



PhD Scholarship in Comparative Trusts Law Joint PhD at the Universities of Bonn and Melbourne (Bonn-Based Project)

What? A scholarship-funded joint PhD project on comparative trusts law as part of a new research collaboration on “**Trusts Across the Civil Law/Common Law Divide**”.

Thesis topic (to be further tailored to the skillset of the successful candidate):

**“Trusts’ Across the European Civil Law/Common Law Divide:
Harmonisation, Adaptation, and Cross-Border Challenges”**

Where? Based at the University of Bonn with a minimum 12-month stay at the University of Melbourne (Melbourne Law School).

Supervision: Jointly by Prof. Birke Häcker (Bonn) and Prof. Ying Khai Liew (Melbourne).

When? Starting 1 October 2025 (anticipated start date).

Duration: 3 (max. 4) years.

Eligibility: University-level law degree with distinction and excellent proficiency in English.

Applications are open now and may close early once a suitable candidate is identified. Interested candidates are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible.

Preliminary expressions of interest are very welcome: birke.haecker@uni-bonn.de

Further information (full details) and application link:

<https://findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/opportunity/1437-trusts-across-the-european-civil-law-common-law-divide--harmonisation--adaptation--and-cross-border-challenges>

A **second scholarship** for a joint PhD project with Asia-Pacific focus **based in Melbourne** is also available: <https://findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/opportunity/1427-trusts-across-the-asia-pacific-civil-law-common-law-divide--challenges-and-opportunities>