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International and  
Comparative Law

## Senior Research Fellow in International Investment Law and Director of the Investment Treaty Forum

### Summary

The British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) is one of the leading independent research centres for international and comparative law in the world. Its research, events, training and publications are grounded in deep scholarly knowledge and strong practical experience that can be applied to many situations. It seeks to make an impact on law and policy around the world.

We are looking to appoint a Senior Research Fellow to be the Director of the Investment Treaty Forum and to lead BIICL's activities in International Investment Law. The Investment Treaty Forum is one of the premier forums for experts in the field, and includes scholars, practitioners, judges, regulatory authorities, trade organisations, corporations, government officials, international institutions and others working in this field. This post is a research post with no teaching duties, which offers substantial opportunities to demonstrate leadership, both scholarly and practical, in the area of international investment and trade law, and to build on the public profile in this area.

### Job Description

The Senior Research Fellow will have the following key roles and objectives:

- Lead, manage and develop the Investment Treaty Forum in all its activities, in partnership with its members, and increase its membership numbers;
- Undertake and publish high quality research;
- Lead, develop and manage the research projects and public events programme at BIICL in investment law;
- Expand the work of BIICL in international trade law areas if possible;
- Seek and obtain funding from funding bodies, firms and other donors;
- Engage appropriately and well with practitioners, policy-makers, regulators and others working in the fields of international investment law;
- Speak and chair sessions at high profile events and be a public advocate for BIICL;
- Assist in a collegial way with the outreach and administrative activities of BIICL;
- Advise and support the Director of BIICL and the BIICL Board of Trustees.

### Person Specification

The successful applicant will have the following mix of experience, skills and attributes:

- A record of outstanding published research in international investment law, with publications on international trade law being an advantage;
- A good degree in a relevant field and with practical expertise in that field, with some relevant experience in legal practice being a considerable advantage;



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- An ability to lead and manage regular meetings of legal practitioners, academics, policy-makers, regulators and others, with experience in managing membership being desirable;
- An ability to lead and co-ordinate research activity;
- An ability to seek, obtain and manage research funding, and oversee budgets;
- A record of interacting appropriately with others, including scholars, practitioners, policy-makers and external organisations;
- An ability to lead, organise and manage seminars, conferences and other events to a high standard and to speak at, and chair, events;
- Experience of supervising more junior researchers and assisting in their career development;
- Evidence of highly effective communication skills in disseminating research findings and other activities to a wide community;
- An ability and willingness to undertake, and deal effectively, efficiently and appropriately with, administrative responsibilities;
- An ability to be self-starting and self-sufficient, and to manage with minimal administrative support;
- An ability and willingness to work collaboratively and collegially with colleagues.

This is a full-time post, although consideration will be given to a slightly less than full-time role, if requested. A salary package of £53,000 – £58,000 pa is expected, depending on qualifications and experience. It is hoped that the person appointed will commence as soon as possible.

Informal enquiries may be addressed to the Director of BIICL, Professor Robert McCorquodale, at [r.mccorquodale@biicl.org](mailto:r.mccorquodale@biicl.org).

Applicants should send the following by **18 June 2016** by email to [jobs@biicl.org](mailto:jobs@biicl.org):

- A full curriculum vitae
- The names and addresses of three referees;
- A covering letter setting out their reasons for applying and how they consider that they meet the person specification for this post.

Interviews are expected to take place in **the last week of June 2016**.

In order to be considered for this role all applicants must currently have the right to work in the UK or will have the right to work in the UK by the date of commencement of employment.

Applicants are encouraged to find out more about BIICL and its members of staff and activities at: <http://www.biicl.org>.

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