submit for your application and ask them to send their references direct to [jobs@rg.mpg.de](mailto:jobs@rg.mpg.de) by the closing date of **12 June 2015**. References may only be submitted by email. They do not have to be signed as long as they are emailed from the official mail address of the referee. Strong applicants will be invited for an interview.

**Contact**

Informal enquiries as to the substance of the research fields may be directed to Professor Stefan Vogenauer ([vogenauer@rg.mpg.de](mailto:vogenauer@rg.mpg.de)).

Questions as to the terms and conditions of employment may be directed to Ms Sabrina Penczynski ([jobs@rg.mpg.de](mailto:jobs@rg.mpg.de)).

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