



INSTITUTE FOR TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL RESEARCH
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THREE VACANCIES FOR JUNIOR RESEARCHERS (M/F)

METRO, the Institute for Transnational Legal Research of the Law Faculty of Maastricht University, has three vacancies for junior researchers in the field of international, European and comparative environmental law and in the area of law and economics of financial compensation for victims of catastrophes. The positions are financed by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO).

Vacancy A: junior researcher on “Distributional Choices in Climate Change Policy: in search of a legal framework”

Job Description

You will do research on distributional choices in climate change policy. Within climate change policy, states must make distributional choices for implementing the targets as concluded on the supranational level. From a legal point of view the question arises to what legal criteria the distribution of the burden of climate change policy among and within the sectors in society must correspond. This research will explore legal principles for distributing climate change measures and costs. It will examine distributional choices at the European level and national level. The study will confront legal principles with economic regulatory approaches towards the distribution of climate change measures. The project should result in the publication of a PhD thesis and several articles.

Supervisors: dr. M. Peeters and Prof. dr. M.G. Faure LL.M.

Vacancy B: junior researcher on “Financial Compensation for Victims of Catastrophes”

Job description

You will do research on financial compensation mechanisms for victims of catastrophes, with an important emphasis on law and economics. The research project will first analyse what compensation instruments exist in various countries based on a comparative legal perspective. Second, a law and economics perspective will be used to indicate what the optimal compensation mechanism may be or at least what benefits and disadvantages may be of various solutions. Thirdly, the research will address this issue from a competition angle to analyze whether solutions in various countries are compatible with requirements of efficient competition (law). The project should result in the publication of a PhD thesis and several articles.

Supervisors: Prof. dr. M.G. Faure LL.M. and Prof. mr. T. Hartlief.

Vacancy C: junior researcher on “The Application of the Precautionary Principle and Liability Law with Respect to Climate Change”

Job description

You will do research on the application of the precautionary principle and liability law with respect to climate change. The research project will analyse the consequences of the

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application of the precautionary principle for liability for possible damage caused by climate change with respect to both operators (CO₂ emitters) and public authorities. It will analyse whether and under which circumstances authorities and operators can be held liable and analyse how responsibilities should be distributed, not only between authorities and operators, but also between different national and European authorities. The project should result in the publication of a PhD thesis and several articles.

Supervisors: Prof. dr. E. Vos and Prof. dr. M.G. Faure LL.M.

Job requirements

You have a law degree. You should be familiar with the design and methods of empirical and legal research, as evidenced by, for example, a completed graduate thesis and/or related research papers. Excellent command of the English language is essential; mastery of additional languages is an important asset. For vacancies A and B, some prior experience with the economic analysis of law is required.

Conditions of employment

All three vacancies concern a full-time appointment of 48 months (part-time is negotiable). Your gross monthly salary amounts from _ 2.179,- in the 1st year to _ 2.517,- in the 4th year (salary scale 10). You will participate in the Ius Commune Research School as well as in its PhD training programme.

Start of the positions: 1 September 2005 or to be negotiated.

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