



University of Zurich's Institute of Political Science (IPZ) invites applications for a 3-year position as

**Post-doctoral researcher
interested in unilateral challenges to international institutions**

The post-doc will be part of Prof. Dr. Stefanie Walter's ERC-funded research project DISINTEGRATION on "The Mass Politics of Disintegration" (www.disintegration.ch). The project explores when and how unilateral attempts to withdraw from international institutions encourages or deters demands for disintegration in other countries, how these contagion effects are transmitted through domestic publics, elites and discourse, and how the governments in the institution's other member states respond to such challenges in the negotiations on the terms of withdrawal and future cooperation.

The post-doctoral researcher will pursue his or her own research agenda in the context of the project. Ideally, he or she should take a leading role in the project's work package 2 on domestic discourse, which examines how contagion effects are transmitted to other countries through national elite and media discourse. In this capacity, the post-doc will organize and conduct data collection (including research design and implementation, data preparation and management, quality control) and data analysis. He or she will also collaborate closely with other project members; will provide support for project-related research, organizational, and administrative tasks; and will disseminate research results by presenting at academic conferences, publishing in top outlets, and outreach activities to the wider public

Requirements

- A PhD (or very close to completion) in political science with a specialization in international relations, especially international organizations or issues related to international cooperation.
- Strong interest in and ability to produce excellent academic research and the potential to develop an internationally recognized research track record, proven through peer-reviewed publications, conference presentations, third-party funding, or related research activities.
- Strong methodological skills. Expertise in text-as-data methods or survey research is an asset.
- Dedication, ability to work in a team, and ability to work independently
- Strong command of English. Knowledge of German and other European languages is an asset.

The starting date for the position is **between 1 May 2021 and 1 October 2021**. The salary is approximately 75.000 CHF/year and can be increased with extra teaching. Funding for research activities is available. A renewal of the contract may be possible and will be contingent on research productivity, continued substantive fit, and funding availability. The IPZ offers excellent research support in a vibrant research community and is committed to advancing young scholars' careers. Prof. Stefanie Walter (walter@ipz.uzh.ch) is available for questions about the position.

Please send your application electronically as one pdf-file comprising your motivation letter, CV, publication list, brief proposal for a postdoctoral project (1 page), transcripts, and the names of two references, together with the IPZ application form¹ to the secretariat of the Institute for Political Science (sekretariat@ipz.uzh.ch). Deadline for applications is **5 March 2021**.

¹ http://www.ipz.uzh.ch/static/forms/download/additional_application_form.pdf