PERMANENT FULL-TIME SCIENTIFIC POSITION
FACULTY OF LAW, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND CRIMINOLOGY
FIELD: EUROPEAN DATA LAW
START DATE: 01/10/2024

The University of Liège is the biggest French-speaking public university in Belgium. It employs more than 5,700 staff members across four campuses, including 3,600 active teachers and researchers in all fields of the human and social sciences, science and technology, and health sciences. In hosts nearly 27,000 students of 123 different nationalities in one of the most multicultural and dynamic cities in Europe, less than an hour from Brussels and Cologne, two hours from Paris, and three hours from London and Amsterdam. Actively involved in the social and environmental transition, ULiège supports students to fulfil their roles as responsible citizens (training in sustainable development, Green Office, etc.) and promotes ethical, multidisciplinary and open research. ULiège is committed to the region in which it operates and contributes towards local socio-economic development. It has developed numerous partnerships, notably with the university hospital. International and united, it participates in the European University of Post-Industrial Cities, UNIC initiative and has one of the most extensive collaborative networks in the world. ULiège offers attractive career prospects in a high-quality working environment, promoting well-being, diversity and equality of opportunity. Since 2011, ULiège has been proud to display the European Human resources strategy for researchers (HRS4R) label, which reflects its commitment to open, transparent and merit-based procedures. In addition, it recognises the quality and diversity of research in line with the recommendations of the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA). ULiège encourages its academic staff to travel internationally and welcomes international researchers through its EURAXESS centre.

JOB DESCRIPTION

A post as first assistant in the field of European Data Law within the Department of Law in the Faculty of Law, Political Science and Criminology at the University of Liège.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Successful applicants will undertake the following supervision and teaching tasks:

- DROI0228-1 – IP, competition and data law, jointly (10h) – head of teaching the part on European Competition and Data Law – coordination of teaching and general follow-up of external seminars planned as part of this course;
- DROI1357-1 – European law, (big) data and artificial intelligence applications seminar (24h) – coordination of teaching and general follow-up, in collaboration with the other course lecturers, for teaching, evaluation and external seminars planned as part of this course;
- Supervising dissertations and internships for the Advanced Master's in European Law, Competition Law, and Intellectual Property Law.

More generally, the job-holders may be asked to participate in the development of innovative teaching methods (Massive Open Online Courses and other innovative teaching methods) in the field of European data legislation.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The job-holders will develop a research programme linked to the field of “European data law”. This concept will cover the instruments of European law (from the European Union and the Council of Europe) related to data (any digital representation of acts, facts or information and any compilation of these acts,
This research programme must:

- Guide the development of individual and collective research which is internationally recognised, both disciplinary and multidisciplinary in nature around regulatory instruments targeting “data” (GDPR; EU Data Act; EU Data Governance Act; EU Artificial Intelligence Act) and/or their users (GDPR; EU Artificial Intelligence Act); EU Digital Services Act; EU Digital Markets Act) - ideally this research will also be developed in connection with European competition and/or intellectual property law;
- Envisage actively participating in activities to study data and artificial intelligence phenomena within the Cité research unit, including the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, JUST-AI.
- Include practical proposals to actively solicit funding sources for internal and external research (national and European calls for projects, particularly FNRS, Horizon Europe, ERC, COST, etc.);
- Integrate a contribution to the reputation of the EU Legal Studies Institute and to promoting its “research” and “teaching” hub, particularly by adopting an approach to participating in and organising scientific events.

SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

The job holders will participate actively in the life of the Cité research unit and the Department of Law. More specifically, the job holders:

- Will be responsible for the scientific coordination and promotion of the Advanced Master’s in European Law, Competition Law and Intellectual Property Law.
- May be asked to scientifically coordinate the minor in Digital Sciences as part of the Bachelor’s of Law programme.
- Will participate in Departmental and Faculty councils;
- Will join in the activities of the Cité research unit;
- Will participate in and contribute towards the organisation of scientific activities and events led by the Department of Law and the EU Legal Studies research centre.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED / PROFILE

Pre-requisites

- Hold a Master’s degree in Law or equivalent;
- When the job-holder takes up the position, they must be a doctor in legal sciences (or equivalent); Applicants who have not yet obtained the title of doctor when they submit their application may nonetheless apply, if they can demonstrate that their doctoral work is sufficiently advanced and if they can confirm, when interviewed, that their defence has been organised for the 2023-2024 academic year;
- When the job-holder takes up the position, they must have at least five years of experience in the field of European data legislation in the broadest sense (regulation of digital technologies, including artificial intelligence and/or data protection);
- Demonstrate international level scientific publications in the field of European data legislation in the broadest sense;
- Be dynamic and able to propose innovative research projects within the EU Legal Studies centre and the Cité research unit;
- Master French and English (written and spoken);
- Be able to conduct independent research activities;
- Be able to work in a team.

Strengths

- Demonstrate good teaching skills in the specialist area and to both legally-trained and non-legally-trained audiences;
- Have won awards or other scientific accolades in the field of European data legislation in the broadest sense;
- Have drafted scientific publications and participated actively in conferences connecting European competition law and/or intellectual property law with data legislation (including artificial intelligence);
- Have experience of working abroad (at least one scientific research stay abroad lasting at least six months).
SELECTION PROCEDURE

Evaluation of applications will take into account experience, the strengths and potential of the research plan (publications and communications in international conferences and congresses, awards and other scientific accolades), and teaching skills (teaching and supervising students). Experience gained during medium or long-term stays in a research centre other than the original one will also be taken into account.

Applicants will be interviewed under the conditions set by the selection committee. There are several stages in the selection process:

1. Applicants will be shortlisted on the basis of their applications;
2. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed;
3. The conclusions will be submitted to the various Faculty and University bodies for decision.

Our institutional policy is based on diversity and equality of opportunity. We select candidates on the basis of their qualities regardless of age, sexual orientation, origin, beliefs, disability or nationality.

APPLICATIONS

Applications should be made using the online form available on the following website: https://my.uliege.be/portail/go_xt.do?a=o%7C11004%7Ce%7C566855 no later than 15/02/2024 (before midnight Belgian time). Late applications may be refused.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- Complete curriculum vitae;
- Complete list of publications;
- Cover letter (max. 2 pages);
- Research plan (max. 3 pages) demonstrating the applicant’s ability to develop a promising and original research project related to the subject matter.

RECRUITMENT CONDITIONS

The position shall be assigned either for a fixed term of four years which may lead to the permanent appointment following an evaluation.

INFORMATION

Information about the research and teaching activities planned for this post as well as the qualifications required may be obtained from Mr Pieter VAN CLEYNENBREUGEL - tel.: +32 (0) 4 366 31 30 – pieter.vandevreugel@uliege.be.

Further information can be obtained from the Administrative Service of the Faculty of Law, Political Science and Criminology: Ms Nathalie ROLAND – Nathalie.Roland@uliege.be.

REMUNERATION:

Salary scales and how they are applied are available from the human resources department of the University: Ms Ludvine DEPAS – tel.: +32 (0)4 366 52 04 – Ludvine.Depas@uliege.be.

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