

## PhD Position in Security Politics

**Expected starting date: January 2025**

**The Center for Security Studies (CSS) at ETH Zurich is a center of competence for Swiss and international security policy. It offers security policy expertise in research, teaching, and consultancy.**

The CSS research group conducts innovative and politically relevant academic *research* on contemporary security issues, offers *expertise* at the science-policy interface for practitioners and the public, and provides high-quality *teaching* to both academic- and practice-oriented students.

Our research is both theoretically rigorous and empirically grounded, utilizing a wide range of methodologies. We focus on evolving threats to states and societies, as well as how key actors organize to address these challenges. Our sustained inquiry into political violence, security paradigms, and the institutions, processes, and policies aimed at reducing insecurity shapes everything we do.

We are seeking highly motivated doctoral candidates with a master's degree in political science, International Relations, Political Economy, or a related field to develop an original, independent research project in one of the following areas: Conflict Resolution & Violence Prevention / Digital Technologies, Strategic Competition & Security / The Intersection of Economy & Security. We encourage interdisciplinary applicants with a strong interest in addressing contemporary security issues to apply.

At ETH Zurich, you'll have access to generous funding for conferences, summer schools, and data collection, with minimal teaching and administrative duties. Our collaborative team works on site right in the heart of Zurich, and we're looking for someone eager to contribute not only to their own research but also to the broader intellectual life of our group and ETH. This is a full-time position (100%).

We look forward to receiving your application through our online portal, which should include the following documents:

- A letter of interest detailing your skills and motivation for the position
- Your CV
- A 1–2-page research proposal or idea
- One or two single-authored writing samples (e.g., seminar paper, MA thesis, or academic article)

Please note that we do not accept applications via email or postal services.

We offer a dynamic, challenging role within an inspiring environment at a world-renowned university. Career development is central to our culture, and we're committed to supporting your professional growth. For more information about the CSS, visit [our website](#). For specific questions about the position, feel free to contact Prof. Andreas Wenger at [wenger@sipo.gess.ethz.ch](mailto:wenger@sipo.gess.ethz.ch) (please note: no applications via email).