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The following doctoral position(s) are announced by ViDSS or the departments supporting ViDSS:

University Assistant (prae doc) at the Research Platform Governance of Digital Practices under the supervision of Ulrike Felt and Barbara Prainsack

The successful candidate will work in an interdisciplinary research team within the Research Platform “Governance of digital practices” led by Professor Barbara Prainsack, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences. Being advised by Univ.-Prof. Dr. Ulrike Felt and Univ.-Prof. Dr. Barbara Prainsack, the PhD candidate (doctoral student) will pursue a comparative study on knowledge-intensive human work in the age of digital transformation in academic environment.

The doctoral student will be based in the Department of Science and Technology Studies, but will collaborate with colleagues in all departments and faculties involved in the platform. The post holder will be expected to develop a research project aiming to create an in-depth understanding of how digital transformations have impacted academic work, more specifically a comparative study of digital practices in datafication, data sharing, and automation in academic daily work routines. This could include questions such as the increasing use of artificial intelligence, decision support systems, and sorting tools within research, and their relation to the (quality of) knowledge produced; data sharing practices and changing workplace cultures; or new forms of responsibilities and duties of knowledge workers with regard to digitalisation.

Profile: The successful candidate will have a background in the Social Sciences, with clear evidence of significant prior experience in Science and Technology Studies; experience with empirical qualitative research, as well as computer literacy, will be an advantage.

Main duties:

- Participation in research, publication and communication activities of the research platform;
- Develop a research plan for a doctoral dissertation project within the first 6 months of employment (we expect the successful candidate to sign a doctoral thesis agreement within 8–12 months);
- Keep up to date with literature relevant to the project;
- Collaborate with members of the research platform in the organisation of lectures, workshops and events, as well as in activities geared at increasing visibility, networking, and societal impact;
- Participation in teaching and independent teaching of courses as defined by the collective agreement;
- Present research outputs at academic and other meetings, participate in academic publications, etc.

[More information](#)

Duration of employment: 4 years

Extent of Employment: 30 hours/week

[Job grading in accordance with collective bargaining agreement:](#) §48 VwGr. B1 Grundstufe (praedoc) with relevant work experience determining the assignment to a particular salary grade.

The candidates who are selected for these positions are automatically admitted to ViDSS as student members. Applications are to be submitted through the [Job Center of the University of Vienna \(reference number: 10881\)](#), no later than 30.06.2020.