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(Senior) Research Fellow in Law (Sudan Project)

Position:	(Senior) Research Fellow
Project:	Sudan
Location:	Max Planck Foundation Office in Heidelberg, Germany
Term:	Fixed term (1 year), with possibility of extension
Estimated starting date:	As soon as possible
Closing date for applications:	23.06.2019

Background

At the core of the Max Planck Foundation's mission stands the provision of technical legal assistance to developing countries, particularly to countries in transition or conflict (see: <http://www.mpfpr.de>). Through legal consulting and legal capacity building activities, the Foundation assists States endeavouring to develop their legal systems and strengthen their institutions. The Foundation also provides legal expertise to the responsible institutions and legal professionals with the aim of enabling them to autonomously carry out necessary changes.

Job Summary

The Research Fellow will implement project activities, including facilitating workshops and giving presentations on Human Rights Law and its implementation at the domestic level.

Key Responsibilities

Under the supervision of a Managing Director/ the Head of Project, successful candidate shall

- undertake advanced legal research;
- draft training materials, including manuals;
- implement legal training workshops for state actors and civil society;
- contribute to administrative and logistical aspects of project implementation; and
- carry out project reporting, monitoring and evaluation duties.

Selection Criteria

Education and Professional Experience

Essential:

- Advanced degree in Law (LL.M; PhD);
- Extensive knowledge of public international law and comparative constitutional;
- Ideally 2+ years demonstrable experience relevant to the project;
- Ability to deliver high-level academic work.

Desirable:

- Practical regional or country experience in Sudan;
- Experience implementing capacity building workshops for state and civil society actors.

Language Proficiency

Fluency (written and oral) in **English and Arabic**, including legal Arabic, required.

Other Skills & Competencies

- Strong interpersonal skills in a multi-cultural environment, including excellent communication skills and the ability to work independently, as well as in a team setting;
- Flexibility, including demonstrated ability to work under pressure, to adapt to changing work and project circumstances and to respond to unforeseen developments;
- Excellent organisational skills, i.e. skilled in setting priorities and meeting deadlines, and ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously;
- Ability to present high-level academic work to experts in a service-orientated manner;
- Willingness to travel frequently to Sudan for workshops and related activities; and
- Computer literacy skills with standard software.

Assessment Method

Assessment of qualified candidates will include a competency-based test and one interview.

The Max Planck Foundation is an equal opportunity employer and encourages qualified men and women, including those with disabilities, to apply.

Only candidates eligible for a valid residence and work permit in Germany will be taken into consideration.

Miscellaneous

All positions are contingent upon funding.

Research Fellows are based in Heidelberg, Germany, with frequent travels to the region.

Remuneration will be based on the Collective Agreement on Public Service Wages under German Law (*Tarifvertrag des Öffentlichen Dienstes – TVöD*).

Applications

Please note that we can only accept your application if you give us your [Consent for Processing of Personal Data](#). For this, please read our [Privacy Policy for E-mail Applications](#) and email the consent along with your **resume** and **cover letter** to application@mpfpr.de (subject: "(Senior) Research Fellow – Sudan).