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The Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law invites applications for a position to start in October 2019 as a

**Research Fellow (PhD student) in Transitional Justice  
with Professor Anne Peters  
in cooperation with the Minerva Center for Human Rights in Israel**

**About the Project**

Transitional Justice is a multidisciplinary field of contemporary research and practice concerned with processes that can enable societies that have suffered from widespread human rights violations (as a result of severe political and social disruption, armed conflict, military rule, authoritarian regimes, or even genocide) to transition successfully to sustainable conditions of peace, reconciliation, democracy, rule of law and respect for human rights. Such processes may include constitutional reform, accountability, truth-seeking, acknowledgment, apologies, reparations and restitution, community empowerment, redistribution of resources, preservation, documentation and archiving of cultural heritage, among others. Areas of interest include the role of civil society and academia in such processes, and the role of gender in conflict and peacebuilding contexts.

**Job description**

- Conducting research in the field of transitional justice (within the cooperation project with the Minerva Center as well as related to own publications)
- Writing a doctoral dissertation supervised by Prof Anne Peters (regulations for doctoral studies within the Max Planck Society apply <https://www.mpg.de/career/how-do-i-get-supported>)
- Participating in the academic events of the MPIL and in the institute's life in general
- Research stays at the Minerva Center for Human Rights at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem or at the Tel Aviv University
- Organizing workshops and an international conference in Heidelberg and/or Israel
- Academic and logistical support in managing the research project

**Work environment**

We offer outstanding conditions to undertake legal research and a very inspiring work climate in an international team. English and German are both used as working languages at the Institute and either may be used for publications.

**Requirements**

Applicants should be outstanding graduates in law with very good and demonstrated knowledge of public international law. Applicants must meet the requirements for enrolment as a PhD student at the law schools of Heidelberg, Freie Universität Berlin, or of the university of Basel, and must be fully proficient in English (written and oral). Further lan-



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guage skills are an asset, especially German and French. A strong interest in Israel is recommended.

### Conditions

This contract and the funding are planned for a duration of four years (2019-2023). A further extension is possible and negotiable if needed for the finalisation of the doctoral dissertation (up to six years maximum). Payment is based on the Collective Wage Agreement for the Civil Service (TVöD). Doctoral students receive compensation corresponding to 50 percent of Pay Group 13 of TVöD (maximum level 2).

The Max Planck Society strives for gender and diversity equality. We therefore welcome applications from all backgrounds.

### How to apply

Please submit your application electronically using pdf-files: cover letter; CV; copies of academic records; your ideas for a dissertation research topic or brief proposal (half a page to 2 pages maximum), a letter of recommendation, and one or two individual legal manuscripts, such as your master thesis or other (no more than approx. 40 pages in total). Please send the documents to [apeters-office@mpil.de](mailto:apeters-office@mpil.de) (Attn: Anette Kreutzfeld, Personal Assistant to Prof. Dr. Anne Peters). **Deadline: 15 September 2019.**