

Masterclass with Prof. Christoph Möllers Berlin, November 14, 2018

As part of its second **International Conference for Young Scholars** the European Law School (ELS) and its 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 a

Masterclass with Prof. Christoph Möllers

to be held in **Berlin, November 14, 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 resulting 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 Masterclass' Academic Programme and Background on Christoph Möllers

On the day of the Masterclass, participants will discuss core texts (in English) of Christoph Möllers dealing with two main topics: “**Legitimacy and Democracy**” and “**Normativity and Interdisciplinarity**”. Participants will receive these readings in advance of the Masterclass in form of an electronic reader.

In the evening Prof. Möllers will deliver a keynote speech, **How to do things with norms**, which will simultaneously be the closing event of the Masterclass and the opening ceremony for the Young Scholars Workshop, to be held between November 15 and 16, 2018.

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, which is among the most prestigious research honors in Germany. Such an award is in recognition of his outstanding work in the area of Public Law, specifically in relation to Constitutional Law.

His 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, and theory of democracy, 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 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 viewed 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 on the request to ban the National Democratic Party of Germany, party funding and data retention, which have become contentious subjects of legal research in their own right.

Costs and Fees

There are **no application fees**. Participants in the Masterclass are recommended to arrive on November 13, 2018 for an informal get-together, prior to the commencement of the event.

Guidelines for applications

The application deadline is **November 4, 2018**. Please submit your application by email to: young.scholars.conference.rewi@hu-berlin.de

Applications will be considered on the basis of the date of receipt. We recommend therefore to send your application as soon as possible. You will receive a confirmation of registration within one week after submission.

Your application should include

- Cover letter (*max. 1 page*)
- CV, including a publication list if applicable (*max. 3 pages*)

To ensure an efficient process, all application materials should be submitted as one PDF file.

For further information, please contact: ruediger.schwarz@rewi.hu-berlin.de