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for Procedural Law

The **Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law** is an Institute of the Max Planck Society, which is Germany's most successful research organization.

The Institute in Luxembourg conducts research in the areas of European law of civil procedure, international litigation and arbitration and dispute resolution in the financial markets.

The **Max Planck Institute Luxembourg** would like to appoint highly qualified candidates for two full-time positions as:

### **Research Fellow in EU Procedural Law (PhD candidate) (m/f)**

#### **For the Research Department of European and Comparative Procedural Law**

- Fixed-term contract for 24 months, contract extension is possible, 40 hrs/week

#### **The position:**

The Research Fellow will conduct legal research and cooperate at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg within the Project "EUFam's II - Facilitating cross-border family life: towards a common European understanding)" which aims (i) at assessing the effectiveness of the functioning 'in concreto' of the EU Regulations in family matters, as well as the most relevant Hague instruments in this field of law along with Regulation (EU) 2016/1191 on public documents; and (ii) at identifying the paths that lead to further improvement of such effectiveness. Moreover, the Project will focus on the impact of the arrival of refugees in Europe as well as of the Brexit phenomenon in the field of European Family Law.

The successful candidate will have the great opportunity to contribute to the development of the Department of European Comparative Procedural Law led by Prof. Dr. Dres. h. c. Burkhard Hess and, in parallel, work on her/his PhD project.

The Research Fellow is expected to assist in the achievement of the objectives of the Project on a part-time basis during the two years of duration of the project, namely by carrying out and developing legal research with a view to contributing to the drafting of the Project's Final Study and by participating in the presentation of the scientific outcomes of the Project.

In addition, the successful candidate is expected to write her/his PhD thesis and perform the major part of her/his PhD research work in the premises of the institute in Luxembourg, but also in close collaboration with her/his external supervisor and with the university or institution delivering her/his PhD diploma. A supervision of a PhD-thesis by Professor Hess will also be possible.



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**Your profile:**

The applicants are required to have obtained at least a Master degree in Law with outstanding results and to have knowledge of domestic procedural and European procedural law, in particular linked to family matters. According to the academic grades already received, candidates must rank within the top 10 %.

The successful candidates should demonstrate a great interest and curiosity for fundamental research and have a high potential to develop excellence in academic research. Proficiency in English is compulsory (in written and oral); further language skills (in French notably) are of advantage.

**Our offer:**

The MPI Luxembourg will offer scientific guidance, a fully-equipped office and an access to its noteworthy library to foster legal research activities. You will be free to write your thesis in English or in any other language which suits you, as long as you are able to communicate on its content in English.

Salary and social benefits are provided according to the Luxembourgish legal requirements. The position is full-time, for a period of twenty-four months. An extension is possible.

Please apply online until **30<sup>th</sup> October 2018** via the following link:

<https://www.mpi.lu/available-positions/available-position/job/287/>

**Documents required:** a detailed CV incl. list of publications; copy of academic records; a PhD project description of no more than 1-2 pages; the name and contact details of two referees.

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