The Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology is a leading centre for research in social anthropology. Common to all research projects at the Max Planck Institute is the comparative analysis of social change; it is primarily in this domain that its researchers contribute to theory building, although there is also an applied dimension to much of our work, as well as legal and political topicality.

**The Law & Anthropology Department** invites applications for **Dissertation writing-up fellowships**

**Background**

One of the aims of the Law & Anthropology Department is to offer a stimulating interdisciplinary forum where both anthropologists and lawyers can engage with one another and conduct cutting-edge, policy-relevant research linked to the intensification of exchanges and encounters among and between societies, communities and cultures in today’s world. This calls for an in-depth assessment of the ways in which different normative orders and systems of morality coexist at various levels of decision-making.

The Law & Anthropology Department offers writing-up fellowships to enable doctoral candidates in the final stage of their programme to spend up to 6 months at the Institute to take advantage of its resources while finalizing their dissertations. The topic must be of immediate relevance to the Department’s research programme (see: [www.eth.mpg.de/2951631/department_foblets](http://www.eth.mpg.de/2951631/department_foblets)). The fellow must be prepared to participate in the activities of the Department during the fellowship period, and is expected to submit a working paper that addresses the topic of his or her research. A presentation of the doctoral research will be included in the Department’s seminar series.

A clear understanding must be reached in advance between the Director of the Department and the candidate’s principal supervisor regarding how the candidate can take fullest advantage of this period and how the home university and the Max Planck Institute can collaborate in the best interests of the candidate and of both institutions.

The writing-up fellowships can begin either in September 2018 or January 2019. The grants will be awarded for a period of up to 6 months. The Institute provides successful candidates with a monthly living stipend that is not taxable and is free of social security obligations.

The Max Planck Society is committed to raising the proportion of women in science; we thus explicitly encourage applications from female researchers. Individuals with disabilities will be given priority, assuming equal qualifications.

**Application procedure**

Applicants are asked to submit the following materials:

- cover letter;
- curriculum vitae;
- writing sample (chapter of the PhD dissertation);
- 1-2 page summary of the PhD work;
- photocopies of university degrees and transcripts;
- a letter of recommendation from the principal supervisor confirming that the applicant is in a position to complete the doctoral manuscript within the 6-month period (to be sent directly to the Department at marencakova@eth.mpg.de).

Please submit your application materials electronically by 15 March 2018 by following the link for vacancies on our homepage (under ‘Career’), or by going directly to the online application form using the link below.

If you have further questions regarding the application procedure, please contact:
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