

#2 Call for applications: CPJ 2025 - Chair of Junior Professor

(To be filled in for each CPJ)

Lead institution/organisation: French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)

Name of head of establishment/organisation: Antoine PETIT

Sites concerned
Aix-Marseille University
University of Rennes
PSL or Nanterre

Academic region:
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
Brittany
Île-de-France

Planned partner institutions/organisations:

Project name (in French): Systèmes juridiques et circulations de normes
Possible acronym: POLYLAW

Keywords: law, regulation, circulation, globalisation

Target duration: 5 years

Scientific themes:

Humanities and social sciences
Law, economics, management

Institutional strategy: *describe how recruitment relates to the strategy of the institution. If applicable, summarise the CPJs obtained in previous years and assess the initial results in terms of the host laboratory's activity. (2000 characters maximum including spaces).*

This CPJ reflects CNRS Humanities and Social Sciences' support for innovative research in the legal sciences that can be linked to research from other disciplines including fields outside the humanities and social sciences. Among the key themes and research questions identified for the legal sciences - particularly in relation to economics, history, political science and sociology - is the theme of contemporary changes in forms of regulation and public action. This theme is a priority recruitment target for CNRS Humanities and Social Sciences' junior professor chairs campaigns and has already led to two recruitments.

The profile presented herein focuses on the legal sciences and is also a response to the support given to areal, comparative and transnational approaches which particularly focus on analysing circulations and transfers between geographical areas and periods to provide a complex reading of the dynamics of networks, influences and interactions. This emphasis on areal approaches - in relation with the academic partners involved - makes it possible to identify, structure and fund research communities. Significant resources have been invested in this by CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences through its specialised joint research units (UMRs), laboratories in other countries, networks, various international cooperation tools, international PhD student contracts and finally through the Institute's support for incoming and outgoing mobility.

Strategy of the host laboratory: *Please describe how this recruitment is in line with the host laboratory's strategy (1000 characters maximum including spaces).*

The three potential host laboratories have key positioning in legal science research and are integrated within a particularly promising academic context in this area. They are joint research units with academic partners with which CNRS Humanities and Social Sciences wishes to develop or already has solid scientific links in the research field of this CPJ (University of Rennes, University Paris Nanterre, École Normale Supérieure PSL and Aix-Marseille University). They also offer a research ecosystem that means the scientific challenges for the CPJ can be dealt with in a multi-disciplinary manner within the humanities and social sciences by applying social science methods (quantitative approaches, mapping normative flows and network analysis, etc.) and combining historical analysis, observations of contemporary developments and forward thinking.

RNSR* references of the host laboratory(ies):

(* *National Repertoire of Research Structures*)

200812291E	UMR6262	Western Institute of Law and Europe
199912465H	UMR7074	CTAD Centre for Legal Theory and Analysis
201220257W	UMR7318	DICE International, Comparative and European Law

Strategy in terms of international attractiveness: *Please describe how this recruitment is in line with the establishment's international strategy (on hosting foreign students, partnerships with foreign institutions, joint diploma project, taking part in a European project, etc.) 1000 characters maximum including spaces.*

The Chairholder will be expected to implement actions and set up partnerships in the given thematic field and particularly to commit to submitting a project in the framework of European calls for proposals like ERC, Horizon Europe Consortium, etc. during the 5 years of his/her contract. The person recruited will benefit from the opportunities offered by the CNRS's international units (particularly the *Maison Française* in Oxford or *Mondes en Transitions* in Sao Paulo) for research stays that will give access to fieldwork in other countries and/or to develop collaborative projects.

Summary of the scientific project: *1000 characters maximum including spaces.*

The modalities of legal regulation are going through profound changes that need to be better documented. The State was once the central regulator but now the production of norms is shared with a plurality of transnational or private stakeholders who produce standards of varying normative scope. This polycentrism weakens the traditional hierarchy of norms and drives the emergence of permeable legal systems in which reciprocal influences and conflicts between national, regional and international legal orders are intensifying. The person recruited will focus on a particular stakeholder, sector or theme to explore the relationships between these different sources of standards, the dynamics of their interactions and the mechanisms used to resolve conflicts, including from a diachronic standpoint. The Chairholder will also examine the tensions arising from these developments, between the legitimacy and effectiveness of norms and standards and respect for legal pluralism.

Summary of teaching project: *1000 characters maximum including spaces.*

Teaching will be discussed according to the site which the successful candidate is assigned to. He/she will be involved in teaching on existing courses at each site.

Financial summary: Please use the attached financial form to describe the financial requirements involved and how they are broken down to carry out the scientific project (PhD student, post-doctoral fellow, IT, equipment, etc.).

How the ANR package will be used	200,000 €
PhD student	
Post-doctoral fellow	
Engineer	
Equipment	
Operations (missions, conferences, etc.)	
Co-financing of the € package	€
Specify the nature of the planned expenditure	
Co-financing of the € package	
Co-financing of the CPJ's remuneration	
Total funding for the CPJ (including the ANR package) in euros	€

Dissemination of scientific results:

The results will be disseminated via world-class scientific productions like publications, software, patents, and so forth. The project will also communicate with a wide range of target audiences including the scientific community, the media, decision-makers, the general public, schools, etc., applying an appropriate schedule. Specific tools may be developed like websites, newsletters, meetings, international conferences, summer schools and other conferences.

Open Science:

The CNRS has adopted a strong policy in favour of open science. Open science consists in making research results "as accessible as possible and as closed as necessary". To achieve this, the CNRS objective is for 100% of the texts of publications resulting from the work of its units to be in open access, particularly through researchers submitting them to HAL. The data produced should also be made available and reusable unless specific restrictions apply. In addition, the guidelines on the individual evaluation of researchers have been revised to conform with the DORA declaration, to be more qualitative and to take all facets of a researcher's work into account.

Science and society:

The relationship between science and society is now recognised as a full dimension of scientific activity in its own right. The project will develop this dimension in synergy with all partners involved. The resulting research will help inform the public decision-making process. Participatory science initiatives may be organised with stakeholders from the project's socio-economic and cultural ecosystem.

Indicators:

In particular, the CPJ's activities will be assessed on the basis of scientific output (publications, software, patents, etc.), institutional and private partnerships with formal contracts, international influence, the promotion and dissemination of work to multi-disciplinary scientific communities, innovation and its transfer to society and scientific dissemination to non-specialist audiences.

