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Post-Doc position with a specialization in text as data research

The Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich (<http://www.ipz.uzh.ch>) invites applications for a postdoctoral research position in the research group of Prof. Stefanie Walter, full professor for international relations and political economy.

The post-doc will be part of Professor Walter's ERC-funded research project on "The Mass Politics of Disintegration" (DISINTEGRATION). The project explores when and how one country's attempts to withdraw from an international institution encourages or deters demands for disintegration in other countries, how these contagion effects are transmitted through domestic elites and domestic discourse, and how the remaining member states ultimately respond during disintegration negotiations.

Responsibilities

- Take a leading role in DISINTEGRATION's work package 2 on domestic discourse, which examines how the contagion effects of mass-based disintegration by one state are transmitted to other countries through their national elite and media discourse. It focuses on the reverberations of Brexit abroad and analyzes major newspaper coverage and social media activities in selected European countries.
- Organize and conduct the project's data collection for the text-as-data research component, including research design and implementation, data preparation and management, quality control, and data analysis.
- Conduct and publish high-quality research on the mass politics of international disintegration.
- Disseminate research results by presenting at academic conferences, publishing in top outlets, and outreach activities to the wider public.
- Collaborate closely with other project members.
- Provide support for project-related research, organizational, and administrative tasks.

Qualifications

- PhD in political science or a related discipline (or close to completion).
- High level of interest and expertise in text-as-data methods, especially (structural) topic models and/or analysis of Twitter data.
- Excellent methodological skills.
- Ambition and ability to produce high-quality and high-impact research, both independently and in a team.
- Strong analytical and communication skills, as well as very good organizational skills.
- Ability to work constructively and effectively as part of a small research team.



Language requirements

Very good command of English.

Knowledge of German and other European languages is an asset.

We offer

- Participation in a cutting-edge research project on the mass politics of international disintegration funded with an ERC Consolidator Grant.
- Opportunity to develop your own research agenda within the broader contours of the project and to develop a strong academic network.
- Funding for conferences, additional training, and field work.
- A highly motivated and engaged team.
- Career mentoring.
- Excellent working conditions in a leading research-oriented and international department that provides a constructive and collaborative research environment.

This position opens on

The preferred starting date for the position is June 2019, with considerable flexibility.

A minimum of two-year commitment is requested; renewal up to five years in total is possible and contingent on research productivity and continued fit. The salary is approximately 76.000 CHF/year.

Further information

Further inquiries can be directed to Prof. Stefanie Walter (walter@ipz.uzh.ch). Additional information about the ERC project can be found at www.stefaniewalter.de. More information about the Chair of International Relations and Political Economy is available at: <https://www.ipz.uzh.ch/de/forschung/lehrstuehle/ibipe.html>.

Closing date for applications

Review of applications will begin on **February 20, 2019**. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Please send your application electronically as one PDF-file comprising your letter of interest, CV, transcripts, a writing sample, and the contact details of two people willing to serve as a reference to phd.applications@ipz.uzh.ch. Please indicate that your application refers to this particular position with the keyword "PostDoc2 Group Walter".