



MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2021

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOSTING MARIE CURIE FELLOWS

HOST INSTITUTION

NOVA University Lisbon | School of Law

NOVA University Lisbon School of Law (<http://www.novalaw.unl.pt>) was founded in 1996. Its first undergraduate program was launched in 1997 as an 'innovative hub' with the objective of developing and innovating legal science.

NOVA School of Law cooperates with other NOVA schools actively, in order to enrich its syllabus with interdisciplinary elements, such as the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, the Information Management School and the School of Business and Economics. In addition, it has signed and currently applies a wide range of international exchange agreements in the context of the Erasmus program as well as protocols of cooperation with non-European academic institutes, such as from Brazil. NOVA School of Law offers nine master programs and three doctoral programs, including in innovative fields of legal research, such as 'law and technology' and 'law and security'.

The Faculty staff includes approximately 32 resident professors, 50 guest lecturers and researchers from the most varied backgrounds in terms of scientific expertise, professional experience and origin. Moreover, the members of the Department are active members of several academic networks in Europe and around the world in the fields of their expertise, most notably the European Inter-University Centre in Human Rights and Democratization, the International Law Association, and the European Law Institute.

The research activities of both the Faculty members and the doctoral students are being hosted by the research centre 'CEDIS' (Centre for Research & Development in Law and Society). The latter was founded in 2004, and has radically contributed to the widening of the research portfolio of NOVA School of Law through an innovative approach to legal research. In this context, CEDIS has already participated in various research projects, currently hosting three European Projects (Intra-Africa Pax Lusófona, CALESA and TRACE) and four FCT projects (LEGALPL, LEGIMPACT, COSMOS and IN_SOLVENS).

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Further information on possible supervisors can be found at <https://novalaw.unl.pt/corpo-docente/>

SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST

The NSL will decide whether to accept an applicant and to support the application on the basis of an internal academic evaluation and the availability of suitable supervision.

Priority will be given to candidates whose profiles fit closely with existing interests and orientations at the EUI. More specifically, the NSL will give priority to candidates whose research proposals fit well with one of the following research focal points, divided onto three areas and fitting the panel Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC):

I. Public Law

- administrative offenses;
- digital economy's impact on taxation;
- digitalisation of criminal law;
- EU data protection law at the Observatory of Data Protection;
- Europeanisation of criminal justice;

- happiness and wellbeing as an objective of the Public Finances;
- human rights, mass atrocities and international criminal justice;
- legislative impact assessment within the research of the Observatory of Portuguese Legislation;
- new times, new crimes: new criminal laws?;
- public-private social partnerships as a path to State reform;
- transitional justice, transitional law and human rights (with special regard to past human rights violations, reparations, truth, justice, non-repetition, reconciliation, nation-building, constitutional and legislative reform)

II. Private Law

- consequences of the technological innovation in traditional civil law theory;
- contractual structure in online marketplaces (e.g. Amazon, Airbnb);
- COVID-19 and its effects on existing consumer contacts;
- digitalisation, human labour, and labour law (new forms of business organisation; AI and remote work, telework and smart work);
- international standards in international arbitration, from urgency relief to negative inferences;
- legal responsibility of companies for adverse human rights and environmental impacts arising out of their activities or supply chains;
- multidisciplinary studies in procedural law, from insolvency to other types of proceedings;
- safety and health related risks associated with digital work (with a focus on the impact of new disruptive technologies on workers' privacy and work life balance);
- sale of consumer goods, supply of digital content and digital services, digital platforms (Directives 2019/770; 2019/771; 2019/2161);
- technological innovation in financial markets and its impact on general contract law;
- the use of algorithms in the formation, management and execution of contractual clauses;
- the use of scientific evidence in legal adjudication (legal decisions)

III. Law & Metajuridical Sciences

- ethical and legal regulatory framework of new scientific and technological developments;
- legal, political, historical and socio-cultural dimensions of lusophone studies;
- mapping of both the emancipationist and the exclusionary aspects of Portuguese modern legal culture and in Portuguese past judicial practices both in the metropole and in colonial territories (with a focus on the liberal period);
- mapping of judicial structures and the interactions between State and local 'customary law' in modern and pre-independence Portuguese-speaking colonial territories in America, Africa and Asia;
- protection against unfair age, gender, health and genetics discrimination;
- security and extractive politics in insurgent regions: can extractive industry thrive during insurgencies? The cases of Cabo Delgado Cabinda, and the Niger Delta;
- socio-political perspectives of novel technological developments in the field of human security studies;
- words as deeds: from online to offline violence – analysis of weaponization of social media by non-State actors and possible regulatory security mechanisms