



UNIVERSITY
OF COLOGNE

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Doctoral Researcher (f/m/x)

Research Project China's Foreign – Related Rule of Law



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We are one of the largest and oldest universities in Europe and one of the most important employers in our region. Our broad range of subjects, the dynamic development of our main research areas and our central location in Cologne make us attractive for students and researchers from around the world. We offer a wide range of career opportunities in science, technology, and administration.

The research project analyses how the Chinese legal system is being readjusted in relation to international and foreign law.

YOUR TASKS

- » Providing assistance in investigating a wide variety of sources, including policy documents, legislation, court rulings and academic literature
- » Contributing to the preparation and editing of research findings for publication
- » Assisting with the organization of workshops, conferences and project team meetings
- » Preparing research findings for use in dissemination activities

YOUR PROFILE

- » Outstanding master's degree in Chinese studies, Chinese law, international law (or equivalent)
- » Excellent knowledge of international law and the Chinese legal system
- » Very good language skills in English and Chinese, including the relevant legal terminology
- » Scientific curiosity and academic orientation
- » Strong interest in the topic of international and transnational dimensions of Chinese law
- » A commitment to interdisciplinary and collaborative research

WE OFFER

- » An excellent environment for high-quality research
- » A diverse working environment with equal opportunities
- » Support in balancing work and family life
- » Extensive advanced training opportunities
- » Occupational health management offers
- » Flexible working time models

The University of Cologne promotes equal opportunities and diversity. Women will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from all suitable candidates regardless of their gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation and identity.

The position is available from 1 April 2026 on a part-time basis (25,88 hours per week). The position is to be filled for a fixed term until 31 March 2028. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and has the appropriate personal qualifications, the salary is based on remuneration group 13 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

Please apply online with proof of the required qualifications (without a photo) under <https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de>. The reference number is Wiss2512-21. The application deadline is 7 January 2026.

For further inquiries, please contact Dr Juan Yang (jyang@uni-koeln.de) and take a look at our [FAQs](#).



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