



Student Assistant Position (30-35%)

Starting 14 September 2026 or by arrangement

The Chair of Prof. Dr. Jörg Rössel at the Department of Sociology is seeking a student research assistant to contribute to two ongoing research projects in the field of political sociology, with a regional focus on Eastern and South-Eastern Europe.

Responsibilities

The position is embedded in two projects affiliated with the Chair that examine corruption, clientelism, and inequality in Eastern Europe. One is an SNSF-funded multinational project (RISE) involving research partners in Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania, the other one examines clientelism in Serbia. As a student research assistant, you will directly support the ongoing work of both projects. Your responsibilities will include:

- Conducting targeted literature searches and preparing concise literature reviews.
- Supporting data preparation and organization.
- Coding and systematically classifying research materials.
- Supporting the research team with other project-related tasks as needed.

What You Bring

- Enrollment in a Master's program in economics, sociology or political science, or a closely related field.
- Meticulous, reliable, and persistent work ethic.
- Demonstrated interest in the central themes of the two projects, particularly clientelism, corruption, and inequality.
- Strong command of English; proficiency in Polish, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Romanian, or BCMS is an advantage.

What We Offer

- Varied tasks with flexibility and autonomy.
- The opportunity to work on timely, innovative research projects as part of an interdisciplinary and international team
- Workplace on the Oerlikon campus (with the option to work from home).
- Compensation in accordance with UZH standards.

If you would like to apply to this position, please email your resume and a brief cover letter (1 Page) by **September first, 2026**, to Dr. Valentina Petrović (petrovic@soziologie.uzh.ch).