Call for Applicants for a German-Israeli Minerva School

Doctoral and Post-Doctoral researchers from Germany and Israel are invited to apply for an intensive week-long seminar in Heidelberg, April 24-30, 2022:

“International Human Rights Law and the Individual”

The Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (MPIL) and the Minerva Center for Human Rights at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJ) announce an intensive week-long seminar on “International Human Rights Law and the Individual”.

The seminar will engage with the diversity of interactions between international human rights law (IHRL) and the individual - IHRL’s main subject, beneficiary and addressee. The seminar will combine international legal-doctrinal issues (e.g., the status of the individual in terms of legal personality, individual rights below the threshold of fundamental human rights, the individual’s participation in law-making, individual obligations and individual criminal and other responsibility, with interdisciplinary insights from the social sciences, such as behavioral economics, sociology, and political science. The seminar will cover a broad range of particular issues within IHRL, including international humanitarian law, international criminal law, labour law, refugee law, international environmental law including climate law, and international economic law, reflecting the richness of IHRL and its interactions with the individual as well as corporate entities.

Leading human rights experts from Israel and Germany will lead the sessions. Expected speakers include: Dr. Einat Albin, HUJ; Prof. Ziv Bohrer, Bar-Ilan University; Prof. Tomer Broude, HUJ (seminar co-Academic Director); Prof. Christoph Engel, Director, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn; Dr. Angelo Golia, MPIL; Prof. Rainer Grote, MPIL; Prof. Moshe Hirsch, HUJ; Dr. Raffaella Kunz, MPIL; Dr. Tamar Megiddo, College of Law and Business, Ramat Gan; Prof. Anne Peters, Director, MPIL (seminar co-Academic Director); Prof. Yaël Ronen, HUJ; Prof. Yuval Shany, HUJ (former Member and Chair of the UN Human Rights Committee); Dr. Mark Somos, MPIL; and Dr. Tom Sparks, MPIL.

Besides workshops and case studies, there is a planned visit to the European Court of Human Rights and the Venice Commission in Strasbourg (depending on the COVID-19 situation).

Flights and accommodation for the participants from Israel, meals in Heidelberg and ground transportation in Germany will be provided. Participants are responsible for their other expenses.

The seminar will accept 20 Doctoral and Post-Doctoral researchers in law or other related human rights fields, with a background in international human rights law.

Application deadline: 22 February 2022

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to the following address with “Minerva School Application” in the subject line:

Applicants from Germany: bewerbungen@mpil.de
Applicants from Israel: mchr@savion.huji.ac.il

Applications must include the following documents:
Letter of interest (including background in international human rights law)
CV with publications/research work
One letter of recommendation

Successful candidates will be notified no later than 5 March 2022.