

**Call for Applications**  
**Research Methods in Fundamental Rights**  
**Workshop for PhD and Early Career Researchers**

The Centre for Fundamental Rights at the Hertie School is pleased to announce its Fourth Annual Workshop on Research Methods in Fundamental Rights, taking place from **7-9 June 2023** at the Hertie School, Berlin, Germany and online. The workshop is hosted by the Hertie School, as a member of CIVICA - The European University of Social Sciences.

The Workshop aims to provide doctoral and early-career legal researchers with opportunities to reflect on diverse research methods in human rights research. Over three days, successful candidates will attend master classes with renowned faculty, who will provide guidance and reflections on the methods they have applied in key pieces of their own research. Participants will have assigned readings to be prepared in advance and will receive video-recorded presentations by Faculty for each class. In additional sessions, participants will submit reflections on their own research questions and methods and will receive individual feedback on their projects from faculty and participants.

**Workshop sessions include:** Archival methods: How to use historical data scientifically (Prof. Shubha Kamala Prasad), Case selection and comparative methods (Prof. Cathryn Costello and Prof. Başak Çalı), Digital methods for doctrinal legal research (Prof. Urška Šadl), Mixed methods research design and interviews (Prof. Christine Reh), Normative theory and method in human rights (Dr Alain Zysset), Process tracing (Prof. Mark Dawson), and Using interviews to study legal processes and fields (Prof. Mikael Rask Madsen).

We encourage applications from PhD and early-career legal researchers carrying out fundamental rights research employing any of the methodological approaches covered in the workshop.

**Date:** 7 – 9 June 2023

**Location:** Onsite at the Hertie School, Berlin, Germany and online via Zoom

The workshop will be hosted in a hybrid format both in-person at the Hertie School as well as online via zoom (subject to participants' preferences). Participants will receive assigned readings and video-recorded presentations by Faculty in advance of the workshop, as well as guidance on the preparation of their own workshop presentations.

**Participation fee: 250 €**

The Centre for Fundamental Rights offers a stipend in the form of tuition waiver for up to three participants. Priority will be given to participants from the Global South.

Candidates who have no source of funding and wish to apply for a tuition waiver should indicate so in their application. Subject to availability of funds, participants from CIVICA institutions will be reimbursed for their travel and accommodation costs.

**Application process:**

Deadline for applications: **20 March 2023**

Please submit your application by sending an email to [fundamentalrights@hertie-school.org](mailto:fundamentalrights@hertie-school.org) with the subject line 'Research Methods in Fundamental Rights'. Applications should include one single pdf file, containing the following information:

- A CV
- A letter of motivation. **Please indicate clearly the method(s) that you apply/are interested in applying in your research, and whether you wish to attend the workshop on-site or online.**
- An Outline of your research project, including your research question, research methodology and current stage of the research (2 pages)

**For PhD candidates** a letter of recommendation written by their PhD supervisor should be sent separately by **20 March 2023** to [fundamentalrights@hertie-school.org](mailto:fundamentalrights@hertie-school.org) with the subject line 'Letter of recommendation – Name of the candidate - Research Methods in Fundamental Rights'.

Successful applicants will receive a written confirmation of acceptance no later than **3 April 2023**. Each participant is expected to submit a discussion paper with a description of their research projects and a dedicated methodology section as well as a recorded 15-minute presentation by **10 May 2023**.

A detailed programme and list of readings will be made available by **10 May 2023**. Pre-recorded lectures will be available for the participants 10 days prior to the workshop.