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The Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law is looking for

**a Research Fellow (m / f / d)  
for the DFG project:  
“Business Actors beyond Public and Private:  
Authority, Legitimacy and Responsibility  
in the United Nations Human Rights Regime”  
headed by PD Dr. Janne Mende**

The aim of the project is to grasp the changing forms and interdependencies between power, legitimacy and responsibility for human rights on a global level, to capture the role of companies in global governance beyond private and public, and to analyze their effects on the human rights regime. An empirical focus lies on the UN Human Rights Council's Open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights (OEIWG), which pursues the aim of a binding instrument for corporate human rights responsibility.

The research fellow will conduct research in the subject area of the DFG project (participation in joint projects, evaluation of qualitative data, own publications).

Prerequisite is a Master's degree in political science, international law or a related subject, experience with publications, high motivation for academic work, very good knowledge of English (German is an asset), and research experience in at least two of the following areas: (a) business and human rights, (b) transnational governance, (c) international organizations (esp. UN), (d) qualitative research, (e) power and democracy on a global level, f) international law / human rights. A (nearly completed) doctorate is a strong asset.

The position starts on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. The salary and social benefits are determined in accordance with salary group 13 of the German public service pay scheme (TVöD-Bund) with a working load of 85% (subject to funding). The position is limited to 14 months (remaining time of the project). An extension is expressly intended.

The Max Planck Society seeks to increase the number of women in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages them to apply. Furthermore, the Max Planck Society is committed to increasing the number of individuals with disabilities in its workforce and hence encourages applications from such qualified individuals.

Please send your application documents including a cover letter in which you outline your possible contribution to the project, a curriculum vitae, certificates, and a reading sample (paper or book chapter, incl. manuscripts) preferably in the subject area of the project, exclusively by e-mail and preferably summarized into a single PDF file (plus reading sample in a separate file) by July 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 to: [bewerbungen@mpil.de](mailto:bewerbungen@mpil.de). The interviews will take place during July / August, if necessary via video conference.

Questions about the position should be directed to PD Dr. Janne Mende: [mende@mpil.de](mailto:mende@mpil.de).