



Post-Doctoral Research Position in the Research Group of Professor Silja Häusermann (80%)

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Description of UZH unit and job profile

The Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich (<http://www.ipz.uzh.ch>) invites applications for a post-doctoral research position in the research group of Professor Silja Häusermann (<http://siljahaeusermann.org/>), who holds the Chair in Swiss Politics and Comparative Political Economy.

The research agenda of our group is situated at the intersection of comparative political economy, comparative politics, political behavior and welfare state research. Substantively, our research relates to the development of party systems, political conflict and electoral sociology, economic regimes, labor markets, social policy and inequality in Western Europe. Our teaching is in the areas of both Comparative Political Economy, as well as Swiss Politics.

Your responsibilities

- Engage in research related to the research priorities of the group/chair.
- Conduct and publish high-quality research.
- Collaborate with other members of the research group and the Department.
- Develop your own research agenda, a strong academic network and engage in acquiring project funding.
- Teach at the BA and/or MA level (1.5 classes per semester on average, in English or German) and advise students (incl. MA theses). Teaching can be in the broader areas of either CPE or Swiss Politics.
- Provide support for research, organizational, and administrative tasks.

Your profile

- PhD in political science (completed or close to completion).
- Ambition and ability to produce high-quality and high-impact research in the area of the research group.
- Proficiency in quantitative methods skills with knowledge of relevant statistical software.
- Ability and willingness to work in a team and also to conduct independent research.
- Motivation to pursue an international academic career.
- Excellent command of English, knowledge of German is a plus.

What we offer

- Starting date: 1 September 2025, or later upon agreement.
- Duration of employment: 3 years with renewal for further 3 years contingent on research productivity, teaching quality and participation to departmental activities.
- Salary according to UZH/cantonal guidelines, approx. CHF 82,000 per year.
- Opportunities for paid optional additional teaching.
- Funding for conferences, additional training, and research.
- A highly motivated, engaged and supportive team.
- Excellent working conditions in a leading research-oriented and international department that provides a constructive and collaborative research environment.
- Career mentoring.

Place of work

Zurich, Switzerland

UZH, Department of Political Science, Affolternstrasse 56, 8050 Zurich

Application

- Application files should include: a letter of interest, CV including a list of publications, diplomas, a writing sample, the contact details of 2-3 people willing to serve as references.
- Please upload your application electronically as one pdf-file to the following online form: <https://www.ipz.uzh.ch/de/ueber-uns/offene-stellen/2025-Postdoc-Häusermann.html>
- Deadline for applications is 9 March 2025, with a view of holding interviews in early April 2025.

Further information

For questions about the position, please contact Silja Häusermann at silja.haeusermann@ipz.uzh.ch