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## PhD Positions

The Chair of Political Methodology has 2 open PhD positions starting **September 1, 2022**. The positions are a part of the Sinergia Project *Large-Scale Political Participation: Issue Identification, Deliberation, and Co-Creation*, which is conducted in collaboration with the Department of Computer Science and the Faculty of Law at the University of Zurich, as well as the Department of Computer Science at Queensland University (Australia). The project aims at building large-scale online and AI-supported collaborative and deliberative platforms to enhance citizen participation in consultation procedures about laws and the design of initiative texts. The project will offer you the opportunity to collect novel experimental, survey, and text data, as well as to build tools that promote Swiss democracy.

The successful candidate should have an interest in e-democracy, deliberation, and participation. He/she should possess excellent quantitative skills and have a strong command of both German and English. The ability to work in teams and a strong sense of responsibility are indispensable. The successful applicant should have the MA in hand at the start of the project. We especially welcome applications by women.

The duration of the PhD position is 48 months. The successful applicant will be employed per standard SNF conditions. He/she will be enrolled as a PhD student in Political Science under the 2019 Promotionsverordnung. There will be regular performance reviews but, subject to satisfactory progress, the funding is guaranteed for four years. You will be given a shared office, as well as a computer.

The successful candidate will become a member of an exciting research team and one of the best political science departments in Europe. The chair of political methodology does not just focus on methods but also engages in state-of-the-art research on political behavior. There will be plenty of opportunities to connect with other chairs in the department and to make international connections. CIS colloquia, pre-publication, and publication seminars offer plenty of opportunities to engage with the academic research of others and to receive feedback on your own work. Finally, the Sinergia project team allows you to engage with e-democracy from a wide variety of perspectives. It is expected that the political science PhDs provide active input in the development of the online platform.



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The application deadline is **April 1st, 2022**. The application should contain: (1) a letter of interest; (2) a current CV; (3) a transcript; and (4) the names of two references. In addition, please fill out the PDF form and add it to your application documents. Please provide the application as a single pdf.

Applications should be sent to [sekretariat@ipz.uzh.ch](mailto:sekretariat@ipz.uzh.ch).

with “Sinergia PhD Prof. Steenbergen” in the subject header. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Prof. Dr. Steenbergen.