



## **MultiRights Fellow at a Summer Institute on Human Rights, Oslo June 2013**

The research project MultiRights invites applications for Resident Research Fellowships at the Summer Institute in Oslo, **June 9-22, 2013**. Deadline for applications is **November 30, 2012**. Up to 10 selected Fellows will research the impact of the regional and international human rights judiciary. The participants will be granted **an honorarium of 1500 EUR**. MultiRights will cover travel costs, accommodation and meals.

MultiRights studies the legitimacy of the multi-level human rights judiciary, and is funded by a European Research Council Advanced Grant. The 2013 Summer Institute seeks to identify the impact 'on the ground' of regional and international human rights courts and treaty bodies for the 'human condition'. Which scope conditions and variables seem most significant in explaining *when human rights courts and treaty bodies contribute positively to rights behavior and outcomes?* In light of this, what sorts of feasible institutional reform should be urged? This topic is further specified at [www.MultiRights.net/summary.html](http://www.MultiRights.net/summary.html) - applications should specify how the research will promote this research agenda.

The MultiRights Summer Institute will end in the MultiRights Annual Conference 2013, held in Oslo June 20-22. Fellows present their findings on June 20, joined by other prominent scholars in the field. Applicants should pursue one of two tracks:

- a) **summarize current research on this topic,**
- b) **conduct own research on relevant sub-topics** - be it particularly salient comparisons across states, or particular treaty bodies or human rights. Qualitative, quantitative and comparative studies are welcome, within the central research questions stated at [www.MultiRights.net/summary.html](http://www.MultiRights.net/summary.html)

MultiRights is especially interested in explanatory factors (and tensions among them) that may be subsumed under three headings:

- *Territorial distribution of power*: Variables that strengthen the global, regional or national institutions regarding their capacities (mandate, budget, legal authority...) and/or procedures (selection of judges, use of minority opinions...);
- *Formal vs. informal authority*: The degree of formal judicial authority of the regional and global courts, e.g. their legal mandate, clear rules, their use of the margin of appreciation.
- *Scope conditions* may for instance include variations among the substantive scope of conventions or rights; or aspects of the domestic regime (democracy, rule of law, legal system, and their recalcitrant/unwillingness).

Applications are welcome from scholars at career levels from PhD students to tenured faculty. The application should include:

- **1 page abstract** which also explains how this pursues MultiRights' research agenda. For PhD students the abstract should also explain how this paper/chapter will fit into their dissertation.
- **1 page CV**, including a list of key publications.
- For PhD students, an **e-mail recommendation** from their advisor, sent directly to the email below.

Fellows are expected to present their project at an informal lunch on June 20, with comments, as part of the MultiRights Annual Conference; as well as in the MultiRights working paper series. Later publication should note the MultiRights contribution.

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