



## **POST-DOCTORAL POSITION University of Zurich & Research Center for Democracy Studies Aarau (ZDA)**

The Center for Democracy Studies and the Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich ([www.zdaarau.ch](http://www.zdaarau.ch) & [www.ipz.uzh.ch](http://www.ipz.uzh.ch)) invite applications for a Postdoc position (*Oberassistent*). The successful candidate will be working on the Democracy Barometer project ([www.democracybarometer.org](http://www.democracybarometer.org)) which is a joint project between the University of Zurich and the Research Center for Democracy Studies Aarau (ZdA).

We are looking for a candidate who will oversee the Democracy Barometer project. That entails day-to-day tasks such as leading research assistance in the data gathering and bi-annual updates as well as conceptual and strategic decisions regarding how the project can further evolve and improve. The project is directed by Prof. Lucas Leemann and Prof. Tarik Abou-Chadi.

The successful candidate will be part of the Political Science Department which is a vibrant research community and provides various working groups, speakers series, and internal research seminars. The department offers extensive research support.

Ideally, candidates will have a research focus in comparative politics and democracy studies that overlaps with the themes of the project. This will allow the successful candidate's research to directly benefit from the project work. In addition, we consider prior experience in a data-driven project as an advantage but it is not a requirement.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Taking responsibility for the Democracy Barometer project.
- Monitoring the project and providing conceptual input for adaption and development of the project.
- Publishing academic work.
- Overseeing two research assistants in their data collection efforts.
- Writing an annual report and liaising with stakeholders.

### **Qualifications:**

- A PhD degree in political science.
- Interest in democracy, measurement, quality of various democratic aspects, and representation.
- Ability to work both independently and in a team.
- Good knowledge of quantitative methods.



**Language requirements:**

Good working knowledge of English.

**This position:**

The starting date for the position is November 2018 or later (flexible).

Initial appointment for one year and after that for an additional three years upon satisfactory performance. Funding is available for the full four years.

The annual gross salary is 60,000 CHF. In *addition* to various other funding opportunities the postdoc will also receive an annual research budget of 3,000 CHF.

There is no teaching obligation for the post-holder. If she/he would like to teach a class there is an option to do so from the second year onwards. Teaching one class in either fall or spring adds roughly 7,500 CHF to the annual gross salary.

**Diversity:**

The department of political science is committed to increasing diversity among staff and faculty. We thus want to especially encourage applicants who identify with groups currently underrepresented in academic positions to apply.

**Further information:**

Further inquiries can be directed to Prof. Lucas Leemann ([leemann@ipz.uzh.ch](mailto:leemann@ipz.uzh.ch)).

Please send your application electronically as one PDF-file comprising your letter of interest, CV, transcripts, a writing sample (e.g. last published paper), and the contact details of two people willing to serve as a reference to this email address: [sekretariat@ipz.uzh.ch](mailto:sekretariat@ipz.uzh.ch) and use the subject "Postdoc DB".

**Closing date for applications:**

September 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.