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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 Research Platform “The Challenge of Urban Futures: governing the complexities in European cities” under the supervision of Yuri Kazepov**

The aim of the research platform The Challenge of Urban Futures: governing the complexities in European cities is to unravel the social, cultural, economic and political-institutional mechanisms underlying urban change in order to trace the transformations of the European urban model over the last four decades. The PhD position focuses on the relations, interactions and tensions between social policy and environmental policy from a comparative perspective. In particular, urban spaces and the interplay of diverse actors and institutions in the fields of environmental and social sustainability as well as justice themes will be addressed, considering multi-level governance approaches. In order to carry out this cross-level analysis profitably, work with an interdisciplinary and mixed-methods approach is required. This position is of particular interest to those who wish to examine social and environmental policies and their spatial relations.

**Job description:**
We are looking for an independent scientist with an interest in urban contexts, especially in relation to sustainable and social development. Responsibilities include:

- Participation in research, teaching (teaching and independent teaching of courses as defined by the collective agreement) and administration
- Participation in research projects / research studies
- Participation in publications / academic articles / presentations
- We expect the successful candidate to sign a doctoral thesis agreement within 12–18 months
- Due to the strong focus on (international) networking, involvement in the organization of numerous seminars and conferences within the platform as well as participation in external events is sought

**Profile:**
- Diploma or Master’s degree in sociology or related disciplines
- High competence in qualitative and quantitative methods
- Very good command of written and spoken English
- Working knowledge of German

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 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: 11932), no later than 04.08.2021.