PhD POSITION
Related to the ERC Project "WELFAREPRIORITIES"
University of Zurich

The Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich (www.ipz.uzh.ch/) invites applications for a PhD position in the research group of Professor Silja Häusermann, who holds the chair in Swiss Politics and Comparative Political Economy.

The position is funded in the context of the ERC Starting Grant "WELFAREPRIORITIES" project, which will start on September 1st 2017. Please find the ERC project summary here: www.ipz.uzh.ch/en/welfare-priorities

The successful candidate will be part of the ERC project team, together with Prof. Häusermann and a post-doctoral researcher (hence, there is no teaching obligation attached to this position; teaching opportunities at the Department are an option). He/she will have the opportunity to pursue his/her doctoral project in relation with the ERC project.

The preferred starting date for the position is September 1st, 2017. Conditional on approval of the PhD proposal by the end of the first year, funding is guaranteed for four years total, with a gross annual salary of appr. 53'000 CHF.

The PhD student will also participate in the Department's doctoral program, which offers advanced methodological and substantive training, as well as professional development.

The position requires:

- Interest in Comparative Political Economy and Welfare State Research. More specifically: interest in the substantive and methodological agenda of the ERC project "WELFAREPRIORITIES".
- An MA degree in political science (or related disciplines) with distinction, either completed or near completion.
- Good knowledge and experience of empirical political science research methods.
- Dedication, ability to work in a team, and ability to work independently.
- Good working knowledge of English. Knowledge of German is an advantage.

Further inquiries can be directed to Prof. Silja Häusermann (silja.haeusermann@ipz.uzh.ch). Information about the broader research and teaching activities at the Department and chair is available on the website of the Department, as well as the following sites:
www.ipz.uzh.ch/en/forschung/lehrstuehle/sp
www.mwpweb.eu/SiljaHaeusermann

Please send your application electronically as one PDF comprising your letter of interest, CV, transcripts, a writing sample (e.g. BA- or MA-thesis, term paper), a (non-binding) sketch of a possible PhD project (max. 3 pages), and the contact details of two people willing to serve as a reference.

Please send all materials to this email address: phd.applications@ipz.uzh.ch and indicate that your application refers to this particular position with the keyword "Häusermann-ERC".

Note: the chair simultaneously invites applications for a second PhD position with the chair (keyword "Häusermann-chair"). Applicants are welcome to apply for both positions if interested.

The deadline for applications is March 31st, 2017.