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The **Department of Communication Studies** invites applications for a **tenure track position** in research and teaching according to the Austrian Universities Act 2002 and the Austrian Salaried Employees Act, as an **Assistant Professor** in combination with a qualification agreement (according to § 27 of the collective bargaining agreement for universities).

**Responsibilities:**

- Relevant habilitation within the contractually agreed period (maximum four years) or, in particularly justified exceptions, other qualification goals agreed upon;
- independent academic research and teaching;
- academic support of research and teaching as well as assistance in administrative tasks in the area of media structure and platform research;
- independent teaching to the extent of four weekly semester hours (after reaching the qualification goals, eight weekly semester hours).
- The area of responsibilities includes work on media structure research, in particular Austrian, European and global communication policy and internet governance (traditional mass media, digital platforms, alternative commons-based media and platforms) in a historical and geopolitical context. Experience in application and management of larger third-party funded projects, preferably EU research projects, is welcome.

**Employment requirements:**

- Completed doctoral degree/PhD in communication studies and an at least partially published doctoral thesis;
- Academic reputation proven by relevant publications and lectures; multilingualism in teaching and research (German and English skills are required, other language skills are welcome);
- external academic experience, at least for a year and if possible abroad ("out of PLUS").

**Additional qualifications:**

- University experience;
- a clear concept of the own future research profile;
- experience in organising academic conferences; digital skills in data management and with data visualisation.

**Required personal qualities:**

- Enthusiasm for the subject area of media structures, democracy, media and platform policy/economics;
- experience in supervising students and junior academic staff;
- good communication and teamwork skills; ability to work under pressure; flexibility;
- enjoys knowledge transfer;
- strong social skills, especially regarding student support;
- ability to work in a goal-driven, effective and solution-oriented manner.

Please apply via email (one PDF file). In addition to a detailed CV and a list of relevant publications (including the at least partially published doctoral thesis), the application documents should include the following:

- a. Outline of academic and research achievements;
- b. description of experience and activities in teaching (including the supervision of junior researchers);
- c. concept for future plans for research and teaching as well as for the contribution to the academic profile of the faculty and department;
- d. concept for knowledge transfer and science management;
- e. presentation of social and other skills.

The starting date is scheduled for 1 October 2024, the employment period is six years (and will be turned into a permanent position upon fulfilment of the qualification agreement).

After reaching the qualification targets as agreed upon, the employment contract will be turned into a permanent position ("Associate Professor"). Salary group: A2 pursuant to § 49 sec.2 of the collective bargaining agreement for universities; monthly gross salary for this salary group is € 5.595,60 (14 payments). If the qualification agreement is not concluded at the start of the employment, the salary group will be B1 according to § 49 sec 3b of the collective bargaining agreement for universities until the agreement is concluded. The monthly gross salary for this salary group is 4.752,30 (14 payments).

**End of application period: 1 May 2024**

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Travel and accommodation costs arising from this application unfortunately cannot be reimbursed.

The employment will be concluded in accordance with the provisions of the Universities Act 2002 (UG) and the Employee Act.

Please include the reference number of the job advertisement (GZ A 0048/1-2024) in the application and send your application to [bewerbung@plus.ac.at](mailto:bewerbung@plus.ac.at)