



Research Assistant (20-40%)

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Description of UZH unit

The Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich (<http://www.ipz.uzh.ch>) invites applications for a student assistant (20%-40%) in the research group of **André Walter**, who is an Ambizione Grant Holder. This role supports a research project on the political and economic organization of pre-colonial societies. The aim of the project is to provide an extended and georeferenced version of the "Ethnographic Atlas" by G.P. Murdock, a dataset widely used in the social sciences to study the long-term determinants of economic development, state formation, and democracy.

Your responsibilities

- Data cleaning (e.g., checking for duplicates and resolving coder disagreements)
- Georeferencing data based on digitized maps

Your profile

- Advanced studies (Bachelor or Master) in anthropology, political science, economics, or another relevant field with good or very good grades
- Proficiency in Excel; familiarity with Large Language Models is a plus
- Working language is English or German
- Reliability, flexibility, and meticulous attention to detail
- Interest in comparative politics

What we offer

- Gain research experience and knowledge in comparative politics with focus on societies in the Global South
- Workspace at the Department of Political Science

Place of work

Zürich – Oerlikon

Start of employment

01.12.2024 or upon agreement. This is a fixed-term position with an initial duration of six months with a possible extension, subject to budget and continued fit.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying for this position, please upload your application, including motivation letter, CV, proof of academic performance and (if available) a writing sample (e.g., seminar / research paper) to <https://www.ipz.uzh.ch/de/ueber-uns/offene-stellen/2024-RA-AWalter.html>

Further information

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

For informal inquiries, please contact andre.walter@ipz.uzh.ch