PhD POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL & TRADE LAW

Fellowship Call for Application

DEADLINE: November 21st 2016 – 17.00 CET

ESR2 EARLY STAGE RESEARCHER 2:

THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY AND ITS IMPACT ON THE GLOBAL TRADE SYSTEM

Universitaet Hamburg [DE] / Université Laval [CAN]
Internship: Polint. Ltd. [BE]
RESEARCH PROJECT

ENVIRONMENT
This research fellowship is offered within the framework of the GEM-STONES research project on the capacity of the EU to contribute to purposeful complex regime management. It is an integrated research project involving 15 partner institutions, 30 senior academics and 15 newly hired early stage researchers – for further information – see www.gem-stones.eu

This specific project will be part of a Work Package bringing together political and legal analyses assessing the EU’s institutional capacity to recognize and work with the external and multilateral implications/dimension of its policy preferences at the regional, interregional and global levels. The policy sectors identified as symptomatic of the EU’s external action are: (1) the EU’s push to address the external dimension of the “Area of Freedom, Security and Justice”; (2) the Common Commercial Policy” and its impact on global trade rules; (3) the impact of the Common Agricultural Policy on global food security; and (4) the European External Action Service’s role in shaping the EU’s presence in the global trade system.

Each of the 4 associated ESRs will:
- Explore the EU institutions’ capacity to instrumentalise complex regimes to externalise its internal policy
- Empirical input to the structured data-set drawn from content analysis of official EU policy and legal documentation
- Analyse the EU’s institutional capacity to manage complexity from a causal perspective
- Mobilise rational choice tools to model the historical institutionalist concept of critical junctures
- Assess the Lisbon Treaty’s impact on the institutional capacity of the EU in 4 Key policies
- Jointly produce an edited volume collecting contributions from all 4 ESRs and their supervisors (GEM book series)

OBJECTIVES
ESR 2 will develop a legal analysis of the effects of the Common Commercial Policy (CCP) on the design and content of the complex regime of international trade agreements. It will consider the fact that multiple dimensions of the EU’s CCP and the TFEU appear to have impacted not only on the EU’s position, but also on the global trade system altogether. What is the role of the Preferential Trade Agreements concluded by the EU, and what are its impacts on the WTO? More broadly, can trade negotiations really be the same when the EU is involved?

EXPECTED RESULTS
ESR 1 will:
1. Successfully accomplish all necessary doctoral training both at the local and GEM-STONES consortium wide levels;
2. Produce a periodization of the CCP in view of its changing challenges and means; as well as a contribution focussing on global and EU trade law to the GEM-STONES shared data set;
3. Write an original PhD dissertation offering proposing an analytical description of the different PTAs negotiated by the EU, and a contrasting analysis of trade negotiations with and without the EU

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HOST INSTITUTIONS
Universitaet Hamburg (DE)  Université Laval (CAN)

PhD PROGRAMME
PhD in Law  PhD in Law
TRAINING AND MOBILITY

MOBILITY PROGRAMME
Year 1 [2016-2017]: Universitaet Hamburg [Hamburg, Germany]
Year 2 [2017-2018]: Université Laval [Québec, Canada]
Year 3 [2018-2019]: Universitaet Hamburg [Hamburg, Germany]

TRAINING PROGRAMME
Year 1 [2016-2017]: Methodological training @ UHAM + GEM-STONES Joint activities
Year 2 [2017-2018]: GEM-STONES Joint activities
Year 3 [2018-2019]: GEM-STONES Joint activities

INTERNship PROGRAMME
Year 3 [September 2018 – February 2019]:
Internship at the Pol-Int [Brussels, Belgium]
Non Academic Mentor: Marialaura De Angelis
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POST DESCRIPTION

TITLE
Marie Curie Doctoral Fellow

HIRING INSTITUTION
Universitaet Hamburg [Hamburg, Germany]

DURATION
36 Months [01 January 2017 – 30 January 2020]

INCOME
3110€ Gross per month [37.320€ / year].
NB: this is a gross EU contribution to the salary cost of the researcher. The net salary will result from deducting all compulsory (employer/employee) social security contributions as well as direct taxes

BENEFITS
600€ Mobility Allowance per month [7200€ / year]
500€ Family Allowance per month [6000€ / year] - When applicable

REQUIREMENTS

DEGREE
Top level graduate degree [Master or equivalent providing access to PhD programmes in Law].

MINIMAL CREDITS
Applicants must submit at least one diploma meeting one of the following requirements: (1) a two-year master programme [120 ECTS] or equivalent; (2) a one-year graduate programme following a prior undergraduate degree if both diplomas total at least 300 ECTS or equivalent; (3) a single four-year higher education programme offering 300 ECTS or more.

LANGUAGE
English proficiency must be attested either through a previous English language diploma, or an internationally recognised proficiency test [i.e. IELTS, IBT, TOEFL or Cambridge].

CAREER
When starting their contract with GEM-STONE in November 2016, selected researchers should be within the first four years of their careers. This means being both within a four year window following their most recent graduation and not having been awarded a prior doctoral degree so far.
MOBILITY
At the time of recruitment, the researcher must not have resided, or carried out his/her activity in the country of the first host institution for more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to October 2016.

NON-DISCRIMINATION
No discrimination will be made on the base of nationality, gender, race, religion or disability.

APPLICATION
Complete and timely submission via the on-line application system.

HOW TO APPLY

OCTOBER 7TH 2016 TILL NOVEMBER 21ST 2016
Online Application System open and accessible through the GEM-STONES website [www.gem-stones.eu]

BY NOVEMBER 21ST 2016 12.00 (noon) CET
Candidates must apply through the GEM online application system, which will request the following information:
1° A personal profile form (incl. CV overview)
2° A scientific profile form (incl. ESR’s expression of interest, statement of motivation and personal interpretation of the research project)
3° A full academic CV
4° An academic record with scan of the degree qualifications
5° A proof of language proficiency
6° Two academic recommendation letters

NOVEMBER 29TH - DECEMBER 1ST 2016
Shortlisted candidates will be invited to submit to a skype interview with their supervisory trio (two academic supervisors + internship mentor).

BY DECEMBER 6TH 2016
Shortlisted candidates will be informed about final decision.

BY EARLY JANUARY 2017
Selected candidate to arrive at the Universitaet Hamburg (Hamburg, Germany) to start his/her training and research.