

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## A Research Assistant Position

### The Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions

The Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions (Minerva Center) invites applications from law students for one research assistant (RA) position.

## Overview

The Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions at the University of Haifa, Faculty of Law and the Geography and Environmental Studies Department, is an international venue and transnational forum - together with the University of Hamburg, for study, research, training, education and publication. Its mission is to focus on the rule of law, broadly defined to include policy and regulation, under three main types of extreme conditions: natural disasters; national security; and socioeconomic crises.

We are currently seeking a RA to work in one of our projects which focuses on **Emergency Environmental Exemptions (on federal, state and city levels) in connection with Hurricane Sandy** with the objective of identifying the distinction between law on the books vs law in action during/after emergencies in addition to future policies and lessons for other situations and locations.

The Project is head by **Prof. Deborah Shmueli**, co-Principal Investigator of the Minerva Center and the Academic Head of the graduate program in Emergency and Disaster Management, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Haifa; **Prof. Rae Zimmerman**, Professor of Planning and Public Administration at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and Director of the Institute for Civil Infrastructure Systems, and **Dr. Yaniv Roznai**, a research director at the Minerva center.

#### Job Description

The appointed RA will work under the supervision of the researches. The RA would summarize findings, identify/verify relevant legislation and case-law, and identify relevant studies regarding emergency exemptions from environmental legislation in addition to specific material regarding the situation during/following Hurricane Sandy.

#### **Required qualifications**

- Second or third year JD/LLB student or a LL.M student.
- Fluency in English is required.
- Knowledge of legal databases is required.
- Knowledge of environmental law will be highly valued.
- Experience in research is not required, but will be highly valued.

#### Working hours

The RA is expected to work 100 hours. Expected starting date is immediate.

#### Salary

The hourly rate for research is 13\$ per hour.

#### Application submission and deadline

Applications should include a short cover letter with a description of research expertise and interest, a CV file and a copy of transcripts. Applications should be sent to Dr. Yaniv Roznai, <u>yaniv.roznai@gmail.com</u> with the subject line "research assistant Minerva – SURNAME"

#### The closing date for application is September 20, 2015.

For further information of the Minerva center see: <u>http://minervaextremelaw.haifa.ac.il/index.php/en/</u>