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COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS IN HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Nordic Network in Human Rights Research calls for papers to a research training course to be held at the European University Institute in Florence (Italy), on 10-14 June 2013. This course is part of the NordForsk-funded Nordic Network's current project on "Methodological Challenges in Human Rights Research", and is open to participation for Ph.D. students and post-doctoral researchers.

Human rights research is usually not seen as an academic discipline in itself but rather a field of research where different disciplines apply their own research questions, approaches and methodologies. This research training course will specifically look at comparative analysis as one of the approaches used by the legal discipline as well as other disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. The course will also discuss how comparative analysis may be conducted from interdisciplinary perspectives and critically reflect on benefits and limitations of applying different quantitative and qualitative approaches.

We are open to a range of topics involving comparative analysis in human rights research, including papers with a special focus on:

- Analysis of different domestic and/or international jurisdictions pertaining to human rights law
- Relationship between conflicting legal regimes and/or norms which may be relevant to human rights law
- Applied human rights research: impact analysis, fact finding and monitoring
- Case studies and challenges in data collection, verification and reliability

We encourage doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers to submit papers reflecting on one or more of these methodological challenges while linking it to their own research. Abstracts of approximately 200 words should be sent to Alice Margaria and Cornelius Wiesener (humanrightswg@eui.eu) and Bård A. Andreassen (b.a.andreassen@nchr.uio.no) by 31 January 2013.

The venue of the research panel is Villa Schifanoia at the European University Institute in Florence.

Limited funding is available through the Nordic Network in Human Rights Research and the Åbo Akademi Institute for Human Rights (Finland) for travel and accommodation costs. Only presenters of a paper are eligible for financial support, on the basis of an application. We have pre-booked rooms in Florence (9-15 June 2013), which will be paid directly by the network should your application for a travel grant be accepted. If you wish to apply for a grant, please include a budget for your travel costs, in a paragraph following your abstract.

The Nordic Network in Human Rights Research is coordinated by the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights at the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, and has a number of partner institutions, including the Åbo Akademi Institute for Human Rights and the European University Institute. For further information, see <http://www.jus.uio.no/smr/english/research/projects/nordforsk-eng/>