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## **Post-Doc position in the research group of Professor Stefanie Walter with a specialization in public opinion 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 1 on public opinion, which studies when and how another country's disintegration experience encourages or deters new disintegration bids in other states with different types of survey data and survey experiments.
- Organize and conduct the project's large-scale survey data collection, including design of questionnaires and experiments, 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 collecting and analyzing public opinion data, including survey experiments.
- 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 flexible, with a preferred start date in May 2019.

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](mailto:walter@ipz.uzh.ch)). Additional information about the ERC project can be found at [www.stefaniewalter.de](http://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](mailto:phd.applications@ipz.uzh.ch). Please indicate that your application refers to this particular position with the keyword "PostDoc1 Group Walter".