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Three-Year Post-Doctoral Research Position in the Research Group of Professor Fabrizio Gilardi (ERC-Project "Problem Definition in the Digital Democracy")

Description of UZH unit

The Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich (http://www.ipz.uzh.ch) invites applications for a post-doctoral research position in the research group of Professor Fabrizio Gilardi (https://fabriziogilardi.org/). The post-doctoral researcher will be part of Fabrizio Gilardi's ERC-funded research project "Problem Definition in the Digital Democracy" (PRODIGI) (https://fabriziogilardi.org/PRODIGI/) as well as to the Digital Democracy Lab (https://digdemlab.io/).

Your responsibilities

- Develop and lead at least one sub-project within the context of PRODIGI.
- Conduct and publish high-quality research within the context of PRODIGI.
- Collaborate with other members of the research group.
- Provide support for research, organizational, and administrative tasks.
- Teaching is not required, but might be possible (remunerated separately).

Your profile

- PhD in political science or a related discipline (completed or close to completion).
- Interest in the field of digital technology and politics.
- Ambition and ability to produce high-quality and high-impact research, both independently and in a team.
- Ability to work constructively and effectively as part of a research team.
- Proficiency in quantitative research methods, specifically causal inference and/or computational social science.
- Very good command of English; working knowledge of German is an asset.

What we offer

- Duration of employment: January 2023 (later start possible) December 2025.
- Salary: CHF 77'480,- (0.8 FTE)



- Opportunity to develop your own research agenda and to develop a strong academic network.
- Access to the research infrastructure of the Digital Democracy Lab.
- Participation in a cutting-edge research project funded with an ERC Advanced Grant.
- Funding for conferences, additional training, and research activities.
- A highly motivated, engaged, and supportive team.
- Career mentoring.
- Excellent working conditions in a leading research-oriented and international department that provides a constructive and collaborative research environment.

Place of work

Zurich.

Further information

- Further inquiries can be directed to Fabrizio Gilardi (gilardi@ipz.uzh.ch).
- Applications should include a letter of interest, CV, a writing sample, and the contact details of two people willing to serve as a reference, and the following form: http://www.ipz.uzh.ch/static/forms/download/additional application form.pdf
- Please send your application electronically as one single pdf-file to the secretariat of the Department of Political Science (sekretariat@ipz.uzh.ch).
- Review of applications will begin on November 15, 2022.
- Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.