

Center of Advanced Studies

Reflexive Globalisation and the Law.

Colonial legacies and their implications in the twenty-first century

ReGlo.Law

Applications for Fellowships 2025-26

About the Center

The ongoing debates around colonial legacies in a multipolar world mark a new phase in globalisation. Traditionally viewed in economic terms and often seen as a unidirectional process of 'Westernisation', globalisation in this new phase brings to light also critical intellectual dimensions, becoming more multidirectional. The positions of the 'Global South' and 'Global North', of center and periphery, are being redefined and rebalanced. We describe this shift as *reflexive globalisation*. In this phase, the Northern foundations of concepts, vocabularies, and epistemic assumptions, along with the Northern dominance in knowledge production, are increasingly challenged for their colonial and imperial legacies.

The new Center of Advanced Studies 'Reflexive Globalization and the Law' (**ReGlo.Law**) aims to explore the role of law in reflexive globalisation and its implications for basic concepts of law. While the main areas of work of the research group are constitutional law and (international) criminal law, the research group intends to engage with disciplines beyond law, in particular global history, political theory and anthropology, as well as civil society at large.

The newly established Center is located at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and led by Humboldt law professors Philipp Dann and Florian Jeßberger. For more information on **ReGlo.Law**, see [here](#).

About the Fellowships

ReGlo.Law invites applications for **up to 10 fellowships** for the period from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026 and for durations ranging from 2 months to one year. Fellows will be based in Berlin and will be expected to present their work and participate in regular formal and informal exchanges at the Center. Fellows could be from either of the following categories:

- **Senior Fellows:** Distinguished professionals who have established themselves as thought leaders and experts within their field, including professors and senior researchers. A monthly stipend of (up to) 6.000 EUR is allocated to senior fellowships.
- **Junior Fellows:** Early-career researchers, typically postdoctoral researchers up to 7 years since completion of their PhD or doctoral candidates in the advanced stages

of their dissertation work. A monthly stipend of (up to) 3.000 EUR is allocated to junior fellowships.

- **Practice Fellows:** Practitioners or activists with at least 5 years of professional experience that aligns closely with the Center's thematic focus. The stipend will be determined on the basis of work experience of the applicant.

Guidelines for Applications

Applications should include:

- Cover letter stating the category of fellowship you wish to be considered for, the proposed starting date and duration of the fellowship, and a brief motivation for the application (max 1 page).
- Project proposal describing your plans for the intended duration, how they relate to the thematic focus of **ReGlo.Law** and relevant previous publications/work experience (max 2 pages).
- Curriculum vitae, including a list of relevant publications or practice-related activities; if publications are not in English, please provide a translation of the titles (max 3 pages).
- For applications on junior fellowships, the names and contact details of two persons who will be ready to give a reference on our request.

To apply, please send all the documents as one PDF file to ReGlo.Law@hu-berlin.de by **15 February 2025**. Please mention in your cover letter if you would need any additional support for reasons of disability or family care responsibilities.

Selections for **ReGlo.Law** will be made by a committee comprising the Center's Directors and senior staff as well as the Advisory Board and committed to an inclusive and comprehensive approach that reflects the Center's commitment to intellectual diversity, inclusivity, and impactful global research. The selection process will consider thematic fit, track record, and the potential for applicants to both contribute to and benefit from the group. A multi-dimensional approach to diversity will guide selections, aiming to ensure a balanced representation across regions, genders, career levels, and disciplinary backgrounds.

Please note that this is the first call for the project. There will be regular calls for fellowships. Please check our website regularly and follow us on LinkedIn and Instagram.

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