



Short-Term Visiting Researchers 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 short-term visiting researchers. The successful applicants 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 visiting researcher in the team, you will

- Devise and conduct original theoretical and empirical research in areas that align with the division's research program
- Collaborate with the division's team to (co)author academic publications
- Participate in academic exchange (e.g., conferences, departmental talks)

Your profile

- PhD degree in communication or a related discipline (applications from doctoral students who are in the final stages of their PhD are welcome)
- 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
- Proficiency in English, excellent written and verbal communication skills



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
- Empirical data from ongoing research projects that can be used for joint publication projects
- 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
- 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
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Start of employment

Review of applications starts immediately and the research visits will be scheduled depending on the candidate's availability. The minimum duration for the research visits is 2 months. 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 detailing your vision for a possible joint research project / publication based on the division's existing research program and your area of expertise (max. 2 pages A4) in a single PDF file.

Further information

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