

The Faculty of Social Sciences (Department of Government) of the University of Vienna is advertising a

## PhD position (4 years, 30hrs/week) within the ERC Project PARTISAN

### Overview:

The position is for research to be conducted as part of a Consolidator Grant from the European Research Council to Prof. Markus Wagner, hosted at the Department of Government of the University of Vienna. The grant is for a major research project on “Partisan prejudice: Origins, Consequences and Remedies in European Multiparty Democracies”, which will run from October 2022 to September 2027.

PARTISAN will provide a novel theoretical framework and rigorous empirical evidence for understanding partisan prejudice, which exists when citizens hold stereotypical views of and dislike the supporters of certain parties, sometimes amounting to outright partisan hostility. The project aims to provide new evidence on the prevalence and origins of partisan prejudice and assess its political and societal consequences, including for political participation, discrimination and social cohesion. The project will also provide political and societal actors with evidence on ways to reduce partisan prejudice. PARTISAN will implement new measurement tools in a new twelve-country survey and in experiments conducted in population-based surveys and in the field.

The holder of this PhD position will support the project in studying the prevalence, origins and consequences of partisan prejudice. The project is hosted by the Department of Government at the University of Vienna, a vibrant political science department dedicated to excellence in research and teaching, a relaxed social atmosphere, and located in one of the world’s best cities. PhD students will be also part of the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences (ViDSS) (<https://vds-sosci.univie.ac.at/>), which offers an extensive training and networking programme for doctoral students.

### Job Description:

- Be enrolled in the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences (ViDSS) and complete a PhD thesis on a topic related to the aims of the project.
- The successful candidate is expected to sign a doctoral thesis agreement within 9-12 months.
- Participate in research, publication and communication activities within PARTISAN.
- Collect, clean, analyse, and interpret survey and other data.
- Collaborate with members of the research team.
- Involvement in research administration and the organisation of project-related events (e.g. webinars, workshops, etc.).
- Present PARTISAN’s output in departmental seminars.
- Disseminate results from PARTISAN at national and international conferences and in high-quality outlets, and engage in third mission activities as appropriate.
- Starting date: **1 October 2022** or thereafter

### Profile of the Candidate:

- MA degree (or equivalent) in political science or a related discipline (completed or close to completion).
- Research focus on political psychology, electoral behavior or related field.

- Strong quantitative skills, excellent command of Stata and/or R.
- High-level analytical capability with ability to communicate complex information clearly.
- Ability and willingness to work independently as well as in a larger team.
- Willingness to acquire new methodological skills required for the project and PhD thesis (e.g., cross-national survey methods, design of survey experiments). Funds for methods training (e.g. summer or winter schools) will be available.
- Excellent command of English (written and spoken).
- Language proficiency (C1/C2) of European languages beyond English and German is an asset.

**Salary (gross):** Salary scheme of the University of Vienna: B1 (entry level), 30.00 hours/week, with relevant work experience determining the assignment to a particular salary grade.

**Application:**

Applications including:

- letter of motivation (1-2 pages)
- curriculum vitae (including details of methods expertise and list of publications if relevant)
- one academic writing sample in English (e.g., chapter of master thesis, publication or term paper)
- contact details of two potential referees.

should be sent electronically to [partisan.staatswissenschaft@univie.ac.at](mailto:partisan.staatswissenschaft@univie.ac.at) by **27 May 2022**. Interviews are expected to take place in June 2022. Expected starting date is **1 October 2022 or thereafter**.

For informal enquiries about this job, contact the PI, Prof. Markus Wagner, via email: [markus.wagner@univie.ac.at](mailto:markus.wagner@univie.ac.at)