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PhD position (60%) in the research group of Professor Jonathan Slapin

Description of UZH unit

The Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich (<http://www.ipz.uzh.ch>) invites applications for a PhD position in the research group of Professor Jonathan Slapin, Professor of Political Institutions and European Politics.

Responsibilities

- Development and conduct of own PhD project in the field of comparative political institutions, broadly defined. Applicants should have a focus on parliaments, parties, legislative behavior, representation, European politics, or European integration.
- Participation in the Department's doctoral program, which offers advanced methodological and substantive training as well as professional development.
- To teach own courses and/or co-teach with Prof. Slapin or other members of the IPZ
- To contribute to intellectual life at the IPZ and the Chair of Comparative Political Institutions and European Politics

Qualifications

- Excellent MA degree in political science or closely related discipline
- Substantive interest in democratic political institutions, democratic governance, representation, parties, parliaments, legislative behavior, European integration or other substantive and methodological topics that fit with the research conducted at the chair.
- Excellent quantitative methods background and an interest in further developing methodological skills. Specific areas of interest/expertise could include (but are not limited to) econometrics, survey methods and design, computational social and data science (including quantitative text analysis), and experimental methods.
- Motivation to pursue an academic career
- Ability to work both independently and in a team

Language requirements

- Excellent English
- Preference for an ability to speak and teach in German, but not required



We offer

- Excellent working environment
- Strong substantive and methodological training
- Excellent research support

This position opens on

The starting date is negotiable but we will aim for **September 1, 2023**

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 approximately 53,000 CHF.

Further information

Further informal inquiries can be directed to Prof. Jonathan Slapin (slapin@ipz.uzh.ch). Please send your application electronically as one PDF-file comprising a brief letter of interest, CV, transcripts, a writing sample (e.g. Master thesis), a 3-4 page research plan for your PhD, and the contact details of two people willing to serve as a reference to this email address: phd.applications@ipz.uzh.ch and indicate that your application refers to this particular position with the keyword "PhD Slapin".

Closing date for applications

The deadline for applications is 9th of June, 2023