The Viennese 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 the 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 the VIDSS or the departments supporting the VIDSS:

Scientific Staff at the Department of Communication under the supervision of Hajo Boomgaarden (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. The position is located in the EU-project “OPTED – Observatory for Political Texts in European Democracies – A European Research Infrastructure”. The position should be taken up by October 1st 2020.

Job Description:
Participation in research, teaching and administration:
- Participation in the research project “OPTED”
- 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.
- Involvement in the organisation of conferences, meetings, symposiums
- Involvement in research project administration

Profile:
- Completed Master of Art or Master of 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 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 joins the VIDSS as student member.
Applications are to be submitted through the Job Center of the University of Vienna (reference number: 11106), no later than 31.08.2020.