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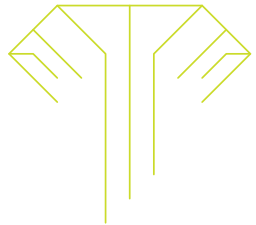
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You are a passionate early-career researcher in the field of law with an outstanding academic record?

You are looking for career opportunities in an intellectually stimulating, challenging, and supportive environment?

You focus on the foundations of legal solutions and are interested in comparative and transnational approaches?

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The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law (MPI-CSL) forms part of the Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science, one of the world's most distinguished and highly decorated research organizations, including 30 Nobel Prizes. With its predecessor organization having been founded in 1911, today's Max Planck Society dates all the way back to 1948.

Experience cutting-edge research in criminal law, public law, and criminology!

What assumptions and basic principles inform criminal law? Where does the legal community stand on the adequate scope of prohibitions and sanctions in socially and culturally fragmented societies? Our **Department of Criminal Law** explores answers.

The latest analyses of public security law? The effects of trends such as internationalization, digitalization, and fragmentation? The challenges security measures pose to fundamental rights, the rule of law, and democracy? These and other general issues of public law and legal theory await you in the **Department of Public Law**.

What about individual predispositions and environmental factors that cause people to commit crimes? Innovative investigations including a state-of-the-art laboratory run by the **Department of Criminology** facilitate a broad spectrum of human-subjects research, e.g., by using virtual reality (VR) technology.

The Institute, with its 150 employees, is located in Freiburg, a dynamic and green university city with a 900-year history. The city in the trinational border region (Germany, Switzerland, and France) impresses newcomers with its high quality of life and international flair. Freiburg ranks third on Lonely Planet's "Best in Travel 2022" list of the top ten city destinations in the world.



As an early career scholar with an international background and a long-standing interest in the interdisciplinary study of law, I knew I would feel at home at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law. What I did not know, but was pleased to discover when I got here, is how intellectually stimulating and invigorating it would be to pursue new ideas and cutting-edge research in my daily life as a researcher.

Dr. Sofiya Kartalova, Postdoc, Department of Public Law

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