



The **Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law** in Hamburg, Germany, is one of the world's leading institutions for foundational comparative research in the fields of private law and private international law. By analysing the legal systems of the world and comparing them with one another, we identify and develop solutions for the law of tomorrow.

The Institute's newly-established Minerva Fast Track Research Group "**Artificial Justice**," led by **Katharina Isabel Schmidt**, in conjunction with Professor Ralf Michaels's Department, seeks to appoint one

Doctoral Student (m/f/d)

with an earliest start date of **1 September 2024**.

Job Description:

The Research Group "Artificial Justice" applies interdisciplinary methods to the study of automated, artificial, and algorithmic reasoning in law. Group members research a wide array of topics ranging from pre-modern fantasies of "justice machines," the transition from legal logic to legal information science, cultural attitudes towards courtroom tech, and the emerging "right to a human decision" to contemporary proposals for AI-powered "lawbots." Collaboratively, Group members explore a set of more general issues, including the relationship between normative and empirical expertise, law's epistemological status vis-à-vis technology and the natural sciences as well as limits and opportunities of legal interdisciplinarity.

In addition to completing your own independent project on a topic within the purview of the Group, you will contribute to collaborative research on automated, artificial, and algorithmic reasoning in law. You will also contribute to intellectual life at the Institute by attending talks and workshops, liaising with colleagues and visitors, and by periodically presenting your research findings. You may also be asked to undertake some administrative tasks related to the Group's speaker series.

The fellowship will run for three years. The salary for the position will be commensurate with the TVöD Bund pay scale (65% of E13).

Application Process:

The position is open to law graduates of all jurisdictions. The proposed PhD topic should relate to both the agenda of the Research Group as well as to research conducted as part of the Institute Department led by Professor Ralf Michaels. Projects relating to automated, artificial, and algorithmic reasoning in private international law,

comparative law, and legal theory will be particularly suitable. Applications may be uploaded in English or German to our application portal.

Please submit the following materials for consideration:

- Cover letter
- CV
- Proposed research question(s)/topic(s) (max. 350 words)
- Academic transcripts
- Writing sample

Applications must be received by **15 July 2024**. Materials will be reviewed immediately, and interview requests for short-listed candidates will be sent out by late July.

Inquiries:

For questions about the Research Group, please contact Katharina Isabel Schmidt (k.schmidt@mpipriv.de). For question concerning the terms of the contract, please contact the human resources department (job@mpipriv.de).

The Max Planck Society strives to ensure a workplace that embraces diversity and provides equal opportunities regardless of gender, nationality, or disabilities. We aim to increase the representation of women in areas where they are underrepresented and explicitly encourage women to apply. Additionally, we are committed to increasing the number of individuals with disabilities in our workforce and encourage applications from qualified individuals.

Please submit all relevant documents by 15 July 2024, via our online portal:

<https://mpi-privatrecht-hh.softgarden.io/job/45929428?l=de>

We look forward to receiving your application.

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