

Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung gGmbH - Sozialwissenschaften

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Das WZB ist eine öffentlich geförderte Einrichtung für problemorientierte sozialwissenschaftliche Grundlagenforschung (<http://www.wzb.eu>). Als außeruniversitäres Forschungsinstitut ist es Mitglied der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft und gehört zu den führenden Einrichtungen der Sozialforschung. Am WZB arbeiten ca. 450 deutsche und ausländische Wissenschaftler*innen verschiedener Disziplinen und Mitarbeiter*innen in den wissenschaftsunterstützenden Bereichen. Untersucht werden Entwicklungen, Probleme und Innovationschancen moderner Gesellschaften. Die Ergebnisse der WZB-Forschung richten sich an die wissenschaftliche Community, an Expert*innen und Entscheider*innen in Politik, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft, an die Medien und die interessierte Öffentlichkeit.

Student Assistant (f/m/x) (ID 372)

Department Institutions and Political Inequality department (IPI)

City: Berlin; Starting date (earliest): 01/02/26; Remuneration: according to the TdL guidelines; Closing date: 28/12/25

Working field

Institutions and Political Inequality department (IPI), the Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) is looking for

one Student Assistant (f/m/x) (ID 372)

on a temporary basis, initially from 1st February 2026 for one year and up to 15 hours per week.

The WZB Berlin Social Science Center is a publicly financed research institution that conducts leading edge theory-based and problem-oriented social science research (<http://www.wzb.eu/en>). WZB researchers come from across the globe and work across social science disciplines including sociology, political science, economics, law, and psychology. A member of the Leibniz Association, WZB's research is directed at the science community, policy makers, the media and the general public.

The department's research uses experimental and observational approaches to study the political economy of inequality, intergroup conflict and post-conflict reconciliation, and informal institutions. The successful applicant will work in a dynamic, international research environment. The position would be an ideal substantive fit for students interested in development, political and economic inequality, and in processing and analyzing large-scale online data.

Your tasks

- Data management, analysis, and visualization
- Collaboration and discussion of research ideas
- Conducting literature reviews
- Support in designing new graduate and undergraduate courses in Comparative Politics, Ethnic Politics, and African Politics

Requirements

- Enrolment in a Bachelor (advanced) or Master program with a focus on political science, African studies, economics, or a related discipline
- Excellent knowledge of the English language (the working language of the research department is English)
- Excellent knowledge of German, and some experience with East or Southern African languages would be a plus
- Training in and experience with statistical methods, advanced regression models, and strong R and/or Stata skills
- Strong analytical skills
- Competent handling of MS Office applications
- Optional: Interest and experience in formal modelling (game theory, agent-based modelling)

What we offer

- Remuneration according to the TdL guidelines (currently €13.98 per hour without a Bachelor's degree and €14.59 per hour with a Bachelor's degree)
- A well-equipped workplace in the center of Berlin
- International, cooperative, and diversified working environment
- In-depth integration into the scientific community in the form of colloquiums and conferences
- Thorough instruction and guidance
- Flexible working hours and the possibility of mobile working (at least 20% of the weekly working hours agreed in the contract)
- We promote a good work-life balance
- Cafeteria with modern recreation rooms
- Discounted leisure and recreation opportunities with a membership in Sozialwerk.Bund
- Counselling and support services for WZB employees in difficult life situations

Application

We value diversity and welcome all applications – irrespective of gender, nationality, ethnic or social origin, religion, disability, age, or sexual orientation. WZB expressly encourages women or persons with migration backgrounds to apply. Equally qualified applicants with disabilities will be given preference.

Candidates are requested to submit a cover letter and CV (in English), alongside any supporting certificates in the form of a single PDF file via our online application tool until 28th December 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the job opening, please contact the IPI office at [application-ipi\[at\]wzb.eu](mailto:application-ipi[at]wzb.eu).

Job interviews will likely take place in the week of the 5th January 2026.

For more information about the research department IPI, follow this link (<https://www.wzb.eu/en/research/political-economy-of-development/institutions-and-political-inequality>).

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