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The Zentrum für Demokratie Aarau (ZDA), the University of Zurich's Centre for Democracy Studies, is inviting applications for

## **a PhD position in political science (4 years, starting February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023)**

in the team of the project 'Swiss direct democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century' (SDD-21) funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, coordinated by the ZDA and conducted in partnership with the Universities of Bern, Basel, as well as Lausanne. This project is built around a joint data collection effort involving representative population surveys conducted after every federal vote during the project's funding period.

The PhD student affiliated with the ZDA will analyse the impacts of digital campaigning on opinion formation and voting decisions at the individual level.

The successful candidate should hold an MA degree in Political Science or a similar relevant discipline, have a solid training in quantitative methods, and be able to work in both English and at least one Swiss official language (i.e. German, French or Italian). Previous research experience or interest in the fields of direct democracy and/or Swiss politics is an asset.

Workplace for this position is the Centre for Democracy Studies in Aarau. However, the PhD student will also benefit from an affiliation with UZH's Department of Political Science. In particular, he/she will participate in the Department's doctoral programme, which offers advanced methodological and substantive training as well as professional development (see: <https://www.ipz.uzh.ch/en/studium/phd/democracy-studies.html>).

The starting date for this position is the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2023 but can be negotiated. 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 47'000 to 50'000 CHF, according to the scales defined by the Swiss National Science Foundation.

Please send your application (in English or in one Swiss official language) electronically as one PDF-file comprising your motivation letter, CV, transcripts, a writing sample (e.g. Master thesis, conference paper or publication), and the contact details of two persons willing to serve as references to Ms Corin Limacher ([corin.limacher@zda.uzh.ch](mailto:corin.limacher@zda.uzh.ch)).

Initial review of the applications will start on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. The position remains open until filled. Further inquiries can be directed to Prof. Daniel Kübler ([Daniel.Kuebler@zda.uzh.ch](mailto:Daniel.Kuebler@zda.uzh.ch)).

*Please note that an additional PhD position in this project is currently open at the University of Lausanne, also starting February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.  
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