Institute of Law

Doctoral assistant in International Economic Law at the Institute of Law, Faculty of Economics

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) is a young and lively university, a hub of opportunity open to the world where students are offered a quality interdisciplinary education in which they can be fully engaged and take center stage, and where our researchers can count on having the space to freely pursue their initiative. Established in 1996, USI is in constant evolution, always taking on new challenges while remaining true to its three guiding principles: quality, openness and responsibility.

The Institute of Law is a cross-Faculty Institute, whose aim is to promote and coordinate the teaching of law subjects at the undergraduate and graduate levels. In association with the ‘Continuing Education Commission for Law Practitioners´ and with the University of Applied Sciences, both of which are represented on its Advisory Board, it wants to provide diverse services. These include responsibility for a postgraduate programme, the organisation of interdisciplinary activities, and various colloquia and conferences. It promotes research into the study of law and justice system in Ticino. Finally, it has a publishing programme, which consists in the selection and publication of handbooks and monographs.

The Institute invites applications for a position of Doctoral assistant in International Economic Law with Prof. Ilaria Espa, Senior Assistant Professor of International Economic Law, starting from 1st September 2022 (or upon agreement)

Terms of employment
In addition to the classic teaching and research assistant tasks, this position offers the opportunity to pursue doctoral studies in law at a suitable partner university leader in the field of international economic law. Depending on mutual needs, the position can be either full-time or part-time. The salary is to be determined according to the candidate’s experience based on the pay scale of USI Lugano.

Requirements
Masters of Laws. Strong interest in research in international economic law (in particular international trade law and its interfaces with environmental sustainability) and willingness to pursue doctoral studies in this field. Excellent drafting skills. Self-organized and autonomous work ability. Good knowledge of at least two national languages (preferably including Italian) and English.
**Application**
Applications should contain (1) a detailed CV, (2) a letter of motivation including research interests, (3) transcripts and degrees of all completed college/university courses, (4) a copy of any relevant publications and (5) at least two letters of recommendation, to be submitted in a single PDF with the subject line: "Application – Assistant/PhD position in International Economic Law".

Please send the application or any request for further information to Prof. Ilaria Espa (ilaria.espa@usi.ch).

As an institution that values diversity, USI particularly encourages applications from women and from all individuals from underrepresented groups.

Applications received by 15 May 2022 will be given priority.

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