

## Job offer

### PhD research grant (48 months)

#### **"Cities facing climate change: which legal framework for which urban public policies? "**

The Centre for Public Law (<http://droit-public.ulb.ac.be>) and the Centre for European Law (<https://cde.ulb.be/>) of the ULB are offering a 48-month full-time doctoral fellowship, starting on 1 October 2021. The opening of this fellowship is the result of a "mini-arc project" funding from the University by Professors Emmanuel Slautsky (principal investigator) and Chiara Armeni (co-investigator). The position to be filled must allow the completion of a doctoral thesis within the 48-month period mentioned above. The thesis can be written in French or English. During the first year of research, an application for external doctoral funding must be submitted to the F.R.S.-FNRS. However, obtaining this funding does not condition the continuation of the contract.

#### *Research theme*

Cities are both places where a substantial part of the world's greenhouse gases are emitted (70% of the emissions linked to energy use) and places where certain effects of climate change (heat waves, floods, etc.) affect a particularly high number of people. At the same time, cities are laboratories where many climate measures are already being tested. Cities are therefore key players that cannot be ignored in the management of climate change. However, this role of cities is still insufficiently explored by legal scholars. The objective of the research project is to carry out a global reflection on the nature of the climate governance developed by cities and on the role of law in this governance.

A more detailed description of the project that has been selected by the University is available upon request (see below).

#### *Research environment*

The thesis will be carried out under the supervision of Emmanuel Slautsky (Professor of Public and Comparative Law) and the co-supervision of Chiara Armeni (Professor of Environmental Law). The recruited doctoral student will be mainly attached to the Centre for Public Law, but he or she will also be a member of the Centre for European Law of the ULB. The recruited doctoral student will be invited to contribute to the activities of these two research centres.

Headed by Professor Julien Pieret, the Centre de droit public of the ULB is a research centre of the Faculty of Law and Criminology composed of about fifteen full-time professors and many other part-time members, whose main fields of expertise are public law, social law, and sociology and philosophy of law.

The European Law Centre, headed by Professor Chloé Brière, is a research centre of the Faculty of Law and Criminology of the ULB, established more than 50 years ago. Its research aims to engage with the developments and challenges of European integration by providing a critical and contextual analysis based on the expertise and diversity of its researchers' profiles.

The doctoral student will have an office, possibly shared, within the Centre for Public Law. In addition to his or her supervisors, he or she will be able to count on the support of the members of the Centre for Public Law and the members of the Centre for European Law, depending on their respective fields of expertise.

#### *Desired profile*

Candidates should have a Master's degree in law (with honours) and have an excellent command of French or English and a good command (active and passive) of the other language.

Additional assets are: knowledge of Dutch; relevant professional experience; a specialised master degree; a second degree in humanities.

#### *Interested?*

Further information on the vacancy and the research to be carried out can be obtained from Professor Emmanuel Slautsky ([emmanuel.slautsky@ulb.be](mailto:emmanuel.slautsky@ulb.be)). The full research proposal that has been selected by the University can be provided upon request.

Applications must be sent by email to Emmanuel Slautsky ([emmanuel.slautsky@ulb.be](mailto:emmanuel.slautsky@ulb.be)) and Chiara Armeni ([chiara.armeni@ulb.be](mailto:chiara.armeni@ulb.be)) by **Friday 20 August 2021** at the latest.

They must include the following documents:

- a cover letter;
- a detailed *curriculum vitae*;
- a written document, such as an academic publication or a thesis, attesting the candidate's research and writing skills.

A pre-selection will be made on the basis of the applications submitted. The selected candidates will be invited to an interview at the end of August 2021, with a view to taking

up their duties on 1 October 2021. Due to the current health situation, the interviews are likely to take place online.