

Early Postdoc position for implementation of Horizon Europe project, fixed term for 3 years 80%

The Institute for Political Science is recruiting a post-doctoral candidate for the implementation of the Horizon Europe Cluster 2 project UNTWIST Policy recommendations to regain feminist losers as mainstream voters starting 1. February 2023 or by agreement. By understanding if extreme populist parties are acting as niche parties, substantively representing (but also twisting) the needs and demands of citizens "at the margins", who feel abandoned or disempowered by current mainstream feminist discourses and policies, UNTWIST will co-create alternative ways of addressing those citizens. The project is comparative, looking at Switzerland, Germany, Hungary, Denmark, the UK and Spain as case studies and involving partners from all these countries in the consortium.

Tasks

- Create a typology of feminist theories and masculinities studies that will be the theoretical backbone of the entire project
- Deliver Switzerland-based data for consortium members and analyse Swiss case study with different qualitative methods
- Engage stakeholders (citizens and policymakers), conduct co-creation workshops and contribute to formulating policy recommendations
- Disseminate findings in peer-reviewed journals and in conferences
- Collaborate closely with team colleagues at the Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies
- Draft literature reviews

Requirements

- PhD in Political Science, Gender Studies or Sociology or adjacent field that was not obtained longer than two years ago
- Strong background in feminist theory with the ability to translate this theoretical knowledge into an operationalizable typology
- Expertise in party politics and/or rightwing populism with understanding of the Swiss political landscape
- Experience with focus groups, qualitative coding, and descriptive analysis of datasets as methods, previous experience with formulating policy recommendations and citizen science (co-creation workshops) would be an asset
- Knowledge of or interest in rightwing populist parties' use of social media
- Ability to work in a team within the university and in collaboration with other universities
- Willingness to teach one course per year
- German and/or French proficiency alongside English

We offer

- Experience in an international team, perspective to further establish network and become familiar with one of the most competitive funding mechanisms
- Transdisciplinary collaboration since you will be working with colleagues at the Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies at University of Bern
- Well-equipped facilities and an employment that follows public, cantonal standards
- A supportive, collegial environment

For further information please contact leandra.bias@unibe.ch

Please send your CV and motivation letter in pdf format until **31. October 2022** to leandra.bias@unibe.ch.

The University of Bern is committed to fostering equality and diversity. The Institute of Political Science shares this commitment and is looking particularly forward to applicants with a migratory background, disabilities and/or who identify as LGBTIQ+. Access to the office spaces is barrier-free.