

## Second International Conference for Young Scholars of the European Law School

Berlin, 14 - 16 November 2018

Within the framework of the European Law School (ELS), the Doctoral Programme “Unity and Difference in the European Legal Area” (EPEDER) at the Law Faculty of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin is welcoming applications for its second

### International Conference for Young Scholars

to be held in Berlin from 14 to 16 November 2018. This event will be conducted in English.

The Doctoral Programme EPEDER investigates the conditions, boundaries and implications of the interdependencies between national legal systems emerging from the Europeanisation and internationalisation of law. The programme is closely embedded in the network of the European Law School, which consists of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, King's College London, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, La Sapienza-Università di Roma as well as the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence as an associated partner.

The International Conference for Young Scholars will encompass two distinct, but closely related academic events (further descriptions below):

1. The Master Class with Prof. Christoph Möllers - 14 November 2018
2. The Young Scholars Workshop - 15 & 16 November 2018

Candidates are strongly encouraged to apply for both academic events. Combined applications will be prioritised in the selection process.

### Costs and Fees

There are no application fees. Travel expenses will be refunded and an accommodation will be provided thanks to the generous grant offered by the International Strategy Office of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin with funding of the German Excellence Initiative.

### Guidelines for applications

The application deadline is **16 September 2018**. Please submit your application by email to: [young.scholars.conference.rewi@hu-berlin.de](mailto:young.scholars.conference.rewi@hu-berlin.de)

Your application should include

- Cover letter (max. 1 page)
- CV, including a publication list if applicable (max. 2 pages)
- *Only if you are applying for the Young Scholars Workshop or for both academic events:* Summary of the research project to be presented (max. 2 pages) –
- All application materials should be submitted as one PDF file. Please indicate in your email whether you are applying for one or both events. For further information, please contact the Academic Director of EPEDER: [yoan.vilain@rewi.hu-berlin.de](mailto:yoan.vilain@rewi.hu-berlin.de)

## Academic Programme International Conference for Young Scholars

Master Class with Prof. Christoph Möllers – 14 November 2018

Legitimacy & Democracy  
Normativity & Interdisciplinarity

Christoph Möllers is a Professor of Public Law and Jurisprudence. He was a Fellow at NYU School of Law and is, since 2012, a Permanent Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in Berlin (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin). He is a member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and winner of the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize 2016 in recognition of his outstanding work in the area of Public law, specifically in relation to Constitutional law. The Leibniz Prize is Germany's most prestigious research funding award.

Möllers' main interests include German, European and Comparative Constitutional law, Regulated Industries, Democratic Theory in Public law, and the Theory of Normativity. His research spans a wide field from the Theory and History of German "Staatsdenken", the Separation of Powers, to Freedom of Religion and Constitutional Jurisdiction. Möllers considers the core questions of Public law from the perspective of Democratic Theory and enriches juridical thinking with a comprehensive Theory of Democratic Legitimacy. He also brilliantly combines juridical, historical, philosophical, normative and political theory approaches and insights. His writings, such as "The Three Branches" (Oxford University Press, 2013) set new standards in the study of Law, and are held in high regard across Germany and beyond.

Christoph Möllers studied Law, Philosophy and Literature in Tübingen, Madrid and Munich. After obtaining his doctorate in Munich and his "Habilitation" in Heidelberg, he held professorships in Münster and Göttingen before taking up his current post at Humboldt University in 2009. He combines his academic work with legal practice as counsel for the German Federal Government, the Bundestag and the "Bundesrat", and as a part-time judge at the Higher Administrative Court of Berlin-Brandenburg. In this capacity, he has been involved in high-profile cases and decisions, for example the cases concerning the request to ban the National Democratic Party of Germany ("NPD"), party funding and data retention, which have become contentious subjects of legal research in their own right.

The selected participants will arrive on 13 November for an informal get-together. During the one-day Master Class, they will discuss key texts of Christoph Möllers dealing with two main topics: "Legitimacy and Democracy" and "Normativity and Interdisciplinarity". These writings have been translated into English, and will be distributed in advance to registered participants who are expected to read these texts prior to attending the class.

In the evening, Christoph Möllers will deliver a keynote speech, which will simultaneously be the closing event of the Master Class and the opening ceremony for the Young Scholars Workshop.

## Young Scholars Workshop of the European Law School

15 & 16 November 2018

The Young Scholars Workshop on 15 & 16 November will give a selected group of PhD students and postdoctoral researchers the opportunity to share their current research with the other participants. Contributions to the workshop are invited from all different areas of the law (Public, Private and Criminal law; European and International law; Comparative and Transnational law; European and Comparative Legal History).

While a specific focus is put on the following list of topics, contributions on other subjects are also welcome:

- **New challenges for Comparative law:** History and Future(s) of comparison(s) in the European legal sphere; Methodological Prerequisites of a Comparative Approach to EU Law; The use of Comparative law in transnational legal systems.
- **Fragmentation and (dis)integration through Law:** Governance in times of “crisis”: Narratives of crisis in EU law; Conflicts of rationalities under EU law; The legal framework and mechanisms of differentiated integration in Europe; Addressing EU’s legitimacy crisis: Can the European Pillar of Social Rights and the accompanying initiatives deliver?
- **State, Market and Economic Regulation:** Interplay between Private law and public interest regulation; New modes of financing and stability; Relationship between company law and human rights; role of theories in the development of legislative initiatives.
- **Fundamental rights in Europe:** Interplay between the national and European systems of protection of fundamental rights; Social rights constitutionalism and the EU; Fundamental rights and Private law in the European Union.
- **Rule of Law in a European and Global context:** Internationalisation and Europeanisation of the Rule of Law in Times of Disorder and Contestation; Protecting the Rule of Law in Europe; the Rule of Law and the rise of illiberal democracies; Rule of Law and Judicial Independence as a Prerequisite for Mutual Trust and Functioning of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice.

Under the guidance of renowned law professors of the European Law School Network, participants will present their work in small groups and receive individual feedback. Doctoral and postdoctoral researchers are given the opportunity to present their projects as a whole or with particular focus on specific aspects, such as methodological challenges they are struggling with or specific lines of argumentation they wish to develop. The two-day workshop will be divided into thematic sessions, each consisting of two presentations followed by a discussion led by a law professor.