

Call for Applications

Perelman Centre for Legal Philosophy

FELLOWSHIP ON LEGAL PRAGMATISM AND REALISM

The Perelman Centre for Legal Philosophy of the Université Libre de Bruxelles is calling for applications for an 8 months full time **Fellowship on Legal Pragmatism & Realism** in the framework of the **Twining Llewellyn Fund**.

1. FELLOWSHIP OF THE NATIONAL FUND FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

The fellowship will unfold as part of a research program sponsored by the Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research. It has two key objectives. First, it aims at starting a PhD research on legal pragmatism and realism focusing on the material of the Twining Llewellyn Fund. Second, it seeks to facilitate the reception of the Twining-Llewellyn collection at the Perelman Centre and to make it fit for public consultation. This involves working hand in hand with different services at the ULB (library, archives, etc.) for cataloguing, referencing and setting up online and onsite consultation services.

The fellowship position is initially available for 8 months (November 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017- see more below), during which the fellow will be enrolled as a doctoral student at the Université Libre de Bruxelles. After such a period, the Perelman Centre may offer the fellow the possibility to continue writing the doctoral dissertation. This offer is subject to availability of funds and positive evaluation of the fellowship period.

2. TWINING- LLEWELLYN FUND

Karl Nickerson Llewellyn (1893-1962) was a preeminent American legal scholar based at the University of Chicago who is particularly known for advancing the Realist Movement of legal thought, and for his involvement in the development of the Uniform Commercial Code. William Twining (1934-) is a British legal theorist and founder of the Law in Context Movement. His contributions span across jurisprudence, evidence and proof, legal method, and legal education. He is a leading scholar on the subject of legal theory and globalization. William Twining made a significant donation of his personal library to the Perelman Centre which includes (1) a shadow version of the Llewellyn collection at Chicago, (2) The Soia Mentschikoff shadow collection; (3) a personal collection of books owed by William Twining on American jurisprudence, realism, globalisation and Jeremy Bentham, and (4) William Twining's material, which

encompasses some of his academic correspondence, annotated material, and his published and unpublished works.

3. REQUISITES

Applicants must hold a Master's degree (120 ECTS) or equivalent, preferably in law. The selection committee will evaluate on a case-by-case basis the eligibility of applicants holding a Master's degree in other disciplines than law. Applicants who already hold a PhD are not eligible. Special consideration will be given to applicants with an international academic profile and excellent academic results.

We are looking for enthusiastic candidates with aptitude for academic research, collective research and teamwork. Candidates must be fully fluent in written and oral English, and have good management and IT skills. Professional experience is not required but can constitute a valuable asset in the application.

Contract start date 1/11/2016

A later starting date is possible. However, the end date of the contract will not change (30 June 2016). Please indicate in your application when will you be available to take up the position.

Contract duration and salary

Eight-month scholarship. The grant amounts to around €1800 net.

Application

Applications must be sent to the Director of the Perelman Centre, Prof. Isabelle Rorive (philodroit@ulb.ac.be). Please write as email subject "Fellowship vacancy – Candidate **your surname**".

Deadline for receiving applications is 20 October 2016. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.

The application must include the following documents:

- **Applicant CV**
- **Motivation letter**
- **The candidate's master thesis or, eventually, a paper written in the framework of his/her studies.**

The Perelman Centre for Legal Philosophy: For more information regarding the Perelman Centre and its activities please visit the website www.phildroit.be