**Research Assistant with Potential Extension to MA or PhD Scholarship:**

**Interview-based Study on “Participation and Representation in the Digital Age”**

The position

* Research assistant (RA) with possibility of integrating into a research team as a funded MA or PhD student in the context of a European Research Council (ERC) research project
* Start date and scope: May 1, 2023 for May, June, and July, for approximately 20 hours/month (i.e., 5 hours/week). Candidates interested in the role who are unavailable to begin during this time period are also welcome to apply, and to note their time availability in a cover letter.
* Pay: Payment will follow standard university research assistance pay for level of training

The study

* The interview-based study is designed as a unique longitudinal re-interview of activists in Israel and Spain who were interviewed during the 2011 social protest wave (i.e., the global Occupy protest cycle)
* The motivating question of the study is how activists perceive that their own capacity to make a difference in political processes has evolved, with particular attention to their online and digital political participation in the 2011 protests until today
* The study is part of an ERC-funded grant project on “Participation and Representation in the Digital Age,” described in further detail [here](https://www.jenniferoser.com/erc-starting-project)

Supervision and training: The RA will be supervised and trained by two researchers:

* [Prof. Jennifer Oser](https://www.jenniferoser.com), Principal Investigator of the ERC project
* Dr. Aya Shoshan, Postdoctoral research team member of the ERC project who completed the first round of interviews in her PhD, which yielded high-impact research on [organizational repertoires](https://doi.org/10.1080/14742837.2017.1408006)

Roles for initial research assistant position: (May, June, and July)

* Literature summary and literature review action steps
* Pilot testing of survey instrument
* Transcription of pilot interviews

Qualifications

* Final year B.A. student, or MA / PhD student in political science or related fields
* Interest in interview work (experience with interviewing is an advantage)
* Interest in social movements, protests, social networks and social change
* Excellent reading and writing skills in Hebrew and English; proficiency in Spanish is a bonus
* Intellectual curiosity, independence, teamwork, and attention to details
* Preference for candidates who are interested to continue to MA and PhD research related to this project in Israel and/or Spain, with an ambition of producing peer-reviewed academic research
* University enrollment:
  + Ben-Gurion University research students and candidates interested in future BGU registration will be given preference
  + Students registered at other universities can also fill this role as paid research assistants, with the potential to be co-advised by Prof. Oser in their MA / PhD studies

Application: Send a CV with the contact information of at least one recommender to Dr. Aya Shoshan ([ayas@post.bgu.ac.il](mailto:ayas@post.bgu.ac.il)). A brief cover letter that describes your interest in the role and includes links to writing samples in English is optional, but welcome. Applications will be reviewed beginning on **March 30th, 2023**.

Email subject line: Research Assistant with MA/PhD scholarship potential: Interview-based Study on Political Participation