

Postdoc position in SNF-project DIVIDE / Franklin University Switzerland

Franklin University Switzerland invites applications for a Postdoc position (100%) in the SNSF research project DIVIDE of Professor Oliver Strijbis.

Franklin is a private liberal arts university in Lugano (Sorengo), Switzerland, accredited as a Swiss university institute by the Swiss Accreditation Council, authorized to offer Swiss-accredited Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral degrees. Franklin is also accredited as an American university by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in the USA, authorized to offer US-accredited Bachelor and Master degrees.

The starting date for the position is September 1, 2025 or later by agreement. Funding is guaranteed for four years total, with a gross annual salary of approximately CHF 90,000 (as per SNF Funding conditions).

We are seeking a post-doctoral researcher with research experience and/or interest in political behavior and/or nationalism. The Postdoc will lead a working package of the project DIVIDE, which investigates the effects of secession referenda on interethnic relations. The Postdoc will be able to dedicate at least 80% of the working time for research activities and teach one course per semester, on average.

The position requires:

- A PhD degree in political science or a related discipline
- A strong interest in academic research, ideally proven through internationally visible publications, third-party funding, or related research activities
- Strong interest in political behavior and/or nationalism
- Excellent knowledge of quantitative methods
- Ability to work independently and lead a small team
- Strong command of English
- A commitment to learn basic Italian (at least A1) within two years
- Command of additional languages relevant to the project is welcome.

What we offer:

- Integration in a dynamic division with highly motivated and engaged members
- Possibility to co-author within the research group and beyond
- Possibility to develop an independent research agenda
- Opportunity to develop leadership abilities
- Financial and academic support from the research group and the University

Further inquiries can be directed to Prof. Oliver Strijbis (ostrijbis@fus.edu).

Information about the research activities of the project leader is available on Oliver Strijbis' website (<https://www.fus.edu/academics/faculty/oliver-strijbis>).

Please send your application electronically as a single PDF-file comprising your letter of interest, CV, transcripts, a writing sample (e.g. publications, job market paper), and the contact details of two people willing to serve as a reference to this email address: DIVIDEPostdoc@fus.edu

The deadline for applications is June 15, 2025.