UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

The University of Lucerne is the youngest university in Switzerland. Founded in 2000, it has four faculties and around 3,000 students. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences with its eight institutes and departments focuses on interdisciplinarity and innovation in research and teaching. The Faculty offers its almost 800 students a range of courses that are unique in Switzerland, placing great emphasis on excellent support and a close link between research and teaching activities.

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER

in the project "Digitalization and political conflict" (DIGIPOL)

The Political Science Department at the University of Lucerne invites applications for a 2-year position as postdoctoral researcher in the project "Digitalization and political conflict: parties, voters, and electoral alignment" (DIGIPOL), funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. The starting date is 1 October 2022.

Profile of the position
The successful candidate is part of the research team of the PI Prof. Dr. Alexander H. Trechsel, together with another postdoctoral researcher. The position concerns the co-coordination and implementation of the big data and text analysis (parliamentary debates and roll-call votes) work package; and development and implementation of the VAA (with a technical partner). The candidate will work closely together with the other postdoctoral researcher, and co-author publications with the project team. This is a research position that does not include obligatory teaching.

Requirements:
- A PhD in Political Science or a closely related field, with preference for the subfields of Political Behaviour or Political Communication. The PhD should be completed.
- Strong skills in quantitative methods, with a specialization in quantitative text analysis.
- Strong interest in and ability for excellent academic research, proven through e.g. internationally visible publications, presentations at international conferences, and related research activities.
- Research interest in the political consequences of digitalization (esp. demand side).
- Dedication and ability to work in a team, and ability to work independently.
- Strong English writing and communication skills; command of German.

What we offer:
- A 2-year position with a gross yearly salary of approx. 75'000 CHF
- Possibility to take up additional teaching (upon later agreement, from 2023)
- Flexibility regarding the place of work
- Being part of a dynamic project team
- Attractive research and teaching environment in the youngest Political Science Department of Switzerland

Please send your application electronically as one pdf-file comprising your letter of interest, CV (including publication list), a writing sample, and two names of people willing to provide references **via our job portal: www.unilu.ch/jobs.**
The closing date for applications is 15 May 2022. Interviews will be held on 25 May 2022.
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