

## Call for Applications Research Methods in Fundamental Rights Workshop for PhD and Early Career Researchers

The Centre for Fundamental Rights at the Hertie School is pleased to announce its Annual Workshop on Research Methods in Fundamental Rights, taking place from **10-12 June 2024** at the Hertie School, Berlin, Germany.

The workshop is hosted by the Hertie School, as a member of CIVICA - The European University of Social Sciences, and is co-financed by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) with funding from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

The Workshop aims to provide doctoral and early-career legal researchers with opportunities to reflect on diverse research methods in human rights research. Over three days, successful candidates will attend masterclasses with renowned faculty, who will provide guidance and reflections on the methods they have applied in key pieces of their own research. In additional sessions, participants will submit reflections on their own research questions and methods and will receive individual feedback on their projects from faculty and participants.

**Workshop sessions include:** Single and small N case studies: Logics of selection and justification (Prof. Cathryn Costello and Prof. Başak Çalı), Understanding doctrinal legal methods in comparative constitutional and international law (Prof. Cathryn Costello and Dr. Silvia Steininger), Normative methods (Dr. Alain Zysset), Process tracing (Prof. Mark Dawson), Using interviews to study legal processes and fields (Prof. Mikael Rask Madsen), Archival methods (Prof. Shubha Kamala Prasad), and Text as data in human rights research (Dr. Ronny Patz).

A masterclass with **Prof. Joseph Weiler** will offer participants insights and advice on career planning and publications strategy for early career scholars.

We encourage applications from PhD and early-career legal researchers carrying out fundamental rights research employing any of the methodological approaches covered in the workshop.

**Date:** 10 – 12 June 2024

**Location:** Hertie School, Berlin, Germany

The workshop will be hosted in-person at the Hertie School. Participants will receive assigned readings in advance of the workshop, as well as guidance on the preparation of their own workshop presentations.

**Participation fee: 250 €**

The Centre for Fundamental Rights offers a stipend in the form of tuition waiver for up to three participants, subject to the availability of funds. Priority will be given to participants from the Global South. Candidates who have no source of funding and wish to apply for a tuition waiver should indicate so in their application.

Subject to availability of funds, participants from CIVICA institutions may be eligible for either partial or full reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs.

## Application process:

Deadline for applications: **20 March 2024**

Please submit your application by sending an email to [fundamentalrights@hertie-school.org](mailto:fundamentalrights@hertie-school.org) with the subject line 'Research Methods in Fundamental Rights'. Applications should include one single pdf file, containing the following information:

- A CV
- A letter of motivation. **Please indicate clearly the method(s) that you apply/are interested in applying in your research.**
- An outline of your research project, including your research question, research methodology and current stage of the research (2 pages)

**For PhD candidates** a letter of recommendation written by their PhD supervisor should be sent separately by **20 March 2024** to [fundamentalrights@hertie-school.org](mailto:fundamentalrights@hertie-school.org) with the subject line 'Letter of recommendation – Name of the candidate - Research Methods in Fundamental Rights'.

Successful applicants will receive a written confirmation of acceptance no later than **30 March 2024** and are expected to confirm by **15 April 2024**.

A detailed programme and list of readings will be made available by **30 April 2024**.

Each participant is expected to submit by **30 May 2024**:

- A discussion paper with a short description of their research projects and a dedicated methodology section as well as a recorded 15-minute presentation.
- A short written assignment related to the readings for a minimum of four out of the eight methods sessions.