



**The Danish Institute for Human Rights &  
the Faculty of Law of the University of Copenhagen**

# **PhD course: Human rights research methods**

**University of Copenhagen  
28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**



## **Call for applications**

The Danish Institute for Human Rights and the PhD School of the Faculty of Law of the University of Copenhagen invite PhD students working on human rights related topics to submit an application to participate in the PhD course on human rights research methods. The course is open to about 15 students. Deadline for application is April 7<sup>st</sup>.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this course is to introduce and discuss different methodical and methodological approaches to human rights research. Human rights research is a complex research field, including several different disciplines within law, social sciences and humanities. The research field has been expanding over the past decades and is today characterized by a high level of multi- and interdisciplinarity. The course aims to 1) provide participants with an overview of key methodological and methodical developments within the field of contemporary human rights research; 2) discuss each participant's methodological and methodical choices; and 3) provide the participants with guidelines for better research practices in this field.

## **Programme**

The course runs over three days: On the first day, we will hold an open workshop where international human rights experts will give presentations on different methodological and methodical topics. The second and third days are devoted to participants' presentations of methodological and methodical aspects of their PhD projects. Senior staff and peer participants will provide comments and feed-back to the individual presentations (see attached programme). A list of recommended readings will be provided.

The keynote speakers and senior researchers involved in the course are:

- Andreas von Arnould, Professor of Law, Walther Schücking Institute for International Law, Kiel University
- Shai Dothan, Associate Professor, Law Faculty, iCourt, Copenhagen University
- Stephanie Lagoutte, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights
- Mikael Rask Madsen, Professor in European Law and Integration, Law Faculty, iCourt, Copenhagen University
- Hans-Otto Sano, Research Director at the Danish Institute for Human Rights
- Mart Susi, Professor of Human Rights Law, School of Governance, Law and Society, Tallinn University



## **Participants**

The course is open to all PhD students working on human rights related topics. The course can accommodate approx. 15 participants. In the case that we receive more than 15 applications, we will select participants based on 1) the quality of their paper abstract; 2) the topic of their human rights research; and 3) their discipline, aiming for a high-quality, multi-disciplinary group of participants.

## **Application and registration**

To apply for the course, please submit an abstract (500 words) of the paper you want to present. Deadline for application is **April 7<sup>st</sup> 2018**. Please indicate your institutional affiliation and the date of admission to the PhD program you are part of. You will receive an answer from the organisers by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Travel and accommodation grant**

PhD students from the Nordic and the Baltic countries, as well as from Kiel University, can apply for a grant to cover transportation and accommodation in relation to the course. Please indicate whether you would like to apply for a grant when you send your application for participation in the course.

## **Submission of paper**

If your application is accepted, you need to submit a paper to be discussed at the course. Deadline for submission of the paper is **May 7<sup>st</sup>**. Your paper should contain a very short introduction to the PhD project and its research question(s), followed by a presentation of methodological considerations, choices of methods and methodological challenges. Maximum length of the paper, including references, is 8.000 words.

## **ECTS**

The PhD course gives 4 ECTS points.

## **Organisers and funding**

The course is organised in cooperation between the Danish Institute for Human Rights and the Law Faculty of the University of Copenhagen. The course is part of HURMUR (Human Rights Raising Excellence), an EU twinning cooperation between the Danish Institute for Human Rights, Tallinn University and Kiel University funded by the European Commission.

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