



Hosting offer for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) 2022 at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń/Department of Constitutional Law



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The Department of Constitutional Law at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń invites motivated postdoctoral researchers to jointly prepare an application for the [MSCA-PF-2022 call Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) call ([MSCA-PF-2022](#)) with them as host organisation.

Description of Hosting organisation/group

The Department of Constitutional Law is one of the leading centres in Poland dealing with comparative constitutional law. For years the Department's employees have been cooperating with leading academic centres from Italy (LUISS Guido Carli, Roma Tor Vergata, Università degli Studi di Macerata or Università Ca' Foscari Venezia), the Czech Republic (Charles University in Prague and Palacky University in Olomouc), Slovakia (Comenius University in Bratislava), Hungary (Pazmany Peter Catholic University) or Japan (Kobe University). In addition, the Department staff participated as investigators in the project "Security in V4 constitutions and political practices", founded by the Visegrad Fund (Standard Grant No. 21510444, implemented in 2015-2016) and currently in the research project "BETKOSOL - Better Knowledge for Better Solutions", founded by the European Union's Hercule III Programme. Currently, Chair staff are involved in the project Responding to Emerging Dissensus: Supranational Instruments & Norms of European Liberal Democracy (RED-SPINEL), selected for funding under the Horizon Europe Programme.

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Topics/expertise

The Department of Constitutional Law conducts research in the following topics:

- 1) The crisis of democracy in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, with a focus on the Visegrad Group countries.*
- 2) Challenges of respecting the rule of law at the national and EU level*
- 3) National Parliaments as the 'tax masters' - fiction or reality in an era of Europeanization and Globalization*
- 4) Democratic Legitimacy in the Post-Crisis European Economic Governance*

5) *limitation of constitutional freedoms in EU Member States during the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on national constitutional identity*

Supervisor: Dr hab. Maciej Serowaniec, prof. UMK - Associate Professor at the Department of Constitutional Law of the Faculty of Law and Administration of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (Poland). Participated as an investigator in the project "Security in V4 constitutions and political practices", founded by the Visegrad Fund (Standard Grant No. 21510444, implemented in 2015-2016) and currently in the research project "BETKOSOL - Better Knowledge for Better Solutions", founded by the European Union's Hercule III Programme. A member of the Scientific Society in Toruń and ICON-S Central and Eastern European Chapter.

Your profile

Expected qualifications/expertise of the candidate: PhD in Social Sciences (Law or Political Sciences)

You must have a completed PhD at the time of the call deadline (14 September 2022).

Candidates must have a maximum of 8 years full-time research experience from the PhD award date until September 14, 2022. Periods of inactivity in research (e.g. unemployment, periods of employment outside research, parental or sick leave) do not count towards the time of research experience.

For European fellowships, candidates can be of any nationality and must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Poland for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before September 14, 2022.

Highly motivated candidate with an excellent research track record appropriate to career stage, as evidenced by academic publications and other scientific output.

What we offer

- Support and guidance for the preparation of your MSCA PF proposal
- A stimulating, interdisciplinary environment for high-level research.

How to apply?

Indicate your interest by contacting the host institution as follows:

Please contact Maciej Serowaniec by email : mserowaniec@umk.pl

with a short CV and motivation to indicate your interest to prepare a MSCA-PF application.

After the supervisor agrees to support you as a MSCA-PF candidate, you can start preparation of MSCA PF project proposal and will be supported further by the Research Support Office of the host university.