



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

### Open Postdoc position at FUB for CSC scholarship candidates 2016

*Please note: the postdoc position is only offered to Chinese who graduated with a PhD degree from a Chinese university.*

<b><u>Department/Institute:</u></b>	Faculty of Law
<b><u>Subject area:</u></b>	Private Law Theory
<b><u>Professor / Research Group:</u></b>	Prof. Dr. Bertram LOMFELD (Mr.)
<b><u>Number of open Postdoc positions:</u></b>	1
<b><u>Project title:</u></b>	Politics of Private Law / Civil Procedure Law

#### **Postdoc 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 project participants should conduct a comparative and/or interdisciplinary research on one of the following core institution of Chinese private law: property, contract, tort, corporation, bankruptcy or civil procedure law. The postdoc researcher pursues his/her research project independently, but will present and discuss his/her results and progresses regularly. One research goal might be a (joined) publication in a major Chinese, German and/or international journal. The application should enclose a project proposal (approximately 1000 words).

#### **Language requirements:**

The working language could be English or German.

- English: IELTS 6,5 or TOEFL 95 ibt.
- German: Test DaF 16 or DSH 2

#### **Academic requirements:**

- Excellent **law degree**
- 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)
- Outstanding **Ph.D. thesis** that relates to some theoretical aspect of private law, civil procedure, bankruptcy law or political economy

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

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[www.privatelawtheory.net](http://www.privatelawtheory.net)

**Please note:**

In a first step the complete application should submit to the Beijing Office for evaluation by October 30, 2015. Please don't contact the professor before. He/She will get in contact with you after having received the complete application.