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

## University Assistant (prae doc) at the Department of Communication under the supervision of Hajo Boomgaarden and Sophie Lecheler (Computational Communication Science)

Communication studies is a social science with a diversity of research methods. Its core is the indirect public communication, transmitted by mass media.

### Job Description:

Participation in research, teaching and administration:

- Participation in research projects / scientific studies in the area of political communication, especially with a focus on the topic of news usage and avoidance in a digital context
- Participation in publications / academic articles / presentations
- We expect the successful candidate to sign a doctoral thesis agreement within 12 months as well as participation at the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences.
- Participation in teaching and independent teaching of courses as defined by the collective agreement
- Supervision of students
- Involvement in the organisation of conferences, meetings, symposiums
- Involvement in the department administration as well as in teaching and research administration

### Profile:

- Completed Master of Arts or Master of Science in Communication Science, Political Science or a comparable discipline
- Excellent knowledge of the methods of empirical social research, especially quantitative methods and experimental research
- Interest in political communication, especially the topic of news usage and avoidance in a digital context
- Affinity with and interest in learning methods of computational communication science
- Excellent or very good English skills
- Team spirit
- Organisational talent
- Reliability
- High level of work motivation

**Duration of employment:** 4 year/s

**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 candidate who is selected for this position is admitted to ViDSS as student member.

Applications are to be submitted through the [Job Center of the University of Vienna \(reference number: 10597\)](#), no later than 09.08.2020.