

The University of Antwerp is a knowledge centre with 3.400 co-workers that performs ground-breaking and innovative research of international standing. The university takes special care to ensure optimum support and supervision of students, and pays constant attention to educational innovation. The university is an autonomous pluralistic institution that is committed to the enhancement of an open, democratic and multicultural society, and it pursues an equal opportunities policy.

The university is seeking to fill up to **four full time** vacancies (m/f) at the Faculty of Law

**pre-/post-doctoral researchers for a project on  
'The Constitution of Globalisation'**

*Job description:*

Each of the research fellows will work towards a PhD or equivalent research outcomes which will be situated within a larger research project entitled 'The Constitution of Globalisation', funded by an Odysseus grant of the Flemish Government (Grant holder: Prof. George Pavlakos). The project brings together a team of high-quality researchers with the aim of examining concrete aspects of globalisation by exploring connections between the law and more substantive issues of justice and legitimacy. Although the researchers are encouraged to use substantive areas of law as the starting-point of their individual research project, they will be expected to set their project within the wider theoretical debates of the social and normative sciences (law, politics, philosophy), with an eye to generating results of long-lasting significance. In the light of the research interests of the law school staff, who will be involved in the project, four broad areas of research have been identified:

Globalisation and the Market. Applications are invited in the broad area of international economic law with particular emphasis on such topics as: public interest concerns in investor-states disputes; questions of accountability arising within the dispute settlement mechanisms of the WTO; forum shopping and the race to the bottom with respect to workers' rights.

Globalisation and the Individual. Preference will be given to proposals focussing on the impact of globalisation on the rights, duties and entitlements of legal subjects, with respect to: migration; issues of cultural and normative pluralism; and global threats such as terrorism, war and climate change.

Globalisation and Democracy. Preference will be given to proposals that address questions of political legitimacy beyond the structures of the sovereign state: the possibility and value of deliberative politics within European institutions; the concept of a European demos; transformations of democratic law-making and accountability in multi-level government.

Globalisation and Distributive Justice. Preference will be given to proposals addressing the content and scope of distributive duties in a global context with respect to the alleviation of poverty and the justification of distributive institutions (i.e. welfare state; taxation; distributive conceptions of legal responsibility in criminal law and tort).

*Profile:*

- a masters degree or higher in law, social sciences or philosophy
- any prior research experience, record of publications or other proof of strong analytical skills will be taken into account
- excellent oral and written communication skills in English

*We offer:*

- a full-time position as a research fellow for 2 years, after which it can be renewed for 2 further years depending on a favourable evaluation (predoc grant: €1.290-€1.610 net/month, predoc/postdoc contract: €2.738-€5.287 gross/month, depending on level of appointment). The expected date of appointment is November 2007.

For additional information, contact Prof. dr. G. Pavlakos ([georgios.pavlakos@ua.ac.be](mailto:georgios.pavlakos@ua.ac.be)).

If interested, send or e-mail a covering letter, CV (no more than 2 pages), a research proposal (between 800-1200 words) and two academic references **before the 30 September 2007**, to:

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