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## Job Offer



The WZB Berlin Social Science Center seeks to fill one position in its **Democracy and Democratization** research unit that is part of the Dynamics of Political Systems research department. It seeks

### **one student assistant**

to support the 'MARPOR Manifesto Research on Political Representation' (project manager : Dr. Andrea Volkens) project from 01.12.2014 until 31.3.2016 (with the possibility of an extension) with a weekly workload of 15 hours. MARPOR is a long-term scientific endeavour financed by the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) that collects and content-analyses election manifestos for comparative studies across countries and over time. It seeks to provide the scientific community with these manifestos and with party positions (such as left-right positions) derived from a content analysis of these documents, which cover 75 countries and will span a period from 1990 to 2021. MARPOR continues the international co-operation initiated initially by Comparative Manifestos Project (CMP).

**Tasks:** Support in processing electoral programs, content-analytical data and secondary data on parties and elections. Tasks include data preparation, data management, analysis as well as literature research.

### **Requirements:**

- Studies in political science, social sciences, psychology, economics, computer science or related fields
- Interest in the comparative study of parties and democracies and/or interest in quantitative content analysis
- Good command of the English language

Please indicate for which of the following position you are applying:

### **Desirable for position A:**

- Proficiency in R and/or a programming language (such as Python, Ruby)
- Experience with managing and compiling databases/datasets
- Basic knowledge of and interest in computer-based content analysis

### **Desirable for position B:**

- Basic knowledge of empirical research methods used in social sciences

- Experience with using statistical software (such as SPSS, STATA)
- Experience with LATEX

**Remuneration:** TV Stud II (currently 11,24 € per hour)

Disabled applicants with equal qualifications will be given preference. The WZB expressly invites women and people with a migrant background to apply.

To apply candidates are kindly requested to submit (**by email**) their CV, a letter of motivation and all relevant certificates until **2.11.2014** to:

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