

LETTER OF MOTIVATION

I, full name, am here today to announce my candidacy for the fully funded PhD position as outlined in the PhD programme Faculty of Law for research at the Centre for Comparative and European Constitutional Studies. My work: I am a constitutional lawyer who has been practicing law since 1999, and who has published approximately 14 papers. Under my belt I have addressed such questions as institutional ones, i.e., checks and balances for the state, and those regarding human rights, i.e., hate speech, human dignity, as well as transnational constitutional issues, to mention just a few.

The title of my chosen research topic is 'Harmonizing Constitutional Principles: What Europe Can Teach the World'. Under this project I would like to research the progress of harmonizing constitutional principles within the European Union, with an outlook that focuses on challenges regarding globalization of constitutional issues on the international paradigm; *de lege ferenda*— what the law should be, is of the recommendations my PhD thesis will be addressing. This research topic fits into the 'Issues of Constitutional Legitimacy and Constitutional Pluralism' PhD research area that is currently being led by Professor Antoni Abat Ninet at the University of Copenhagen.

My topic is novel and a hot topic since globalization and historical events in the world today require the rethinking of our political, constitutional, and legal concepts. To quote the great Mark Tushnet, a leading scholar of constitutional law and legal history, and currently the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, 'the globalization of constitutional law is inevitable', and my work will be devoted to developing this ideology further; but that assessment in and of itself doesn't go far enough; we must also study the constitutional engines of the United States, of 'God given laws' that are unalienable rights to individuals, that must coexist and should not be imposed on by international burdens, because it is those very engines that at one time or another allowed the United States of America to advance faster and stronger than no other; and we must study history, and know how the rise and falls of great nations, i.e., Rome and Greece, had suffered the fate and challenges that face that nation, the U.S.A., as well as the European Union today; and we must further understand and acknowledge what is right and what is wrong within the European community; i.e., many, such as Britain, have lost faith in the European dream and construct. In compiling that information, we must understand what constitutionalism should mean, and the enforcements and constraints that should be executing and harnessing its powers.

To conclude, my present interests lie in the studies of the development of complex interactions of European Union Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, and the forming bodies of Global Law, and such laws effecting European and global economic and political powers. My interests are in the interests of the Centre for Comparative and European Constitutional Studies, and I would be most honoured to work under your guidance. For further reference, please see my attached curriculum vitae.

Copenhagen, 20. 07. 2016.

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