Fellowship in Human Rights and Justice

The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice at the University of Texas at Austin, an interdisciplinary human rights center housed in the School of Law, seeks applications for a residential fellowship beginning as early as February 1, 2019 and running through August 31, 2020. Applicants from all countries and relevant disciplines are welcome to apply.

The Fellow, working closely with the Center’s co-directors and staff, will provide intellectual and administrative leadership for the final months of a multi-year project on human rights and economic inequality. The project examines structural drivers of economic inequality; how law might create, accentuate, or ameliorate forms of unequal distribution; the ways in which the global architecture of human rights might better address inequality among and within countries; and the capacity of economic inequality, as a dominant analytical or orienting frame, to capture the racial, gendered, and colonial patterns of accumulation and reproduction of power and wealth over time. Part of the task will involve reflecting on lessons to be learned from earlier work done under the grant in the areas of natural resource governance and labor.

Candidates should have advanced graduate training, significant research experience, strong writing and verbal communication skills, and an aptitude for critical analysis of human rights issues and legal practice, particularly from a global perspective.

The fellowship will entail academic and administrative responsibilities relating to the project and may include:

- Researching and drafting reports and white papers, and/or assisting with academic publications;
- Organizing a speaker series, conference, and other public events;
- Co-teaching a seminar;
- Coordinating a project with the Human Rights Clinic;
- Collaborating on research and curriculum with faculty and graduate and professional students;
- Networking with academics, activists, and policymakers in multiple regions;
- Establishing new international internship placements related to the project; and
- Supervising staff and students involved with the project.

Ideally, the appointment will begin February 1, 2019 but the start date is negotiable. The Fellow will be offered a competitive stipend in the range of $47,500-55,000/year, health insurance and other benefits, full use of UT facilities, and office space at the Law School. The Fellow is required to be in residence in Austin, although the position will likely include some international travel. The Fellow may not hold any other appointment during the fellowship period. Preference will be given to applicants who have received a PhD, JD, or equivalent law degree by the start date.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, beginning December 3. Application packages should include the following materials: cover letter; CV; graduate transcripts (unofficial and scanned are acceptable); personal statement about relevant research and practical experience (no more than 500 words); writing sample (no more than 7000 words); and three letters of recommendation, including at least one academic reference. Any questions, and all materials (in PDF format), should be sent to Ariel Travis, Rapoport Center Assistant Director, at atravis@law.utexas.edu.