

Postdoctoral Scholar - Berkeley Center for Private Law Theory - School of Law

Private law structures the legal building blocks that most profoundly affect our social and economic life, notably property, contract, and torts as well as central aspects of family law, trust law, work law, and more. It thus governs our relationships with each other in arguably the most important spheres of our lives: in the market, the workplace, the neighborhood, and intimate relations. Private law theories develop conceptual and normative analyses of these building blocks and critically investigate their meanings, their interrelationships, their varied institutionalizations, and their implications in these and other social settings. The theory of private law has a proud legacy stretching back to antiquity, which has been continually renewed and updated. The need for a new generation of private law theory has become all the more acute given questions and challenges posed by rapid technological change, economic globalization, and the rise of new forms of family and personal relations.

The Berkeley Center for Private Law Theory promotes interdisciplinary research on these themes. We organize a variety of activities designed to stimulate dialogue, to exchange and advance knowledge, and to explore new ideas. The Berkeley Center for Private Law Theory aims to foster insights into the legal building blocks of our social and economic life and contribute to making them fair and just.

The University of California, Berkeley invites applications for the position of Postdoctoral Scholar at the Center with an anticipated start date in Fall 2026. This is a two-year, full-time (100%) academic appointment. The successful candidate will be mentored by Professor Hanoch Dagan and the dynamic and collaborative research team of the Berkeley Center for Private Law Theory.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct innovative research in Private Law, contributing to ongoing projects and potentially initiating new lines of inquiry.
- Collaborate with faculty and fellow researchers to expand the debate and dialogue in research areas concerning Private Law.
- Coordinating and participating in workshops to advance conversation in different areas in Private Law.
- Writing, presenting, and preparing for the publication of original inquiries of research.
- Contribute to the academic community by participating in seminars, conferences, and other scholarly activities, as well as to help conceptualize and organize them.

For more information about the position, including required qualifications and application materials, please visit: <https://aprecruit.berkeley.edu/JPF05241>. For more information about the Center, please visit: <https://www.law.berkeley.edu/research/berkeley-center-for-private-law-theory/>.