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The University of Duisburg-Essen is seeking a

Full-time Postdoctoral Researcher for 30 months

In the Department of **Political Science**, Faculty of Social Sciences, Campus Duisburg, 80 % in the ERC project POLITOLID - *Experimental Analyses of Political Solidarities in Modern European Democracies* (Principal Investigator: Achim Goerres, <https://bit.ly/politsolid>), 20 % independent research and teaching.

Paygrade is level 14 of the remuneration system of public employees of the state Northrhine-Westphalia (at least ~ 2,800 € net monthly salary after taxes and health insurance).

Start date between 01 Jan and 01 March 2024.

Language requirement: fluency in English and basic German or willingness to acquire basic German within one year (B1)

Your duties: you will occupy the central position for empirical data collection and analysis within this major project. Over three years, you will coordinate the collection of individual-level data in an international CATI-assisted or online panel survey, online and offline experiments and local field experiments with political actors. 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 co-design and 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, completed submission upon application
- Experience with the empirical analysis of individual-level survey 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

- Some command of German (B1) or willingness to acquire within one year

Desired qualifications

- Experience with the analysis and/or data collection of comparative survey data (questionnaire design, measurement quality, data management)
- Experience with field experimental designs
- 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 North Rhine-Westphalia conducting basic research
- Mentorship by the PI who has successfully acted as mentor for several postdocs on their paths towards professorships
- High level of autonomy and flexible hours
- Opportunity to obtain further training within and outside the university
- Family-friendly employer with a nursery and kindergarten for pre-school children

For the full ad in German, see https://bit.ly/politsolid_postdoc24_de

The University Duisburg-Essen is committed to increasing the share of women among its scientific personnel and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply. With regard to disability, where qualifications are equivalent, applicants with severe disabilities will be given preference in the selection process.

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 POLITSOLID@uni-due.de

If you have any questions, please contact Prof Achim Goerres (achim.goerres@uni-due.de)

Deadline: 08 November 2023 (Reference number 375-23).

