

**Postdoctoral position (2-3 years) in a European Research Council project**

“Participation and Representation in the Digital Age (PRD)”

Applications are invited for a postdoctoral position in a European Research Council (ERC) project (1.5 million Euro, 2023-2028) led by [Prof. Jennifer Oser](https://www.jenniferoser.com/). The position is affiliated with Ben-Gurion University in Israel, with remote options and co-affiliation with universities throughout the European Union (EU), EU-affiliated countries, and the United States.

**What is the project about?** A surprising trend has emerged in patterns of political participation in the past few decades worldwide: we know that voting has decreased at the same time that non-electoral participation—like protest, and digital activism—has increased. A main concern is that these trends may lead to unequal representation. This project uses multiple methodological approaches to advance innovative, theory-based, empirical scholarship on this participation-representation connection. Additional information about this ambitious, multi-method project and its international team and expert network can be found [here](https://www.jenniferoser.com/erc-starting-project).

**What is the role?** This postdoctoral position is a full-time (40 hours/week) research-focused role, with the goal of leading the construction of an originally harmonized dataset of high-quality cross-national surveys on political participation. The ideal candidate will play the following roles:

* Lead the data management needed to construct the originally harmonized dataset.
* Conduct analyses to contribute to the working paper series detailed in the work plan.
* Co-author high-impact peer-reviewed published research that analyzes the dataset in accordance with the project’s theoretical aims.

Additional research roles are possible if they are of interest to the candidate, including: sole-authored peer-reviewed research; PhD training and mentoring; and course instruction.

**Qualifications:**

* PhD in political science, data science or related fields (or close to completion)
* Strong quantitative background, with excellent command of Stata and/or R
* Ambition and ability to produce high-impact publications
* Motivation to work independently, and to communicate effectively with a team
* Commitment to a two-year postdoctoral position, with a third year option

**Benefits:**

* Opportunity to advance your own research supported by a high-level team and network
* International team seminars with opportunities to present research in-person and online
* Competitive ERC salary with generous funding for training and international conferences
* International mobility, pending administrative approval
* A team commitment to professional growth and dynamic, vibrant, international adventures of discovery — both intellectually and interpersonally

**Application materials**:

* Letter of application with links to 2 writing samples (articles or working papers)
* CV, with publication list and contact information for 3 references

Applications will be reviewed beginning on **May 1st, 2023.**

Position start date: **October, 2023** (with flexibility).

Email your application as a single pdf to rayaED@bgu.ac.il, cc’ed to oser@post.bgu.ac.il

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