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

## **University Assistant (prae doc) at the Department of Science and Technology Studies under the supervision of Sarah R Davies (Technosciences, Materiality, and Digital Cultures)**

The prae doc will join the group of University Professor Sarah R Davies. **Their research project will explore interactions between technoscience and digitisation in universities, research organisations, and other spaces and practices of knowledge production.** Their research plans may include, but are not limited to, studies of:

- The relation between digitisation and the contemporary conditions of academic labour;
- Digitisation within scientific knowledge production, including studies of data deluges, the co-production of digital technologies and academic work, and mundane use of digital tools;
- Relations between (the rise of) digital tools and scientific responsibility and research integrity;
- The co-production of digitisation and epistemic practice.

The anticipated start date of the position is January 2021.

### **Job description:**

The successful candidate will work on a PhD dissertation, participate in research activities of the group and department, and contribute to the administration and organisation of the department and its teaching (participation in teaching and independent teaching of courses as defined by the collective agreement). We expect the successful candidate to sign a doctoral thesis agreement within 12–18 months.

### **Profile:**

- University degree (Master or equivalent) in the Social Sciences or in another field, if the applicant can provide evidence of significant prior experience in Science and Technology Studies
- Knowledge of the theories and methods of Science and Technology Studies
- Ability to successfully plan, conduct, and write up research
- Motivation to contribute to innovative interdisciplinary teaching
- Excellent proficiency in English, proficiency in German (or readiness to acquire it) is an advantage
- Ability and interest in team work
- Excellent organisational skills and the capacity to make long-term plans
- High reliability

**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 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 \(reference number: 11248\)](#), no later than 30.09.2020.