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Postdoc Position in the Research Group of Lucas Leemann

The Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich invites applications for a Postdoc position in the research group of Lucas Leemann (<https://lucasleemann.ch/research/>). We offer excellent research support in a vibrant research community and are committed to advancing young scholars' careers. The department aims to increase the diversity of its members and thus explicitly invites applications from women and other traditionally underrepresented groups.

We are seeking a post-doctoral researcher with research experience and/or interest in survey statistics and political participation. The future post holder will work on modeling survey data for small spatial areas (neighborhoods). Successful applicants will have a substantive interest in political participation and have experience with more advanced statistical modeling. Ideally, candidates have prior experience with more simple correction approaches such as raking and post-stratification but also with more advanced techniques such as multilevel regression with post-stratification (MrP).

This position is funded through a project grant and there is no teaching obligation, but teaching a course may be possible if desired by the future postholder.

Your profile

- A PhD in a social science discipline (e.g., political science, economics, sociology)
- Research interest in political participation and data science
- A strong interest in academic research, ideally proven through internationally visible publications, third-party funding, or related research activities.
- Dedication, ability to work in a team, and ability to work independently.
- Strong command of English.
- Essential skills:
 - Experience with small-area estimation or non-representative data (e.g., using MRP models).
 - Strong methodological skills and willingness to keep learning how to use new tools.
 - Experience with machine learning and/or data engineering.
- Desired skills:
 - Experience with geo-spatial data.
 - Experience in dealing with missing data and strategies to overcome this problem.

What we offer

- Integration in a leading department of political science with highly motivated and engaged members.
- Possibility to co-author within the research group and beyond.
- Possibility to independently develop a research agenda.
- Financial and academic support from the research group and department.
- The appointment is for two years.
- Salary is according to cantonal guidelines and approximately 81'500 CHF per year (gross salary).



Place of work: Zurich

Start of employment: September 1, 2025 (or by arrangement)

Closing date for applications: April 15, 2025

Further information

Further inquiries can be directed to Lucas Leemann (leemann@ipz.uzh.ch).

Please apply through our application page (<https://www.ipz.uzh.ch/de/ueber-uns/offene-stellen/2025-Postdoc-Leemann.html>) where you can upload your letter of interest, a current CV, a writing sample (i.e., job market paper), and the contact details of two people willing to serve as a reference.