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ICRI Vacancy: full-time researchers - PhD in ICT

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Law and ICT (ICRI) is an IBBT research group, operating from the Catholic University of Leuven. ICRI is looking for legal researchers who are expected to develop a substantial program of research leading to peer reviewed publications, and whose application of research for outreach activities is valued. ICRI is now accepting applications from candidates worldwide who want to study the ICT and its impact full-time at a doctoral level. Candidates who combine their research interests with a focus on the design or development of innovative ICT applications are especially encouraged to apply.

Information and Communications Technology (ICT) represents a revolution similar in magnitude to the printing press. ICT changes our society in unforeseen, challenging and sometimes subtle ways. All over the world, legal systems have difficulties to sensibly counter the challenges resulting from the widespread use of ICT. Old principles must be reinterpreted and sometimes new regulation is indispensable. Information and Communications Technology Law is becoming one of the leading disciplines in the 21st century law curriculum.

We are a research centre within the Faculty of Law. Directed by Prof. dr. Jos Dumortier, ICRI comprises three different research teams which deal with the following areas:

- **Information Technology Law:** legal aspects of the Internet, legal aspects of information security, personal data protection, IT contracts, law enforcement in cyberspace, electronic fund transfer, legal aspects of EDI in the public sector.
- **Electronic Communications Law:** international telecommunications law, competition law and sector-specific legislation in the electronic communications sectors, legal framework for the broadcasting sector, legal consequences of the convergence between the audio-visual and the telecommunications sectors.
- **Legal Informatics and Information Retrieval:** legal knowledge representation, legal information retrieval, automatic indexing and abstracting.

Chartered to pioneer the multidisciplinary study of the evolution and social implications of the Internet and related information and communication technologies, the Centre informs and grounds its research in fruitful collaboration with policy makers, technologists, businesspeople, teachers, scholars and civil society more widely. We seek to understand the most relevant social puzzles, problems, and opportunities associated with the Internet as it transforms the fundamentals of work, politics, education, entertainment, and social collaboration and conflict.



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Profile of the candidates:

- Candidates must demonstrate the talent, creativity, and enthusiasm necessary to perform outstanding research that will make a difference - to ask original, concrete questions and adopt incisive methodologies for exploring them, all this in order to help positively shape the development of digital networked space;
- Candidates can work independently as well as individually;
- Candidates can deal with legal problems and advices in order to establish publications and reports of research projects;
- Candidates have a perfect knowledge of English; being prepared to learn Dutch is an added value;
- Candidates can show good to outstanding records of their studies (degree as a lawyer/masters in law).

Offer:

- A varied full-time job as a member of the academic personnel of K.U.Leuven (part-time job can be discussed as well as starting date of contract);
- A young and dynamic working atmosphere;
- A close team;
- A chance for specialization in a stimulating area of law and the possibility in obtaining a PhD;
- A unique mixture of autonomy, mutual confidence and stimulation;
- an advanced IT-infrastructure and access to the facilities of the university.

Reaction:

We kindly ask you to contact Mrs. Nicole Verbiest (Nicole.Verbiest@law.kuleuven.be) or call her at +32 16 32 52 73. The postal address of the Centre is: ICRI, Tiensestraat 41, B-3000 Leuven.

You are kindly invited to also fill in the following form:

<http://www.kuleuven.be/admin/rd/niv3p/form-c3-eng.doc>.

Further information is available on our website: <http://www.law.kuleuven.be/icri/>