

Job Advertisement

The Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB) is looking for a temporary position at the Center for Civil Society Research (Head: Prof. Dr. Swen Hutter) to start as soon as possible, limited to three years, subject to approval by the third-party funding provider,

a Research Fellow (m/f/d) – Postdoctoral Researcher (100%) (ID 305)

for collaboration in the BMBF/BMI-funded Cluster of Excellence Monitoring System and Transfer Platform Radicalization (MOTRA). During the second funding phase of the WZB Protest Monitoring project, the systematic collection and analysis of protests and radicalization dynamics in Germany will be further advanced. The primary objectives of the advertised position are: (a) to further develop the semi-automated national protest event analysis and the analysis of the existing data spanning the years 1950 to 2024, as well as (b) to establish systematic linkages between protest event data and original surveys and survey experiments. For further details, please visit www.motra.info and <https://wzb.eu/en/research/dynamics-of-political-systems/center-for-civil-society-research/projects/politischer-protest-und-radikalisierung-protest-monitoring>.

Within this project, the WZB has separately advertised an additional position as a Research Fellow (m/f/d) – Postdoctoral Researcher (100%) in the Department of Migration, Integration, Transnationalization (Head: Prof. Dr. Ruud Koopmans) with a focus on Islamist mobilization structures and ideologies.

The WZB Berlin Social Science Center is a publicly financed research institution that conducts leading edge theory-based and problem-oriented social science research (<http://www.wzb.eu/en>). At the WZB, around 450 researchers from various disciplines work together with staff members from the research-supporting areas. WZB researchers come from across the globe and work across social science disciplines including sociology, political science, economics, law, and psychology. A member of the Leibniz Association, WZB's research is directed at the science community, policy makers, the media and the general public.

Your tasks and duties

- Collection and analysis of media-based protest data and survey data: Organization, coordination and implementation of data collection
- Further development and implementation of semi-automated procedures for the selection and coding of protest events
- Linking protest and survey data (incl. survey experiments)
- Preparation of scientific publications
- Collaboration on the project reports
- Presentation of project results in workshops and conferences
- Exchange and coordination in the WZB project part
- Exchange and coordination with the network partners

The possibility of a habilitation or the acquisition of habilitation-equivalent achievements in the field of protest research is given.

Your qualifications profile

- Very well completed doctoral degree in political science, sociology or a related social science discipline
- Very good knowledge of and interest in the scholarly literature on political protest, social movements and radicalization
- Very good statistical and programming skills (R and/or Python)
- Very good knowledge of automated text analysis
- Ability to work in a team and independently
- Very good knowledge of German and English

Desirable

- Experience in the automated coding of event data
- Experience in analyzing survey data (incl. survey experiments)
- Experience in scientific project work
- Thematically relevant publications

Our offer

- Remuneration according to EG 13 TVöD Bund
- Additional benefits for public service employees (VBL U)
- Advice and support regarding visa and residence permit
- a modern, well-equipped workplace in the center of Berlin
- International, cooperative, and diversified working environment
- In-depth integration into the scientific community in the form of colloquiums and conferences
- Thorough instruction and guidance
- Flexible working hours and the possibility of mobile working (at least 20% of the weekly working hours agreed in the contract)
- We promote a good work-life balance
- Comprehensive program for continuous professional development and further qualification, in the own discipline and beyond
- Cafeteria with modern recreation rooms
- Reduced monthly ticket for local public transport (Jobticket or Deutschlandticket Job)
- Counselling and support services for WZB employees in difficult life situations

Equally qualified applicants with disabilities will be given preference. We value diversity and welcome all applications – irrespective of gender, nationality, ethnic or social origin, religion, disability, age, or sexual orientation. WZB expressly encourages women or persons with migration backgrounds to apply.

If you have any questions regarding the job opening, please contact Selda Grauman: 030/25491386.

Job interviews will likely take place in the week starting on January 20, 2025.

More information about the Center for Civil Society Research can be found at:

<https://wzb.eu/en/research/dynamics-of-political-systems/center-for-civil-society-research>.

For more information about WZB, see www.wzb.eu.

Have we caught your interest? Then we look forward to receiving your online application (including a letter of motivation, CV, relevant certificates and a reading sample (published or unpublished manuscript) **in a PDF document**) via our [online application tool](#) **by January 5, 2025**.

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