



### **Postdoctoral Position in Socio-Technical Transformations through Digitalization and AI (80–100%)**

The Media Change and Innovation Division (Prof. Michael Latzer, <https://mediachange.ch/>), Department of Communication and Media Research (IKMZ), University of Zurich is seeking applications for a postdoctoral position. The successful applicant will work on dedicated topics that align with the division's research program (<https://mediachange.ch/research/>) including the chilling effects of dataveillance (<https://mediachange.ch/research/chilling/>), the religion-like digitalization of societies (<https://mediachange.ch/research/digitale-dreifaltigkeit-planet-digital/>) or content creators' belief systems within the social media ecosystem (<https://mediachange.ch/research/content-creators-belief-systems-social-media/>).

The division's research program focuses, among other things, on the societal implications of digitalization and the internet, algorithmic selection and artificial-intelligence (AI) tools in everyday life, dataveillance and privacy, governance of media change, religion-like digitalization and implicit everyday religion, cyborgization, digital inequalities, and digital well-being (see <https://mediachange.ch/publications/> for the division's recent publications).

#### **Your responsibilities**

As a postdoctoral researcher in the team, you will

- Devise and conduct original theoretical and empirical research in areas that align with the division's research program
- Contribute to the projects *The Chilling Effects of Dataveillance* and/or *The Religion-Like Digitalization of Societies* and/or *Content Creators' Belief Systems within the Social Media Ecosystem*
- (Co)author academic publications
- Participate in academic exchange (e.g., conferences, departmental talks) and support outreach activities that target the public
- Contribute to teaching and student supervision aligned with the division's teaching priorities, mentor PhD students in the division
- Attain further academic qualifications (e.g., colloquia, research seminars, or summer/winter schools)



### **Your profile**

- PhD degree in communication or a related discipline
- Experience with and/or interest in conducting interdisciplinary research on what digitalization and the internet mean for privacy, autonomy, well-being, reality construction, social order, and democracy
- Excellent abilities to apply quantitative and/or qualitative methods
- Excellent time management, ability to take initiative, and independent work attitude under the guidance of the division chair
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Proficiency in English

### **We offer**

- Internationally competitive salary
- An internationally highly successful department: IKMZ is among the top 5 communication science departments in Europe and the top 20 worldwide
- A supportive, globally connected, research-oriented team with an interdisciplinary approach using innovative methods
- An excellent opportunity to develop academic qualifications and gain credentials and experience in the interdisciplinary fields of digital media use, digital inequalities, AI tools in everyday life, online content creation, well-being, social media ecosystems, algorithms, governance, privacy, and dataveillance
- Strong support for career development, including funding opportunities for conference travel and summer/winter schools
- An attractive work environment: the University of Zurich is one of Switzerland's leading universities in a vibrant, cosmopolitan city that regularly ranks as one of the cities with the highest quality of life in the world

### **Place of work**

University of Zurich  
Department of Communication and Media Research (IKMZ)  
Media Change and Innovation Division  
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### **Start of employment**

The planned starting date for this position is 1 January 2025 or upon agreement.

Review of applications starts immediately. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Please submit your application containing your CV including a list of publications and conference presentations, copy of degrees, up to three selected publications (e.g., journal articles, dissertation chapter), and a short letter of motivation (max. 2 pages A4) in a single PDF file.

The contract is for 2 years.

### **Further information**

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