



GEM DIAMOND

PhD POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL LAW & EUROPEAN LAW

Fellowship Call for Application

DEADLINE: July 3rd, 2022 – 17.00 CET

EARLY-STAGE RESEARCHER 11

*Legal contestation on the rule of law and its impact on
EU cooperation in criminal matters with third parties:
EU-MERCOSUR*



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RESEARCH PROJECT

ENVIRONMENT

This 3-Year-long doctoral fellowship is offered as part of a specific collective project within a multiannual international research effort on **Globalisation, Europe, and Multilateralism (GEM)**. This project (2022-2026), coordinated by the Institut d'études européennes (IEE) at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), will assess the EU's capacity to act given the challenges facing **Democratic Institutions**, the rise of **Alternative MOdels** and mounting **Normative Dissensus (DIAMOND)**.

GEM-DIAMOND is a *Marie Skłodowska Curie Action - Doctoral Network* (MSCA-DN) involving 7 European and 4 international degree-awarding Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) alongside 6 well-established non-academic institutions. The project will hire and train 16 doctoral fellows to help address knowledge gaps associated with the growing normative tensions undermining multilateral and democratic practice – for further information see www.gem-diamond.eu.

GEM-DIAMOND's overall research program will collectively tackle three shared knowledge gaps regarding contemporary strains on liberal democracy:

- **Objective 1:** Conceptualising the seemingly mounting dissensus surrounding liberal democracy.
- **Objective 2:** Unpacking the ambiguous role different actors can play as both champions and challengers of liberal democratic norms, values and practices.
- **Objective 3:** Assessing the impact of increased dissensus regarding liberal democracy on the policy instruments of the EU and its capacity to act in its internal and external policies.

Early-Stage Researcher n°11 (**ESR11**) is part of **GEM-DIAMOND**'s 3rd Work Package (WP3) entitled '*Internal contestation and its impact on the EU*'. WP3 includes 5 individual doctoral projects that will each develop a detailed analysis of a given case study elucidating the processes by which contestation regarding liberal democracy shapes the EU's capacity to act.

Both individually and collectively, the 5 PhD fellows associated with WP3 will produce detailed analyses of a range of case studies. These will explicit the processes by which contestation regarding liberal democracy shapes the EU's capacity to act. The five PhD fellows involved will adopt a process-centric approach, with each Researcher working on a different type of EU policy instrument. Ultimately, WP3 will **process-trace the institutional mechanisms connecting evolutions of the EU's regulatory, parliamentary, legal and trade instruments with the internal contestation** shaping these controversial policy fields.

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECT (IRP)

Entitled '*Legal contestation on the rule of law and its impact on EU cooperation in criminal matters with third parties: EU-MERCOSUR*' the individual research project of **ESR11** is in the fields of **International** and **European Law**

ESR11 will focus on legal contestation. This IRP will analyse how contestation surrounding the understanding and practice of the rule of law has impacted EU cooperation in criminal matters with third partners. The Researcher will explore the specific case of international judicial cooperation in criminal matters between the EU and Latin America. The IRP will include a comparative legal study of the understandings of the rule of law within the EU and MERCOSUR. The purpose of this is to examine whether the degree of cooperation in criminal matters with third partners is subordinated to common values and shared intersectional concerns.

As part of their application, candidates will be asked to submit a personal interpretation of the research project in the form a specific project proposal of 2-3 pages, including a research question, a theoretical framework, a methodological strategy, and a justification for the suggested empirical choices.

OBJECTIVES

ESR11 will:

- Be hired for at least 36-months by ULB as a Doctoral Researcher
- Work under the direction of a Joint Supervisory Trio involving:
 - **Pr. Anne Weyembergh** (ULB) – Co-Supervisor
 - **Pr. Paula Wojcikiewicz Almeida** (FGV) – Co-supervisor
 - **Dr. Jean-Louis Brouwer** (Egmont) – Non-Academic Mentor
- A second EU-based institution within the consortium will be designated to contribute to the supervisory environment
- Individually work towards a double doctoral degree in 'Law and Criminology' under the joint supervision of Pr. **A. Weyembergh** (ULB) and Pr. **P. Wojcikiewicz Almeida** (FGV)
- Contribute to the collective work in WP3 seeking to describe the processes of contestation within the EU by focussing on legal contestation
- Participate in all collective research and training activities and submit to the program's regular joint evaluations

