Department of Political Science

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Research Assistant in Political Science (20%)

We invite applications for a research assistant position (studentische Hilfskraft) (20%) in the context of the project "How Technological Change Reshapes Politics – Technology, Elections, and Policies (TECHNO)", **starting in November/December 2022** (or upon agreement). The position is initially offered for six months but can be extended upon mutual agreement.

The TECHNO project studies how technological change in the workplace contributes to deep political transformations and how governments can enact public policies to cushion the negative consequences of technological change. The research assistant will support the team (Reto Bürgisser, Silja Häusermann, Thomas Kurer) with a specific empirical project that examines the impact of a **major labor market reform in France** on voting behavior and radical right support.

Responsibilities
Support the research team with a variety of tasks related to
- Data management and data cleaning of a big French admin dataset
- Collection of local-level data on French electoral outcomes
- Descriptive data analysis, computing and visualization
- Development of a survey design and survey questions

Qualifications
The position is suitable for current **MA students residing in Switzerland** who are interested in the political consequences of technological change. Applicants for this position should meet the following requirements:
- Very good working knowledge of statistics/econometrics and R
- Good understanding of political economy and labor markets
- Good English language skills
- Good French language skills are not a requirement but a big plus

We offer
- Insights into an ongoing international research project
- Working in a dedicated team with an open and constructive working environment
- Gaining substantive knowledge on technological change and politics
- Workspace at the Department of Political Science (flexible work is possible upon agreement)
- The workload is around 8 hours per week and can be organized relatively flexibly
- The salary is in accordance with the rates of the University of Zurich[1]

How to apply
For any questions about this position, feel free to send an email to: buergisser@ipz.uzh.ch.
Please send your application electronically as one PDF-File comprising your motivation letter (1 page), short CV, and academic transcripts to buergisser@ipz.uzh.ch with the subject "Research Assistant TECHNO". Review of applications will begin on 14 November 2022 and continue until the position is filled.

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[1] https://www.staff.uzh.ch/en/personal/compensation-insurance/compensation.html