



## Research Assistant / Hilfsassistent:in position in the research project Decades of Peace

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### Description of UZH unit

**Prof. Enzo Nussio** invites applicants for **Research Assistant / Hilfsassistent:in positions (20%)**. The Research Assistants will work in the team of the consolidator project entitled Decades of Peace (funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation).

### Project background

The Decades of Peace project aims to answer a critical question: How do societies move from persistent violence to sustainable peace? Despite a global decline in violence over centuries, many regions remain plagued by persistently high levels of violence entrenched in local social structures. The Decades of Peace project proposes a novel theory of alignment between state and societal institutions as a mechanism to overcome persistent violence. The research team will combine historical analysis, quantitative data, surveys, and qualitative interviews to examine the influence of institutional change on violence trajectories over decades. By focusing on local cases of violence reduction in otherwise violent countries, the project seeks to contribute to strategies that promote sustainable peace.

### Your responsibilities

The Research Assistant will work directly with Prof. Enzo Nussio and Dr. Geraldine Bustos-Zamora, and support other team members of the Decades of Peace project in their research, organizational, and administrative tasks. Research tasks will mainly focus on the collection and compilation of historical data on violence from different countries but may also include other tasks. These data are the empirical backbone of the Decades of Peace project.

### Your profile

- Enrolled as advanced BA or MA student in political science at a Zurich-based university
- Strong interest and skills in working with quantitative data using R and other statistics programs
- Interest in the topics of peace, violence, and institutions, and AI-supported data collection methods
- Diligent, reliable, and team-oriented

### What we offer

- Work with a team in an innovative research project
- Hands-on experience in academic research, providing valuable insights into the workings of academia

- Access to research infrastructure to support your own projects, such as BA/MA theses
- A dedicated workspace at the Department of Political Science within the shared student assistant desk pool

### **Place of work**

Zurich – Oerlikon

**Closing date:** May 10, 2026

**Start of employment:** 1 June 2026 as earliest start date (or by agreement)

### **How to apply**

Please upload your application electronically as one pdf-file to the following online form:

[www.ipz.uzh.ch/de/ueber-uns/offene-stellen/2026-RA-Nussio.html](http://www.ipz.uzh.ch/de/ueber-uns/offene-stellen/2026-RA-Nussio.html)

including:

- Motivation letter (maximum 1 page)
- CV (including language skills)
- Transcript of records (grades)

### **Further information**

For questions about the position and the project, feel free to contact Enzo Nussio at [enzo.nussio@ipz.uzh.ch](mailto:enzo.nussio@ipz.uzh.ch)