EXPECTED RESULTS

ESR11 will:

1. Complete the Scheduled Mobility Agenda:
 - a. Training & Research Stay @ ULB (Oct. 2022 - Sept. 2023)
 - b. Research Stay @ FGV (Oct. 2023 - June. 2024)
 - c. Research Stay @ ULB (July. 2024 - Dec. 2024)

- d. Non-Academic Secondment @ EGMONT (Jan. 2025 - April. 2025)
- e. Research Stay @ ULB (May. 2025 - Sept. 2025)
2. Successfully accomplish the doctoral training scheduled both at the local and GEM-DIAMOND levels.
3. Secure a doctoral training certificate from ULB
4. Contribute to a WP3 '**Joint framing paper on Contestation**'
5. Contribute to two-project wide manuscripts:
 - a. A Handbook on 'Rethinking Impact in Political & Social Sciences'
 - b. An Edited Volume reflecting the shared conclusions of the project
6. Submit an article to the Journal of European Constitutional Law Review (ECLR)
7. Write an original PhD dissertation on '*Legal contestation on the rule of law and its impact on EU cooperation in criminal matters with third parties: EU-MERCOSUR*'

CO-SUPERVISORS

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HOST INSTITUTIONS

ULB (BE)

FGV (BR)

TRAINING AND MOBILITY

MOBILITY PROGRAMME

- Oct. 2022 - Sept. 2023 @ ULB (Brussels, Belgium)
- Oct. 2023 - June. 2024 @ FGV (Rio de Janeiro, Brasil)
- July. 2024 - Dec. 2024 @ ULB (Brussels, Belgium)
- Jan. 2025 - April. 2025 @ EGMONT (Brussels, Belgium)
- May. 2025 - Sept. 2025 @ ULB (Brussels, Belgium)

TRAINING PROGRAMME

- 2022-2023 (Y1): Methodological training @ ULB & GEM-DIAMOND Joint activities
- 2023-2024 (Y2): GEM-DIAMOND Joint activities
- 2024-2025 (Y3): GEM-DIAMOND Joint activities

NON-ACADEMIC SECONDMENT

Year 3 (Jan. 2025 - April. 2025)
Non-Academic Secondment at the **Egmont Institute** (Brussels, Belgium)
Non-Academic Mentor : Dr. Jean-Louis De Brouwer
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POST DESCRIPTION

TITLE

Marie Curie Doctoral Fellow

HIRING INSTITUTION

ULB (Brussels, Belgium)

DURATION

36 Months (1 October 2022 – 30 September 2025)

INCOME

4000€ Gross per month (48.000€ / 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.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Full Social Coverage
Travel & Research Funds
Family Allowance per month - *When applicable*

REQUIREMENTS

DEGREE

Top level graduate degree (Master or equivalent providing access to PhD programs in Law).

MINIMAL CREDITS

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

The researcher should be in the first four years of their research careers at the time of recruitment and have not been awarded a doctoral degree so far.

SPECIFIC SKILLS

Knowledge of Spanish and/or Portuguese will be considered an asset

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 (i.e., Belgium) for more than 12 months cumulatively in the 3 years prior to October 2022

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

MAY 20th, 2022 TILL JULY 3rd, 2022

Online application system open and accessible through the GEM-DIAMOND website (www.gem-diamond.eu)

BY JULY 3rd, 2022 17.00 CET

Candidates must apply through the GEM-DIAMOND online application system, which will request the following information:

- A personal profile form (incl. CV overview)
- A scientific profile form (incl. ESR's expression of interest, statement of motivation and personal interpretation of the research project)
- A full academic CV
- An academic record with scan of the degree qualifications
- A proof of language proficiency
- Two academic recommendation letters

BETWEEN JULY 11th & JULY 20th 2022

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an online interview with their supervisory trio (two academic supervisors + internship mentor).

BY JULY 21st 2022

Shortlisted candidates will be informed about final decision.
This offer is conditional to the signature of the Grant Agreement.

BY OCTOBER 31st 2022

Selected candidate to arrive at the ULB (Brussels, Belgium) to start his/her training and research.

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