School of Humanities and Social Sciences

The Disruption and Societal Change Center (TUDiSC) offers a position as

Research Associate / PhD Student (f/m/x)
(subject to personal qualification employees are remunerated according to salary group E 13 TV-L)

starting November 1, 2022. The position comprises 65 % of the fulltime weekly hours in the project “Digital disruption and disinformation: challenges to institutional legitimacy and trustworthiness”. The position is limited until October 31, 2025. The period of employment is governed by the Fixed Term Research Contracts Act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz-WissZeitVG). The position offers the chance to obtain further academic qualification (e.g. PhD).

The initiative "Disruption and Societal Change" (TUDiSC) is part of the endeavor "Strengthening research areas with great potential" in the EXU focus PROFILE. It is intended to contribute to achieving scientific excellence and international visibility in all five Research Priority Areas of TUD, especially in the Emerging Field “Societal Change”, and thus aims to advance the university as a whole to a high level. In joint interdisciplinary work, the goal is to elevate disruption to a basic category of research into societal change and to record its preconditions, logics and effects more thoroughly by pursuing research into its foundations as well as into its possible applications. To the extent that this brings into focus the political, economic, social and cultural challenges that societies face in dealing with disruptions, TUDiSC is oriented toward the social sciences, the humanities and cultural studies, but it necessarily includes the expertise of natural, technical and life sciences in addressing these issues.

The project "Digital disruption and disinformation: challenges to institutional legitimacy and trustworthiness" systematically examines the repercussions of digital induced information disruption for political institutions, their trustworthiness and legitimacy. This project will empirically analyze these questions regarding four dimensions of information (provision, acquisition, dissemination, and accuracy). It will expand knowledge on the disruption of the digital public sphere and on the impact of this disruption on the institutional dimension of democracy.

Tasks:
- theory-based empirical research on the topic of the project; data collection and analysis on digital information and social media communication
- participation in the presentation on national and international academic events and conferences
- participation in national and international academic publications
- participation in the organization of events, and other formats of academic collaboration and exchange within the TUDiSC research cluster and with external cooperation partners.
- The results of this scientific research activity may be used for the own qualification (PhD degree).

Requirements:
- very good university degree (master's degree or equivalent degree) in the field of political science or a similar discipline with relevance for political science (communication, media studies)
- knowledge in online-communication
- proven expertise in empirical social science methods, especially online-communication, qualitative and quantitative
- excellent German skills (written and spoken), very good command of English (written and spoken).
Prof. Dr. Marianne Kneuer (marianne.kneuer@tu-dresden.de) will be happy to answer any questions you may have. 

TU Dresden is a German University of Excellence and offers you a lively research environment. Applications from women are particularly welcome. The same applies to people with disabilities.

Please submit your comprehensive application including the usual documents (max. 2-page letter of motivation, curriculum vitae, copies of certificates, mention of a reference) by **September 29, 2022** (stamped arrival date of the university central mail service applies) by mail to: 

**TU Dresden, Philosophische Fakultät, Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Professur für Politische Systeme und Systemvergleich, Frau Prof. Dr. Marianne Kneuer, Helmholtzstr. 10, 01069 Dresden, Germany**

or via the TU Dresden SecureMail Portal [https://securemail.tu-dresden.de](https://securemail.tu-dresden.de) by sending it as a single pdf-document to verena.wielens@tu-dresden.de. Please submit copies only, as your application will not be returned to you. Expenses incurred in attending interviews cannot be reimbursed.

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