

## Expression of Interest

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### Research Area

- Environmental Sciences and Geology (ENV)

### Brief description of the institution:

The University of Alicante (UA) was created in 1979. Today it educates and trains more than 36.000 students -2.500 of them are international students - and offers more than 80 undergraduate and 96 postgraduate programmes: consequently, it is proportionally one of the fastest growing universities in Spain. The UA houses 227 research groups in Social and Legal Sciences, Experimental Sciences, Technological Sciences, Human Sciences, Education and Health Sciences and 15 Research Institutes (Water & Environment, Materials, Electrochemistry, Biodiversity, Chemical Processes and Organic Synthesis, and Modern Languages, among others). Thus, the UA employs over 2.400 researchers/ professors and has a complex management /administration structure of 1.300 people, which involves an annual budget of 175 million Euros.

UA is a young and dynamic university with vast experience in implementing EU funded projects in different programmes and areas, with presence in more than 60 countries worldwide. In the last 10 years, UA has successfully acted as coordinator of many Tempus, Alfa, Edulink projects involving Third Countries and Lifelong Learning and Framework Programme (FP, DG Research) Projects. Moreover, the participation in FP has been increasing in the last years, taking part in 25 5th FP, 26 6th FP, 45 7th FP projects (13 of them coordinated by UA), and 6 in H2020.

It is worth underlining the big effort performed by UA in order to meet the commitment with the principles set out in the European Charter for Researchers and in the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researcher

**Brief description of the Centre/Research Group:**

The Department consists of highly qualified four Professors and Full-tenure teachers and researchers on compulsory subjects of the Grade of Law, DADE and DCrim as well. The institute of History of Law participates in several Projects I+D+i from 1995: GVBES1502396) (1997-1999); SEJ2006-10071/JURI 2003-2006-2009; (VIGROB190 (2008-2019); DER 2012-09193-JURI 82012-2016); DER2016-79293-P. (2016- ); Gerda Henkel Foundation (AZ18-F/19).

At the moment, the research takes place and is developed in the Research group Estudios Árabes e Islámicos Sharq al-Andalus (SAA) (2011-2019); University Institute of the Water and the Environmental Sciences. The research is focused on improving the progressive evolution of the Legal institutions related with the management and administration of goods of public and private interest and recently on properties of general interest, taking into account Millennium Development Goals. The research of the staff has targeted the remain of distributive justice concerning goods, services and relationships of general interest. In this respect, priority is given to the sources and data recovery; and the retrieval legal system. All these sources allow the researchers for the development of the application of legal documents in the analysis of subjects covered and topical issues as main lines of research for the Department.

For more information <https://dchj.ua.es/en/departament-historical-and-legal-sciences.html>

**Project description:**

The purpose of the research is to acknowledge and to visualize the legal institutions that allow from centuries the distribution and management of water in specific areas of the Peninsula Iberica, the traditional and customary irrigation system.

Most of them have been ruled by the same legal sources, on the other hand, implemented in several countries of the Mediterranean basin. Irrigation and management of water in marshes and wetlands have worked in favour of the organization of the space in areas of water scarcity and affected by weather variations in territories under specific weather conditions. Nowadays the situation concerns not only the countries guided from centuries by the same rules, practices and consensual decision. From the South of Portugal throughout of Spain and Sicily to the Middle East the example of common sense in use of water is a constant of good practice. What is needed is a comparative and comprehensive analysis of the legal criteria widespread under influence for the eastern part of the Mediterranean. The policies and the interest in the territorial regions are trying to set up new rules and new orders, certainly far away from the customary law apply from centuries. It is needed a study approach of the Water Law in a wide area of the Peninsula, where the implementation of these rules persists under the menace of the oblivion.

The proposal consists of mapping the territories of waterless areas where is applied customary law. Secondly, to develop a chart that illustrates the main issues and common solutions for the communities and individualities.

- To draw up a yield map in order to avoid gossip about misuse in times of water scarcity.
- To develop a guide concerning legal measures in different areas of several river and hydrographic basins, for a general survey.
- It is compulsory to map the customary sources governed by criteria of the usefulness, sustainability and general consensus.

This proposal of research is focused on a thoughtful contribution to the ongoing debate to the water protection and management safeguarding hydraulic heritage.

During two years the candidate should be able to develop this interesting plan of researching, field research and survey that has been combined with work as a part of a team. In this sense, the compilation of data, the linguistic law-fieldwork related to legal deadlines, terms, actions and measures, the coexistence of different legal systems and the implementation of a casuistic system of law are the levels at which this proposal is aimed.

In conclusion, the Project will provide the efficient tools for applying solutions to specific current situations, in two different layers: within the framework of the wetland and watershed management, even in cross-border basins, and secondly in natural areas, public and private spaces for the sake of Access to water resources accordingly to the by the principle of distributive justice that respects sustainable.

### **Applications**

- CV
- Letter of motivation
- Project Management
- Power point or Prezzi explaining the state-of-the-art or literature review

*The deadline - September 11, 2019*