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PhD CANDIDATE

IN THE FIELD OF

**“CONSTITUTIONAL IDENTITY AND
GLOBAL MIGRATION”**

In 2017, [the WZB Berlin Social Science Research Center](#) is establishing a new research group, “Global Citizenship Law: International Migration and Constitutional Identity,” which will be led by Professor Liav Orgad, connected to the [Research Area Migration and Diversity](#) (headed by Professor Ruud Koopmans) and in collaboration with the [Center for Global Constitutionalism](#) (headed by Professor Mattias Kumm).

The project, funded by a [European Research Council Starting Grant](#), is jointly hosted by the WZB and the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the [European University Institute](#) (EUI) in Florence, providing the PhD candidate with a unique opportunity to benefit from Europe’s two leading research institutes in the fields of constitutional identity, citizenship theory, and international migration.

The doctoral degree will be awarded in cooperation with one of the Berlin Universities (typically, Free University of Berlin or Humboldt University of Berlin); the call is also open to PhD students at other universities in Germany or abroad who are willing to relocate to Berlin for the duration of the contract. The position is at 65% of the regular working hours (currently 25.35 hours per week), preferably starting on September 1, 2017, for the duration of four years. Salary level is E 13 TVöD (in accordance with German public service collective agreement).

**VACANCY FOR A
PHD POSITION**

**GLOBAL
CITIZENSHIP**

**WZB BERLIN
in collaboration with
EUI FLORENCE**

**DEADLINE:
MARCH 1, 2017**

**STARTING DATE:
SEPTEMBER 2017**

CONTACT FOR ENQUIRIES

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The PhD Research

Global Citizenship Law invites proposals on the nexus between global migration, citizenship policy, and constitutional identity from different perspectives—law, history, philosophy, political science, and sociology. Examples of questions are: how can countries be both open and global and, at the same time, keep a national “core” that goes beyond the global economy and principles of political liberalism? What are the ways by which societies confront the identity challenge posed by massive population movements and increased cultural and religious diversity? How should states reconcile the tensions between the claims to identity made by majorities, and the rights of minorities? Should there be a new concept of global—in parallel to national—citizenship, addressing global issues, such as climate change and the environment, in which nation-states are not necessarily the best representatives of individual interests? And what could be the moral justifications and institutional structure of such a hybrid concept of citizenship? In essence, *Global Citizenship Law* invites us to challenge our understanding of citizenship in the age of global economy, technology, and mobility.

Additional details Additional details on the Global Citizenship Law project are available [here](#).

The fellow is expected to develop original research on “Constitutional Identity and Global Migration” that will result in high-quality publications; contribute to the community life; participate in research-related activities; and help in the management of the project, such as the organization of workshops and website administration.

Requirements

Researchers who hold a Master Degree in law, social sciences, or political philosophy with excellent results by the time of starting the employment contract and have a demonstrated interest in migration, citizenship, identity, or EU law and governance can apply. Applicants must have excellent writing and presentation skills in English (knowledge of other languages is a plus; English is the working language of the research group). Applicants who have not completed their Master degree by the time of application (March 1st, 2017) should include a statement from their supervisor confirming the expected date for the achievement of their degree.

In addition to the eligibility requirements, selection criteria will consider the applicant’s academic record, research plan, research motivation, previous knowledge and experience in the research areas of the project, and willingness to collaborate with other members of the “Global Citizenship” Project.

Equally well-qualified disabled persons will be given preference. The WZB expressly invites women and people with an immigrant background to apply.

Application Materials

- Curriculum Vitae (maximum 3 pages).
- Research Plan, which should contain a statement of the applicant's ideas on the research questions, theoretical framework, and methodological approach (maximum 3 pages).
- Two Letters of Recommendation (referees can email the letter of reference directly).
- Letter of Motivation, which should describe your career plan and reasons for seeking to participate in the "Global Citizenship Law" research project (maximum 500 words).
- University or College Transcript(s).
- Writing Sample (optional).

Please submit your complete application by email (maximum two PDF files, excluding letters of recommendation) by the closing date of **March 1, 2017** to:

Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung gGmbH

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Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview with the selection board at WZB Berlin in April 2017; travel expenses can be covered according to the WZB regulations for the reimbursement of travel costs to job-interviews.

It is expected that decisions will be made in **May 2017**.