



**British Institute of  
International and  
Comparative Law**

## Research Fellow in Cultural Heritage (part-time, 0.3-0.4FTE)

### Background

1. The British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) is the foremost independent research and discussion body in the United Kingdom, unaffiliated to any university, and is one of the leading such bodies in the world. It undertakes high quality research, publications, events and training on issues of international and comparative law around the globe.
2. As part of its public international law section, BIICL has now started a new project entitled 'The Right to Cultural Heritage - Its Protection and Enforcement through Cooperation in the European Union' (HEURIGHT). This three-year project, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), investigates how human rights guarantees in relation to cultural heritage are being understood and implemented within the EU and by the EU as part of its external action. Acknowledging the changing nature of the right to cultural heritage, the project will map how this right's evolving content affects the protection, access to and governance of cultural heritage.
3. The project focuses on Poland, the United Kingdom and Italy, with project partners including the University of Fine Arts in Poznan (Poland) and the University of Trieste (Italy). The UK research team will conduct research principally in cultural heritage within the EU's external action, as well as in case studies to analyse how the right to cultural heritage is being understood and enforced at the domestic level.

### Job Description

4. BIICL is seeking to appoint a strong candidate as a Research Fellow in Cultural Heritage to be part of the HEURIGHT research team.
5. Under the direct supervision of the Dorset Senior Research Fellow, the Research Fellow will be expected to undertake the following:
  - Conduct high quality research on cultural heritage matters within the EU's external action;
  - Conduct high quality research on cultural heritage matters within the UK;
  - Draft research memos in English on specific issues relating to cultural heritage matters, including, for example, access to cultural heritage or the role of digitisation of cultural heritage;
  - Assist in the organisation and conduct of case-studies within the UK;
  - Assist in the organisation and management of workshops and events; and
  - Any other tasks assigned by the supervisor.
6. This is a part-time (0.3-0.4 FTE/1.5-2 days per week), fixed-term post for a one-year period (with a possibility of renewal for another one-year



period). The post will be based in London with some flexibility around the distribution of hours. A salary package of up to £25,000pa (pro-rated) is available, depending on qualifications and experience. It is hoped that the person appointed will commence as soon as possible.

## Person specification

- Experienced legal researcher, preferably with knowledge of cultural heritage law (knowledge of EU and UK law may be an advantage);
- At least an undergraduate degree in Law. Advanced university degree and professional qualification an asset;
- Experience in assisting with projects, including liaising with partners and stakeholders and managing several processes concurrently;
- Excellent writing skills, and the ability to present material in an engaging and accessible manner (experience of preparing materials for external audiences may be an advantage);
- Excellent organisational and administrative skills and the ability to work to deadlines;
- A willingness and ability to interact appropriately with lawyers and cultural heritage professionals;
- An ability and willingness to work collaboratively and collegially with colleagues.

## Application Process

7. The deadline for applications is **20 October 2015**. Applicants should send the following by email to [jobs@biicl.org](mailto:jobs@biicl.org):
  - A completed BIICL application cover form (available at [www.biicl.org/vacancies](http://www.biicl.org/vacancies)) including the names and addresses of three referees (two of whom can be contacted prior to interview);
  - A full curriculum vitae; and
  - A covering letter setting out their reasons for applying and how they consider that they meet the person specification for this post.
8. Informal enquiries may be addressed to Kristin Hausler ([k.hausler@biicl.org](mailto:k.hausler@biicl.org)).
9. Applicants are encouraged to find out more about BIICL, its members of staff and activities at <http://www.biicl.org>.
10. This position does not meet the resident labour market test under UK Border Agency rules and therefore BIICL would be unable to obtain the right to work for non-EEA nationals whose employment would require a Tier 2 visa.
11. It is expected that interviews will take place in the last week of October, with a start date as soon as possible after that.
12. We regret that we are unable to acknowledge receipt of applications personally, as we are a charitable organization with limited funds. If you do not hear from us regarding interviews within four weeks of the closing date, your application has been unsuccessful.