



At the Faculty of Social Sciences (Department of Government) of the University of Vienna a

Post-doctoral position (2 years, 40hrs/week) within the ERC Project DeVOTE

is vacant.

Overview:

The position arises from the award of a 1.5 Mio Euro Starting Grant from the European Research Council to Principal Investigator (PI) Ass.-Prof. Carolina Plescia, hosted by the Department of Government of the University of Vienna. The grant is for a major research project on “The meanings of ‘voting’ for ordinary citizens, their causes and consequences” running from January 2021 to December 2025.

The central objective of DeVOTE is to provide first-time evidence on what ‘voting’ means for ordinary citizens, and to examine variation in such meanings between individuals and across types of democracies; study how elections create and modify these meanings; and investigate their attitudinal and behavioural consequences. Looking at what voting means for citizens in a variety of countries promises to provide a ground-breaking understanding of citizen-conceptualizations of representation and the psychology of voting that can challenge conventional wisdom about participation and voting as well as lead to practical implications for how elections are run and administered.

The project is hosted by the Department of Government at the University of Vienna, a vibrant political science department dedicated to excellence in research and teaching, a relaxed social atmosphere, and located in one of the world’s best cities.

Job description:

- Conduct and publish high-quality research within the framework of DeVOTE.
- Co-responsibility in the collection of data for Work Package 1 via qualitative in-person and online interviews, their analysis and interpretation.
- Collaborate closely with other researchers in the project.
- Disseminate results from DeVOTE at national and international conferences and in high-quality academic outlets.
- Present DeVOTE’s output in departmental seminars.
- Participation in research administration and the organisation of project’s related events (e.g., webinars and workshops).
- The position provides opportunities to advance the candidate’s own research agenda within the framework of the project.
- Starting date: **1 March 2021.**

Your Profile:

- Doctoral degree or PhD in political science or a related discipline (completed or close to completion).
- Research focus on political psychology, electoral behavior or related field.



- Excellent publication record (i.e. publications in highly-ranked international journals) or demonstrated potential thereof.
- Strong methodological qualitative skills and/or quantitative skills is a must.
- Ability and willingness to work independently as well as in a larger team.
- Willingness to acquire new methodological skills (e.g., qualitative interviews, text analysis, design of survey experiments).
- Excellent command of English (written and spoken).
- Experience in conducting in-person face-to-face interviews, text analysis and/or topic modeling is an asset.
- Knowledge (even intermediate-level) of any language beyond English, German, Spanish and Italian is an asset.

Salary (gross): Salary scheme of the University of Vienna: III b, 40.00 hours/week.

Application:

Applications including:

- letter of motivation
- curriculum vitae (including list of publications)
- two academic writing samples (e.g., chapter of doctoral thesis, articles or working papers) (in English)
- contact details of two potential references.

should be sent electronically to devote.staatswissenschaft@univie.ac.at by **7 December 2020**. Interviews will be held on **14, 15 or 16 December 2020**. Expected starting date is **1 March 2020**.

For informal enquiries about this job, contact the PI, Ass.-Prof. Carolina Plescia via email: carolina.plescia@univie.ac.at.