



IPZ Mission Statement

We are committed to...

Research

- ... pursuing internationally leading research, addressing important questions with innovative theories and methods.
- ... an international publication culture, prizing publications in internationally leading journals and presses.
- ... using research findings to inform public debates.
- ... creating and maintaining a cooperative research culture both within the department and with other institutions.

Teaching

- ... a broad education of outstanding academic quality, taking into account the breadth and diversity of political science as a discipline in the context of integrated programs with clear profiles.
- ... the transfer of research into teaching and to research-based learning.
- ... a strong theoretical and methodological training, enabling students to think independently and to conduct high-quality research.
- ... MA and PhD programs that are internationally competitive and research-oriented.
- ... the diversity of our students' professional careers by including practical elements, soft skills, and internship options in the BA and MA curricula.

Next Generation

- ... involving students in research as early as possible, starting with the BA thesis as well as with research assistant opportunities.
- ... the pursuit of an academic career as the main goal of PhD training and Postdoc positions, while recognizing and supporting other career goals.
- ... supporting PhD students and Postdocs in the pursuit of an academic career by offering the best possible framework conditions for academic research.
- ... supporting PhD students and Postdocs to publish their work in internationally leading journals and presses.
- ... the successful training and support of PhD students and Postdocs as the responsibility of the entire department and not only as the task of a single professor or chair.

Diversity

- ... valuing diversity as a strength for the department.
- ... identifying and supporting the relevant groups.
- ... supporting the UZH Gender & Diversity Policy as an integral part of our mission statement (<https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/en/about/basics/diversity.html>)

Outreach

- ... valuing public outreach and are committed to making scientific findings, as well as the social relevance of its research, visible and understandable beyond academia.
- ... bearing a responsibility to the public at large by providing a scholarly foundation for self-reflection in society and contributing toward its positive development.