



PhD Program between the Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and the China Scholarship Council (CSC)

Open PhD position at FUB for CSC scholarship candidates 2016

Please note: the PhD position is only offered to Chinese PhD candidates for application in the framework of the FUB-CSC PhD Program.

<u>Department/Institute:</u>	Faculty of Law
<u>Subject area:</u>	Private Law Theory
<u>Name of Supervisor:</u>	Prof. Dr. Bertram LOMFELD (Mr.)
<u>Number of open PhD positions:</u>	1
<u>Type of the PhD Study:</u>	Full-time or Sandwich-Model Sandwich-Model preferred
<u>Project title:</u>	The Politics of Private Law / Civil Procedure Law

PhD Project description:

The project aims to analyse the basic notions of private law on a comparative basis. The comparative deconstruction of fundamental legal structures should reveal political backgrounds as well as possible common ('universal') cores of private law. The legal design of basic private law institutions shapes social and economic cooperation. The 'Politics of Private Law' wants to sketch a political economy or political philosophy of private law institutions.

Chinese PhD students should conduct a comparative and/or interdisciplinary research project on one of the following core institution of Chinese and German private law: property, contract, tort, corporation, bankruptcy or civil procedure law. The PhD student pursues his/her research project independently, but will present and discuss his/her results and progresses regularly. The application should enclose a project proposal (approximately 1000 words).

Language requirements:

The working language could be English or German.

Academic requirements:

- Excellent **law degree** (preferable with the focus on private law, civil procedure, bankruptcy or legal theory)
- Supplementary degree or otherwise verifiable knowledge and experience in either **comparative law, legal theory or a social science discipline** (e.g. economics, sociology, philosophy, politics)

Information of the professor or research group leader:

Prof. Dr. Bertram Lomfeld is professor for private law and the foundations of law. His main working areas are private law, civil procedure, bankruptcy law, legal philosophy, legal sociology, law & economics and political economy.

Recent publications include:

- 2015 (forthcoming). *Die Fälle der Gesellschaft: Eine Praxis soziologischer Jurisprudenz [The Cases of Society: A Practice of Sociological Jurisprudence]* (Ed.). Tübingen: Mohr

- 2015 (forthcoming). *Reshaping Markets: Economic Governance, the Global Financial Crisis and Liberal Utopia* (Ed. with Alessandro Somma and Peer Zumbansen). Cambridge University Press

- 2015 (forthcoming). *Die Gründe des Vertrages: Eine Diskurstheorie der Vertragsrechte [The Reasons of Contract: A Discourse Theory of Contract Laws]*. Tübingen: Mohr

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- 2013. 'Contract as Deliberation', *Law & Contemporary Problems* 76:1

www.jura.fu-berlin.de/fachbereich/einrichtungen/zivilrecht/lehrende/lomfeldb

www.privatelawtheory.net

Please note:

In a first step the complete application should submit to the Beijing Office for evaluation by January 4th, 2016. Please don't contact the professor before. He/She will get in contact with you after having received the complete application in January.