

Post-Doctoral Researcher in Comparative Politics (f/m/d)

at the Cologne Center for Comparative Politics (CCCP)

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The University of Cologne is one of the largest and most research-intensive universities in Germany, offering a wide range of subjects. With its six faculties and its interfaculty centres, it offers a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines and internationally outstanding profile areas, supported by the administration with its services.

The post-doc will be part of Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch's ERC-funded research project MINORITYRULE on "Democracy without Majorities: Political Representation under Minority Rule". The project's objective is to provide a systematic comparative analysis of the implications of minority rule for political representation. The project investigates how minority rule affects the intensity of political polarization in parliamentary debates and election campaigns, how the responsiveness of minority governments to public opinion differs from those of majority governments at the national and supranational level, and how citizens evaluate the legitimacy of decisions taken by minority governments.

YOUR TASKS

- » Take a leading role in work package 1 on political polarization in parliament and election campaigns, including data collection and analysis of parliamentary speeches and social media
- » Conduct and publish high-quality research within the context of MINORITYRULE
- » Collaborate with other project members
- » Provide support for project-related management and administrative tasks
- » Participate in the intellectual life of the Cologne Center for Comparative Politics

YOUR PROFILE

- » A PhD in political science (or close to completion) with a specialization in comparative politics, especially in comparative government, legislative politics, and/or political representation
- » Advanced skills in quantitative methods (using R), causal inference, and computational text-as-data approaches, including natural language processing and machine learning. Additional skills in Python are an asset
- » Strong interest and ability to produce high-quality and high-impact research, as demonstrated through international peer-reviewed publications
- » 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

WE OFFER YOU

- » Participation in a cutting-edge research project funded by an ERC Consolidator Grant
- » Opportunity to develop your own research agenda within the framework of the project
- » Funding for conferences, additional training, research activities
- » Integration into the Cologne Center for Comparative Politics
- » A diverse and fair working environment
- » Support in reconciling work and family life
- » Flexible working time models
- » Extensive advanced training opportunities
- » Occupational health management offers
- » Local transport ticket at a discount for UoC employees

The starting date for the position is September 1, 2021. The full-time position is available for 3 years (extension possible). If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary is based on remuneration group 14 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

The University of Cologne is committed to equal opportunities and diversity. Women are especially encouraged to apply and will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from people with disabilities / special needs or of equal status.

Applications should be submitted in English by email (in one pdf-file) to cccp-jobs@uni-koeln.de and include a motivation letter, CV including publication list, proposal for a postdoctoral project (1 page), transcripts, writing sample, and the names of two references. The reference number is Wiss2102-21. The application deadline is March 31, 2021. For further information, please contact Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch (so.proksch@uni-koeln.de). Informal inquiries are welcome.