



Job Offer

The WZB Berlin Social Science Centre, Project Group “[International Citizenship Law](#)” (led by Professor Liav Orgad) in the Research Area Migration and Diversity, is offering a position for a

Research Fellow in the field of “Global Governance of Citizenship”

to work initially 25.35 hours per week (65% of full employment), preferably starting in summer 2018 or earlier, for up to four years, with the opportunity to pursue a doctoral degree (Ph.D.) within the context of the project, supervised by the project leader; if applicable, in connection with the Berlin Graduate School for Social Sciences or the Berlin Graduate School of Transnational Studies.

The position is within the research project “Global Citizenship Law: International Migration and Constitutional Identity”. The project, funded by a European Research Council Starting Grant (ERC), is jointly hosted by the WZB Berlin (where the work place will mainly be located) and the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute in Florence, providing the Research Fellow with a unique opportunity to benefit from Europe’s two leading research institutes in the fields of international law, citizenship theory, and global migration.

Details on the Project Group are available [here](#).

Job description

The Research Fellow should develop an original research that will result in high-quality academic publications; present project results in conferences; contribute to the community life of the Project Group; participate in research-related activities; and help in the management of the project.

International law does not generally regulate naturalization; nationality law remains the last stronghold of sovereignty. The ERC project has two central goals: [1] empirically, it asks to reconstruct international legal standards concerning naturalization law by analyzing sources of international courts and bodies; [2] normatively, the project invites theoretical reflections on the concept of citizenship in international law, its global allocation, and the international structure governing it; topics include, e.g., responsibility-sharing mechanisms for citizenship allocation, technological innovations, borders and boundaries of citizenship in international law, and a concept of “global citizenship”. The Ph.D. project can focus on some of these topics or other related topics.

Requirements

Applicants should hold a Master degree in law or political theory or related disciplines with excellent results by the time of starting the employment contract, and have a demonstrated interest in migration or citizenship.

Applicants must have excellent writing and presentation skills in English (English is the working language of the research group). Applicants who have not completed their Master degree by the time of the application should include a statement confirming the expected date of the degree.

In addition to the eligibility requirements, selection criteria will consider the applicant's academic record, research plan, research motivation, and knowledge/experience in the research areas of the project.

The call is also open to students who are already enrolled in a PhD program at other German or international universities and are willing to relocate to Berlin for the duration of the contract.

Equally well-qualified disabled persons will be given preference. The WZB expressly invites women and people with an immigrant background to apply.

Remuneration: Pay group E13 in accordance with German Collective Agreement for the Public Service (TVöD Bund).

Application Materials

- Curriculum Vitae (maximum 3 pages),
- Research Plan, which should contain a statement of the applicant's ideas on the research questions, theoretical framework, and methodological approach (maximum 3 pages),
- Letter of Motivation, which should describe a career plan and reasons for seeking to join the "Global Citizenship Law" project (maximum 500 words).

Please submit your complete application by email (as one PDF file) by the closing date of **March 15, 2018** to:

Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung gGmbH
Professor Liav Orgad, job_offer_ICLAW@wzb.eu

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview with the selection board at WZB Berlin in **April 2018**; travel expenses can be covered according to the WZB regulations for the reimbursement of travel costs to job-interviews.