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

two PhD positions in political science

to strengthen our research team working in the field of direct democracy. More precisely, one PhD position will contribute to a research project that analyses the digitalization of direct democratic campaigning in Switzerland. The other PhD position will contribute to the development of the research agenda related to the c2d database (see <https://c2d.ch>). The PhD students will participate in the doctoral program of the Faculty of Arts and Social Science of the University of Zurich, 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 successful candidate should hold an MA degree in Political Science or Public Administration, have a solid training in methods, and be able to work in both English and German (knowledge of French is an asset).

The starting date for both positions is the 1st of April 2021 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 55,800 CHF.

Please send your application (in English or in German) electronically as one PDF-file comprising your letter of interest, CV, transcripts, a writing sample (e.g. Master thesis), and the contact details of two persons willing to serve as a reference to Ms Corin Limacher (corin.limacher@zda.uzh.ch).

Initial review of the applications will start on January 15th 2021. The positions remain open until filled.

Further inquiries can be directed to Prof. Daniel Kübler (Daniel.Kuebler@zda.uzh.ch). Information about the broader research and other activities at the Centre for Democracy Studies is available on its website (www.zdaarau.ch).