The Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences promotes innovative, excellent, problem-oriented research that aspires to contribute to societal debates and address key global challenges. The cohorts trained and supported by ViDSS are part of the vibrant research environment at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Vienna. ViDSS aims for the highest standards in doctoral training and close supervision to ensure a mastery of social scientific debates and relevant theories and methods.

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 (Project: “Digitize! Computational social sciences in digital and social transformations”)

Communication studies is a social science with a diversity of research methods. Its core is the indirect public communication, transmitted by mass media. The position is located in the project “Digitize! Computational social sciences in digital and social transformations” within the work package “data collection format automated text analysis methods”. The position should be taken up by October 1st 2020.

Job Description:
Participation in research, teaching and administration:
- Participation in the research project “Digitize!”
- 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 Art or Master of Science with specialization in Social Science or Computer Science
- Affinity to computer-assisted text or content analysis (especially data-mining, data processing, data analysis)
- Interest in learning advanced methods of computer-aided text analysis, especially monitored processes
- Programming experience in R and / or Python
- Interest in content in questions of political communication
- Excellent or very good English skills required
- Team spirit
- Organisational talent
- Reliability
- High level of work motivation

Duration of employment: 3 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 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: 11105), no later than 09.08.2020.