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Call for Applications

The Max Planck Research Group “**Translation and Transitions. Legal Practice in 19th Century Japan, China, and the Ottoman Empire**” invites researchers of related fields to work with the group for a period of 1-3 months in the calendar year 2020.

The Max Planck Research Group is an independent research group situated at the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History in Frankfurt, Germany. The research group has started its work in 2017. Its aim is to compare the legal transformations that took place in 19th and early 20th century Japan, China and the Ottoman Empire. Even though not being colonized, all three countries faced the pressure to adopt Western standards. The group concentrates on the question how the legal reforms affected the legal practice in the field of private law and the legal professions.

We are glad to have the opportunity to invite colleagues who are working on related topics to work with the group during a **1-3 months research stay** at the Max-Planck-Institute for European Legal History. The requirements will be:

- Your research deals with Japanese, Chinese or Ottoman legal history or with a focus on the transformations that took place in the 19th and early 20th century and you are interested in the impact that the reforms had to legal practice.
- Alternatively, you are working on another country that faced similar legal reforms in a semi-autonomous setting.
- You are interested in reflecting the challenges of law’s modernity from a perspective, that considers the negotiations within the Western countries as well as the non-European experiences.
- You are interested in a constant comparative exchange with the group members.

Applications are possible for researchers of any stage, starting from advanced PhD students who have been working on their project for at least two years.

As a visiting researcher, you will be integrated in the Max Planck Research Group's work. The Max Planck Institute will offer for the length of your stay a working desk, access to the library and to events of the institute. You will receive a scholarship according to the guidelines of the institute for visiting scholars.

Please contact for further information the head of the research group Dr. Lena Foljanty (foljanty@rg.mpg.de). If you are interested in this program, please send a **description of your project (2-3 pages) and a CV** before **31st May 2019** to the same email address.