

The Department of European Studies and Slavic Studies at the University of Fribourg invites applications for a

**Postdoctoral Researcher Position (70%, 5-year fixed term) from 1 March 2024  
at the Chair of European Studies (Prof. Dr. Natasha Wunsch)**

The recently appointed Chair conducts research on European integration with a special focus on challenges to democracy drawing on quantitative, qualitative and mixed-methods approaches.

**The position entails:**

- Conducting independent research in the field of European Politics, preferably in the research area of the professorship (e.g. democracy and democratic backsliding, rise of populism, Euroscepticism)
- Collaborating in research activities and the preparation of grant applications
- Limited teaching in the MA programme on European Studies (1 course per semester)
- Supervising student projects and placements at the MA level

**Requirements:**

- Doctorate/PhD (or very close to completion) in Political Science or a related discipline
- Experience conducting empirical research in the area of European Politics
- Excellent methodological skills; openness to quantitative and qualitative methods; experience with survey experiments desirable
- High competence to work independently as well as to collaborate in a team
- Proficiency in English; additional fluency in German and/or French strongly desirable

**What we offer:**

- 5-year fixed-term contract with a starting date on 1 March 2024 or later by mutual agreement
- Competitive salary in accordance with remuneration regulations of the Canton of Fribourg
- Flexible work arrangement alternating between presence work and mobile work
- Additional funding for research activities (conference travel, methods training, data collection etc.) is available
- Integration into Swiss and international networks, including the Swiss PhD Network in Democracy Studies

**Application:**

Please send your application electronically as a single pdf file to [europa@unifr.ch](mailto:europa@unifr.ch). The file should contain a motivation letter, CV, writing sample, copies of degree certificate(s), and the contact details of two people willing to serve as references. The application deadline is 24 January 2024.

Informal enquiries can be directed to Prof. Natasha Wunsch ([natasha.wunsch@unifr.ch](mailto:natasha.wunsch@unifr.ch)). Information about the department is available at <https://www.unifr.ch/europastudien/de>.