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Vacancy Postdoctoral Researcher

The Chair of African Legal Studies at the University of Bayreuth invites applications for a Postdoctoral Researcher position beginning on **1 October 2026** and ending on **31 December 2027**.

The Chair of African Legal Studies is internationally connected, interdisciplinary, and highly active in research, teaching, and academic exchange, particularly in the fields of African legal systems, public international law, human rights and global justice. The successful candidate will join an international and dynamic academic environment and contribute actively to the Chair's research profile, teaching activities and institutional development.

The position offers the opportunity to pursue independent research while engaging closely with ongoing projects and collaborations of the Chair.

Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will contribute to the academic activities of the Chair in research, teaching, and academic administration. Responsibilities include:

- Conducting independent research in areas connected to the Chair's fields of expertise
- Contributing to the strategic development of the Chair's research and teaching profile
- Publishing high-quality academic work and participating in international academic discourse
- Acquisition and development of research projects and academic collaborations
- Organisation of conferences, workshops, academic events, and international partnerships
- Contributing to academic administration and the coordination of teaching activities
- Supervising and mentoring students where appropriate
- Teaching at the Chair of African Legal Studies, including responsibility for the following modules:



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- Summer Semester: Human Rights in Africa, Elements of Contract and Tort Law, International Environmental and Sustainable Development Law, Studienbegleitendes Seminar im Schwerpunkt, Einfaches Seminar (Researching key issues in African Law)
- Winter Semester: Constitutional Law and Constitutionalism in Africa, Introduction to African Legal Systems, Introduction to Public International Law, Studienbegleitendes Seminar im Schwerpunkt, Einfaches Seminar (Environmental Law and Climate Justice)

— **Your profile:**

Applicants should demonstrate strong academic potential and a clear research agenda compatible with the Chair's thematic focus.

Required qualifications:

- An excellent doctoral degree in law or a closely related discipline
- Demonstrated expertise in at least one of the following areas: Public International Law, Human Rights Law, African Legal Studies, Common Law Methods
- Evidence of academic research and publication potential
- Excellent command of English; good knowledge of German is desirable
- Strong organisational and communication skills
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively in an international academic environment

Especially welcome are candidates who:

- Have experience with interdisciplinary or international research collaborations
- Have teaching experience at university level
- Demonstrate interest in innovative teaching formats and academic programme development
- Have experience in project acquisition and third-party funding applications



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Our offer:

- Integration into an internationally active and interdisciplinary research environment, including the Cluster of Excellence EXC 2052 - "Africa Multiple: reconfiguring African Studies"
- Close collaboration within a highly motivated and supportive academic team
- Opportunities for academic networking and international exchange
- Possibility to further develop an independent academic profile and publication agenda
- A dynamic and intellectually stimulating working atmosphere with substantial flexibility
- Remuneration according to TV-L E13 (75% position)

As we are committed to an inclusive and open society for all, we particularly welcome applications from women*, LGBTQI, BIPOC, people with disabilities, people with a migration background and other groups still underrepresented in the scientific enterprise. Persons with a severe disability will be given preference in case of equal suitability.

We look forward to receiving your **complete application, including:**

- Letter of motivation
- Curriculum vitae
- Copies of academic certificates
- List of publications
- Outline of current and future research interests, including an agenda for scheduled research outputs for the period of employment
- Teaching portfolio (if available)

exclusively by e-mail in the form of a single PDF file with the subject "**Post-Doc African Legal Studies**" to <mailto:africanlegalstudies@uni-bayreuth.de> by **28 June 2026**.



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