



Zürich, 14. January 2019

## Open position

### Postdoc

in Internet, Algorithms and Society

### Institute, Department

IKMZ – Department of Communication and Media Research

### Description of UZH unit

The Media Change & Innovation Division at IKMZ (<http://mediachange.ch>) headed by Prof. Michael Latzer analyzes and teaches the characteristics and implications of media change, focusing on the co-evolution of technical, economic, political and social innovations in the convergent communications sector (mass media, telecommunications and the Internet).

### Responsibilities

Participation in at least one of the following research areas:

- Algorithmic selection, e.g., current project on [The Significance of Algorithmic Selection for Everyday Life](#) including survey, tracking and interviews in the domains of information seeking and opinion formation, consumption and commercial transactions, social communication and entertainment on the Internet.
- Internet use, longitudinal [World Internet Project – Switzerland](#), representative survey on Internet use and attitudes towards issues such as privacy online, participation, digital well-being etc. in the Swiss population.
- Governance and regulation, ethics and business model analysis in relation to the impact of digitization, artificial intelligence and algorithmic selection in communication processes.

Teaching and further academic qualifications aligned with the division's teaching and research priorities.

### Workload in %

70 to 80% (ca. 65'000 bis 75'000 CHF GAI).

### Qualifications

Ph.D. in communication studies or a related discipline. Expertise in quantitative methods.

### Language requirements

Passive knowledge of German.



**We offer**

Excellent conditions for topical research, integration into a motivated and globally connected team at a leading European communications department, opportunities for further training in theory, qualitative and quantitative methods and didactics, appropriate salary. The position initially runs for two years but can be renewed.

**This position opens on**

May 2019 or as agreed

**More information**

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**Application**

Please send your application including a letter of motivation, CV, transcripts and a written scientific contribution (e.g., publication, excerpt from the dissertation) in a single PDF file via email to:

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**Apply by**

1. March 2019. The selection process will begin in March, but the position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.