



## Job Opportunity

The research unit “Transformations of Democracy” of the WZB Berlin Social Science Center is looking for

### A Student Assistant

for a period of 6 months, earliest starting on 15 July 2022, with the possibility of extension and a weekly working load of 8 to 12 hours per week

The WZB Berlin Social Science Center is a publicly financed research institution that conducts leading edge theory-based and problem-oriented social science research ([www.wzb.eu/en](http://www.wzb.eu/en)). WZB researchers come from across the globe and work across social science disciplines including sociology, political science, economics, law, and psychology. A member of the Leibniz Association, WZB’s research is directed at the science community, policy makers, the media and the general public.

Our research unit “Transformations of Democracy” (Director. Prof. Daniel Ziblatt) analyses the emergence of and contemporary challenges to democracy, increasing levels of political polarization and the emergence of radical political forces. We try to come up with novel and innovative means that help to cope with new pressures on democracy around the world.

### Your tasks and duties

- Supporting the director and researchers with tasks such as research; data collection, preparation, and analysis
- Proactively engage with the vibrant research environment of the unit and the WZB in general

### Your qualifications profile

#### Required qualifications:

- Bachelor’s or Master’s student in Social Sciences (Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology) or a student with strong background in Applied Statistics
- Successful participation in courses on quantitative analysis or applied statistics (or prior experiences in said field)
- Knowledge of R or Stata (and willingness to learn R)
- Very good command of English and German
- Profound knowledge of MS Office applications, especially Excel

#### Desired, but not necessary qualifications:

- Practical experience in research design and execution
  - Survey designs, experimental designs, methods of causal inference
- Additional Programming skills (i.e. HTML, Python, Qualtrics, Matlab, or else)

## Our offer

- Remuneration in line with TV Stud. III of the state of Berlin (currently EUR 12.50 per hour)
- A well-equipped workplace in the center of Berlin
- International, cooperative, and diversified working environment
- In-depth integration into the scientific community at WZB
- Active involvement with the research process, as well as thorough instruction and guidance
- Flexible working hours
- We promote a good work-life balance, and our engagement has been certified by *audit workandfamily* and the European Commission's Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R)
- Cafeteria and modern recreation facilities

Equally qualified applicants with disabilities will be given preference. We value diversity and welcome all applications – irrespective of gender, nationality, ethnic or social origin, religion, disability, age, or sexual orientation. WZB expressly encourages women or persons with migration backgrounds to apply.

If you have any questions regarding the job opening, please contact Roxanne Bibra, [application-dps@wzb.eu](mailto:application-dps@wzb.eu).

Job interviews will likely take place in the week starting on 13 June 2022.

For more information about the research unit “Transformations of Democracy,” follow this link: [wzb.eu/en/research/dynamics-of-political-systems/transformations-of-democracy](https://wzb.eu/en/research/dynamics-of-political-systems/transformations-of-democracy).

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Have we sparked your interest? In that case, we are looking forward to receiving your online application (consisting of a letter of motivation, curriculum vitae, transcript of records, copies of relevant certificates, and certificate of enrolment) by **31 May 2022**.

