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The University of Duisburg-Essen is seeking a

### **Full-time Postdoctoral Researcher for 5 years**

In the Department of **Political Science**, Faculty of Social Sciences, Campus Duisburg, in the ERC project POLITSOLID - *Experimental Analyses of Political Solidarities in Modern European Democracies* (Principal Investigator: Achim Goerres, <https://bit.ly/politsolid>)

Paygrade is level 14 of the remuneration system of public employees of the state Northrhine-Westphalia (at least ~ 2,600 € net monthly salary after taxes and health insurance).

Fluency in English, but no German is required.

**Your duties:** you will occupy the central position for empirical data collection and analysis within this major project. Over five years, you will coordinate the collection of individual-level data in lab experiments, international online surveys, an international CATI-assisted panel survey, and local field experiments. Furthermore, you will be responsible for developing an experimental online platform. You will manage one research assistant with a Master's degree and several others with lower degrees. You will contribute to theory development and will be responsible for quantitative analyses of the data collected. With the project team and independently, you will share the results within the academic community through publications. You will assume various administrative tasks in the team with English as the working language.

More specifically, your responsibilities will include management of data collection, communicating with partners and service providers, undertaking empirical analyses in applied statistics, writing scientific publications, organising workshops, participating in international conferences and further training relevant to the project, and the administration and production of reports for the ERC.

#### **Required qualifications**

- Masters degree or equivalent in one of the behavioural or social sciences (e.g. Political Science, Sociology) with excellent final marks
- Completed PhD in an area of direct relevance for the project, such as survey research, political sociology, political psychology, or welfare state research
- Experience with the empirical analysis of individual-level data
- Skills in advanced applied statistics
- Willingness to further train in the areas of statistics, survey analysis, experimental design and programming
- Strong communication skills in written and spoken English

#### **Desired qualifications**

- Some command of German
- Experience with experimental designs
- Knowledge of JavaScript, Python or another script language

- Experience with the collection of standardised survey data
- Experience abroad of 6 months or more

#### **What we have to offer**

- Membership in an internationally oriented team of empirical political scientists at the largest department in Northrhine-Westphalia conducting basic research
- High level of autonomy and flexible hours
- Opportunity to obtain further training within and outside the university
- Opportunity to teach in the department of political science
- Family-friendly employer with a nursery and kindergarten for pre-school children

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Please apply with a one-page letter of motivation in English or German, a CV with no photo or information about age or citizenship, and a PDF of scientific writing sample (an article or your PhD dissertation), via e-mail to Ms Helga Schulte [Helga.Schulte@uni-due.de](mailto:Helga.Schulte@uni-due.de)  
If you have any questions, please contact Achim Goerres ([achim.goerres@uni-due.de](mailto:achim.goerres@uni-due.de))  
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